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Schellenberg Wittmer announces new Partners and Counsel / January 2024

Please join us in congratulating our new Partners and Counsel:

We are very happy to announce that **Charles Goumaz** has been appointed Partner in our Dispute Resolution and White-Collar Crime practices, **Roland Wild** has been appointed Partner in our Taxation practice, and **Sebastian Coulon Bauer** has been named Counsel in our International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution practices.

Charles Goumaz specializes in white-collar and cybercrime defense as well as commercial litigation. He provides legal and strategic representation to high-profile individuals, corporate clients, and financial institutions in a wide range of matters involving sensitive issues and multi-jurisdictional aspects.

His practice also includes crisis and reputation management, international mutual legal assistance, enforcement proceedings, asset tracing and recovery, as well as internal investigations.

Charles is a Certified Specialist SBA (Swiss Bar Association) in Criminal Law.

Check out his CV_here.

On becoming a Partner, Charles commented:

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I am honored to be joining the partnership of Schellenberg Wittmer. In Switzerland and abroad, Schellenberg Wittmer's standing as a world-class, go-to firm reflects our immensely talented team, our culture of excellence, as well as our depth of experience, including in litigation, with a remarkable track record for our clients. It is with great pride and a renewed commitment that I will continue to serve our clients alongside our outstanding group of lawyers.

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Roland Wild is a highly experienced tax lawyer. For more than 12 years, he has focused on advising clients in the financial industry, particularly banks, asset managers, and insurance companies, on financing and tax planning issues. Roland also provides tax advice during the due diligence, structuring, and integration phases of M&A transactions.

Roland is a Certified Tax Expert and a member of the Swiss Bar. Prior to joining Schellenberg Wittmer, he worked on the financial services desk of one of the Big Four accounting firms in Zurich. He practices in German and English.

In addition to practicing law, Roland regularly lectures on tax-related topics and is the author of various professional articles and commentaries on tax matters.

Check out his CV here.

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I am so thrilled and honored to be joining Schellenberg Wittmer's partnership. In my new role as Partner, I very much look forward to strengthening our tax practice, supporting our clients with our dedicated team, and shaping the future of our top-tier law firm.

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says Roland on his promotion.

Sebastian Coulon Bauer is a Chilean-qualified international arbitration lawyer with 10 years of experience in dispute resolution and international arbitration. Sebastian represents clients in complex commercial and investor-state arbitrations with a strong focus on disputes arising from construction and engineering projects.

He is a co-founder of the Latin American Arbitration Practitioners in Europe (LATAP EU), a member of the Executive Committee of the Swiss Chapter of the Spanish Club of Arbitration (CEIA), European Representative of the Asia Pacific Forum for International Arbitration (AFIA), and Co-Chair of the MIDS Alumni Association. Moreover, Sebastian was one of the driving forces behind our firm signing the Green Pledge for Greener Arbitration.

Sebastian practices in Spanish, English, and German.

Check out his CV here.

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After five years at Schellenberg Wittmer, I am delighted to take on a new role within our Arbitration Practice Group. I look forward to continuing to work with a team of brilliant practitioners and to contributing my expertise to further strengthen our internationally renowned arbitration team.

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commented Sebastian on his promotion.

Speaking on behalf of the partnership, Managing Partner Philippe Bärtsch said:

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Charles, Roland and Sebastian are top-notch attorneys, with extensive experience both in Switzerland and internationally. We are very proud of them. Their promotions reflect our success as a fully integrated law firm and further strengthen our offering for our clients. We wish them every success in their new roles.

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Schellenberg Wittmer is your leading Swiss business law firm with more than 150 lawyers in Zurich and Geneva, and an office in Singapore. We take care of all your legal needs – transactions, advisory, disputes.

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