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Expertise

Kornelia Petrusic joined Holenstein Brusa as an attorney in May 2025. Her practice focuses on litigation (incl. arbitration), criminal and private law. She holds a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Civil Litigation from the University of St. Gallen. She acts both in an advisory and litigation capacity and represents clients before courts and authorities.

Preferred Areas of Practice

Litigation

- Private Law
- Insolvency and Restructuring Law
- Criminal Law, including Administrative Criminal Law (defence and representation of victims/private claimants)

Professional Experience

- Since 2025: Attorney at Holenstein Brusa
- 2025: CAS Prozessführung – Civil Litigation, Certificate of Advanced Studies IRP-HSG
- 2022-2025: Law clerk at the Criminal Court (Canton of Ticino)
- 2021: Admitted to the Bar in Switzerland
- 2021: Legal Intern at the District Court (civil court) in Bellinzona (Canton of Ticino)
- 2021: Legal Intern at administrative appeals authority in Ticino (Canton of Ticino)
- 2019-2020: Trainee Lawyer in a commercial law firm in the Canton of Ticino
- 2019: Legal Intern at the Criminal Court (Canton of Ticino)
- 2017-2019: Master of Law, University of Zurich (including Erasmus semester at University of Rotterdam, 2018)
- 2014-2017: Bachelor of Law, University of Lucerne

Languages

- Italian
- German
- English
- French (useful knowledge)
- Croatian

Focus in Practice

- Assistance in representing building contractors to enforce labor claims (incl. registration of building contractor's lien)
- Assistance in dispute regarding excessive interference on real property
- Representing a lawyer in a civil proceeding initiated against him based on claims for damages arising from professional misconduct
- Representation of a party in proceedings concerning a monetary claim based on the lend assistance duty under article 328 of the Swiss Civil Code
- Advising a landowner in proceedings to pursue a necessary right of way under article 694 of the Swiss Civil Code
- Legal defense in a criminal case involving allegations of profiteering
- Redaction of criminal judgements (including the field of administrative criminal law, particularly in cases of fraud related to benefits and taxes, as well as in the area of therapeutic measures for criminals).