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Expertise

Vera Schmidt has many years of experience as a litigation lawyer. She represents clients in civil litigation before state courts and in international arbitration proceedings. In addition to her litigation work, Vera Schmidt advises domestic and foreign clients on all matters of commercial, corporate and contract law (including tenancy and employment law), private international law, insolvency law and inheritance law.

Preferred Areas of Practice

- Litigation and Arbitration
- Commercial law
- Contract law, incl. tenancy, employment and real estate law
- Insolvency law
- Inheritance law

Education and Experience

- Since 2025: Partner at Holenstein Brusa
- 1999-2025: Associate and partner at an internationally oriented law firm in Zurich
- 2002: Master of Laws (LL.M.), New York University of Law School
- 1999: Admitted to the bar, Zürich
- 1996-1998: Chairman of the conciliation board for tenancy and lease matters, District Court of Meilen (Zurich)
- 1995-1998: Law Clerk, District Court of Meilen (Zurich)
- 1995: lic. iur., University of Zurich, School of Law

Languages

- German
- English

Focus in Practice

- Representation of parties before state courts, in particular in commercial, corporate, contract, bankruptcy and inheritance law matters, e.g.:
 - Judicial enforcement or defense against contractual and non-contractual claims (claims for performance and/or damages, claims for information, warranty rights, etc.)
 - Representation in corporate law actions (challenging a resolution of the general meeting, shareholders' rights to information, directors' liability action, etc.)
 - Bankruptcy law actions, e.g. action regarding schedule of claims, action for separation of assets, etc.
 - Inheritance division action
- Representation of parties in international arbitration proceedings, in particular in commercial matters
- Enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitration awards in Switzerland
- Recognition of foreign bankruptcy decrees in Switzerland
- Negotiation and drafting of contracts of all kinds, e.g.
 - Purchase agreements, (successive) supply agreements, etc.
 - Lease agreements
 - Employment contracts
 - Service contracts (e.g. mandate, brokerage contract, agency contract, etc.)
 - Loan and mortgage agreements, including security transactions
 - Work contracts, general or total contractor agreements
 - Contracts under company law (e.g. shareholders' agreements)
 - Settlement agreements to avoid legal disputes
- Drafting of complex estate plans; drafting of testaments and inheritance contracts