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Expertise

White Collar Crime, Banking law and financial services

Languages

French English German Italian

Professional experience

Sonja Maeder Morvant is specialised in business crime, international mutual assistance in criminal matters, assets recovery and internal investigations.

She assists individuals and businesses as part of complex transnational proceedings, in particular in cases involving corruption, breach of fiduciary duties, money laundering, and cybercrime. She also coordinates and litigates transnational asset recovery proceedings for her clients. She has extensive experience in international criminal assistance, having had the opportunity to assist companies, individuals, as well as States in this field. She further advises clients on export control and Swiss sanction regimes and also in the framework of internal investigations. She advises clients both on legal aspects and litigation strategy.

Sonja Maeder Morvant is a co-founder of Reiser Avocats. She practised at the Geneva Bar at the Geneva Bar at various prestigious law firms for many years. She also worked as a judicial assistant at the Office of the Attorney general, which enables her to assess her criminal cases from the perspective of public authorities.

She is also an anti-money laundering auditor for the Swiss Bar Association's Self-Regulatory Organisation and conducts anti-money laundering audits and investigations in this capacity. For several years now, she has been teaching criminal business law as a guest lecturer at the University of Geneva as part of the University's MBA programme.

She has been listed as one of the best lawyers in business crime and investigations by Who's Who Legal International since 2014. She has also been listed as one of the best investigation lawyers under 40 and amongst the top 100 women specialised in investigations by the Global Investigations Review. She is ranked in Chambers & Partners.

Sonja is particularly sensitive to the situation of victims of armed conflicts. She dedicates part of her time to Trial International, an NGO fighting against impunity for international crimes and supporting victims in obtaining justice. She is a member of the committee of Trial International.

Education

- 2007 Admitted to practice at the Geneva Bar
- 2005 LL.M. in Humanitarian Law, University of Geneva
- 2003 Master degree in Law, University of Geneva and University of Bern

Professional Membership

- Co-chair of the Business Crime Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA)
- Member of the American Bar Association (ABA)
- Member of the Women in White Collar-Crime Association (WWCDA)
- Member of the Geneva Bar Association and the Swiss Federation of Lawyers (SAV/FSA)