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Expertise

Litigation
White Collar Crime & Investigations
Enforcement & Asset Recovery
Insolvency
Regulatory & Sanctions
Employment

Languages

French
English
German
Turkish

Biography

Lezgin specializes in domestic and international litigation involving commercial and financial disputes, with a particular focus on complex asset recovery in cases of fraud and corruption.

He has extensive experience representing clients in white-collar crime cases and possesses proven expertise in obtaining freezing orders, enforcing foreign judgments, and in asset protection strategies.

He is highly regarded for his expertise in the crypto sector, advising on the recovery and protection of digital assets. Lezgin regularly assists clients in navigating the legal challenges posed by this industry.

Additionally, he provides counsel to individuals and entities on navigating complex legal and regulatory

frameworks related to international sanctions and in transactional matters.

Details of recent activities

Representing international clients in a complex criminal litigation and associated civil attachments in multiple jurisdictions, including international criminal assistance and involving the Swiss financial regulatory body (FINMA)

Advising a European entity in relation to recovery efforts in Switzerland concerning a large-scale fraud at the expense of state-owned assets. The case involves conducting investigations, providing Swiss law support and initiating criminal proceedings in Switzerland

Advising the liquidators of a former crypto centralized exchange trading platform regarding management fraud and money laundering through a Swiss-based decentralized cryptocurrency (DeFi) exchange platform

Advising victims of a large-scale fraud in relation to recovery effort concerning hacking of crypto-currency accounts, including international criminal assistance

Acting as legal expert under Swiss law in the English High Court in relation to an alleged fraud at the expense of a sovereign fund

Acting to recover Swiss-located assets in a large-scale fraud against large multinational company, involving misappropriation in several jurisdictions and advising on international civil and criminal assistance

Representing former managers and officials of a Swiss insurance company in criminal and civil recovery claims for criminal mismanagement and fraudulent bankruptcy

Advising and representing a foreign government in complex Swiss litigation involving immunity issues

Advising an international company in claims against a Swiss company for the recovery of amounts, with corruption-related issues

Advising a foreign bank in provisional and enforcement measures in the context of payment orders, including self-supporting Swiss measures and coordinating enforcement in several jurisdictions

Advising a European client in criminal claims relating to a commercial arbitration in Switzerland

Professional affiliations

International Bar Association
Swiss Bar Association
Geneva Bar Association
Arab-Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Education

University of Lausanne

University of Geneva (Major in Business Law)
Humboldt Universität in Berlin (Major in Business Law)

Professional background

Trainee and associate, Swiss law firm, Geneva, 2012 – 2017
Partner, Archipel, Geneva, 2017 – present