

PARTNER

Saverio Lembo



|| *Saverio Lembo is known throughout Switzerland, the EU and the Americas as a go-to lawyer*

WHO'S WHO LEGAL 2023

About

Saverio Lembo co-heads Bär & Karrer's White Collar Crime practice group.

He has extensive experience in white collar crime, commercial and financial litigation, international judicial assistance (civil and criminal), arbitration and insolvency. During recent years, he has been involved in a number of complex commercial litigation proceedings, has served as a party representative or arbitrator in various domestic and international commercial arbitrations and has assisted clients in Swiss and foreign criminal proceedings. He regularly represents clients before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Saverio Lembo's practice also extends to pharmaceutical litigation, inheritance law, employment matters and enforcement of foreign judgments and awards.

Saverio Lembo is ranked in tier 1 of the leading lawyers in White-Collar Crime Switzerland by Chambers & Partners. He was awarded "Lawyer of the Year for Switzerland" in the categories "Business Crime Defence" and "Investigations" at the Who's Who Legal Awards in 2020 as well as "Lawyer of the Year 2016" in the categories Criminal Defence and Litigation in the Geneva area by Best Lawyers. Since 2012, the International Who's Who lists him among the world's leading practitioners in the areas of Business Crime Defence, Asset Recovery Lawyers and Commercial Litigation. In The Legal 500, Saverio Lembo has been listed among the leading individuals in Switzerland in Dispute Resolution since 2010.

RECENT WORK HIGHLIGHTS

- Defense of a high profile banker in a criminal investigation led by the OAG for bribery of public agents, aggravated money laundering and forgery in relation to alleged kickbacks received by the former director of a foreign public institution.
- Representing Sotheby's in a significant dispute between Dimitri Rybolovlev and Yves Bouvier.
- Saverio Lembo was confirmed by the US Department of Justice and the Swiss government as member of the monitorship team.
- Conducted a major internal investigation for a globally active, publicly traded company.

- Successful defense of a company active in the commodities trade sector in criminal proceedings opened by the Swiss Office of the Attorney General.
- Defense of the UBO of an international group of companies active in the commodities trade sector in criminal tax proceedings.
- Representing a state entity targeted in a cross-border civil litigation involving cultural heritage-related measures.
- Representing of a sport governing body as harmed party in criminal proceedings in relation to the fight against the grey ticketing market.
- Successful defense of a foreign investment company defrauded by some of its former managers in a 10-years criminal investigation. Managers are sent to trial in spring 2020.
- Representation of an international sport organization in bribery and criminal mismanagement investigations conducted by the Swiss Office of the Attorney General.
- Successful representation of a sport organization as harmed party in criminal proceedings opened against its former managers; recovery of more than CHF 15 million to date.
- Successful defense of a non-Swiss individual in criminal proceedings led by the Swiss Office of the Attorney General, including the release of CHF 10+ million in retained assets.

LANGUAGES

French, Italian, English, German

CURRICULUM

- Partner of Bär & Karrer (since 2003)
- Associate at Bär & Karrer (2000)
- Secondment at Slaughter and May, London (1997)
- Associate at a Swiss law firm (1995)
- Admitted to the Geneva Bar (Ranked 1st, 1995)
- University of Geneva: lic. iur. (1992)
- University of Geneva: lic. oec. (1989)

MEMBERSHIPS AND PUBLIC OFFICES

- Member of the Council of the Geneva Bar Association (2022)
- Member of The International Academy of Financial Crime Litigators (since 2019)
- Regional Representative Europe of the IBA Criminal Law Committee (since 2019)
- Co-Chair of the International Anti-Money Laundering Committee, American Bar Association SIL (since 2017)
- Vice-Chair of the International Arbitration Committee, American Bar Association SIL (2014-2016)
- Co-Chair of the International Criminal Law Committee, American Bar Association SIL (2012-2014)
- Co-Chair of AIJA Human Rights Committee (2011)
- Lecturer at the "Ecole d'Avocature", University of Geneva, Criminal Law Proceedings (since 2011)
- President of the Association Internationale des Jeunes Avocats (AIJA) (2009-2010)
- President of the Commercial Fraud Commission of AIJA (2006-2008)
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Associazione Internazionale dei Giuristi di Lingua Italiana (AIGLI) (1998-2008)
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- Member of (ASA) Association Suisse de l'Arbitrage
- Geneva Bar Association (Oda)
- Association Genevoise du Droit des Affaires (AGDA)
- Société Suisse de droit pénal
- Member of the Committee of the Geneva Young Lawyers Bar (1994-1995)

ADMISSION

All Swiss Courts

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