

Fanny Margairaz

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Practice areas Litigation, Arbitration, White Collar Crime and Investigations.

Areas of specialisation Assistance and representation of clients in complex white-collar crime, asset tracing and international legal and administrative assistance (civil, criminal and financial matters) proceedings, in Swiss, cross-border and Multi-jurisdictional cases.

Languages French, English, German

Education

- Master of Advanced Studies HES-SO in Economic Crime Investigation (MAS LCE), Institute of Economic Crime Investigation (ILCE - HEG Arc), Neuchâtel (2019)
- Admitted to the Geneva Bar, ranked first (2012)
- Master in International and European laws, University of Geneva and University of Sheffield (2007 — 2009)
- Certificate in Transnational Law, University of Geneva (2007)
- Bachelor of laws, University of Geneva and University of Lucerne (2004 — 2007)

Professional experience	Since 2022	Partner, MANGEAT, Geneva
	2021 — 2021	Counsel, MANGEAT, Geneva
	2016 — 2020	Senior associate, MANGEAT, Geneva
	2012 — 2015	Associate, Eversheds Sutherland Ltd, Geneva
	2010 — 2011	Trainee, Fontanet et associés, Geneva
	2009 — 2010	Trainee, Tribunal of first instance, Geneva
	2009	Trainee, United Nations conference on Trade and Development, Geneva

Other experience Member of the Human Rights Commission of the Geneva Bar Association (since 2011)

Recent litigation experience (selected cases)

- Representing a foreign client accused of money laundering and corruption of foreign public officials, and assisting him in relation to the freezing by the Swiss Office of the Attorney General of his assets amounting to CHF 4.5 M;
- Representing a foreign sovereign fund after Swiss claimant company has obtained an attachment over CHF 11 M deposited in its Swiss accounts in relation to an alleged debt owed by another foreign entity;
- Representing a close relative of a leader of a foreign State suspected to have received bribes in the context of a major international bribery scandal following which CHF 800 M deposited in Swiss banks have been attached by the Swiss Office of the Attorney General;
- Representing a foreign client whose assets up to EUR 4 M were seized by the Geneva Office of the Attorney General within the context of an international mutual legal assistance proceedings opened in Switzerland after he got caught in a criminal procedure for alleged fraudulent public procurements in his country;
- Representing clients in their dispute against their former Swiss asset manager related to the latter's improper performance of the asset management contract which caused them a loss around CHF 1 M;

- Representing a client targeted by several requests of administrative assistance sent by the French Financial market authority (AMF) to the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA) within the context of investigations related to possible use of inside information in various French stock exchange operations;
- Representing a foreign client in a dispute against a Swiss watch company for infringement of copyrights.

Memberships

- Geneva Bar Association (ODA)
- Swiss Bar Association
- Women's White Collar Defense Association (WWCDA)

Selected publications or articles

- Swiss Contribution in "The Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Review", Fanny Margairaz, Romain Wavre, in Lexology (2023)
- Swiss Contribution in "White Collar Crime - Chambers & Partners Global Practice Guide", Grégoire Mangeat, Fanny Margairaz (2019 – 2023)
- Swiss Contribution in "Global Legal Insights — Bribery & Corruption", Grégoire Mangeat, Fanny Margairaz (11.2013)

What directories say

Chambers 2024, White-Collar Crime - Switzerland

"She is incredibly bright and a very strong advocate. She is very good at making persuasive arguments in very complex legal scenarios."

Chambers 2023, White-Collar Crime - Switzerland

"Fanny Margairaz has a very analytical mind, gets straight to the point, and has a profound knowledge of criminal law."

"She is a very talented lawyer who is very dedicated to the case and who has very strong knowledge and experience."

What clients say about the team

"MANGEAT's work for one of our major HNWI client who is involved in the devolution of an extremely complicated, multi-jurisdictional estate case has been of critical importance.

From day one of our interactions, Fanny Margairaz's and Grégoire Mangeat's competence impressed the client, as well as his advisers and lawyers in other countries. Communication and responsiveness were impeccable and immediately re-assured the client and his advisers. The complexity of the work required considerable research and expertise and both of them were able to guide us through various legal processes with a great deal of care and clarity. At the same time MANGEAT's team ensured that we, the client and lawyers in other jurisdictions involved were aware of every process detail and on the same page."

Managing Director, Swiss entity of an international finance, accounting & administration group

"The quality level of the work that MANGEAT attorneys provide clearly reaches the level of the first-tier big firms with which I have worked so far. The firm does also have an outstanding professional approach and sense of the client relationship."

CEO, Swiss commodities trading company