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Examples of our work

- Establishment of charitable foundations (one-stop-shop as strategic conception, preliminary audit with supervisory and tax authorities, registration and embedment in personal estate planning)
- Examination of the decision-making scope of the boards of trustees in various constellations such as restructuring of assets, the divestment of shares (in case of holding foundations) or the acquisition of major assets (companies, properties etc.), change in strategy, ability to admit sub-foundations or donations etc.
- Liability of boards of trustees, i.a. in the particular case of art foundations
- All types of interpretation issues concerning the foundation documents and their interaction in case of Swiss, German and Liechtenstein foundations
- Governance Health Check for all types of foundations
- Consolidation of various (independent and dependent) small foundations in new structures
- Validity of a foundation by testamentary disposition and its subsequent formation
- Assessment of the establishment of hybrid structures within the framework of an association of foundations throughout Switzerland
- Examination of church-related classical foundations in the canonical congregation
- Assessment of the legal nature of ecclesiastical foundations and the consequences of abuse of their legal nature
- Restructuring of Swiss family foundations, amendment of the foundation charters, partial liquidation, emigration, not least with regard to the registration obligation in the commercial register until the end of 2020;
- Evaluation of the registration obligation of family foundation types from the pre-civil code era
- Examination of the validity of Swiss family foundations in the case of allegations of nullity in civil and tax proceedings
- Scope for action of the board of trustees of Swiss family foundations with regard to Art. 335 CC
- Draft of beneficiary regulations for Swiss family foundations
- Health Check for Swiss family foundations before/for the entry in the commercial register until 2020
- Validity of arbitration clauses in the case of foundations
- Dissolution of a foundation contrary to conversion (maintaining the legal identity)
- Formation of sub-foundations as well as non-profit and for-profit subsidiaries from the viewpoint of civil and tax law
- Assessment of hybrid foundation models
- Evaluation of questions concerning governance and conflicts of interest
- Restructuring of "mixed" foundations
- Evaluation of numerous disputes in the context of Liechtenstein (family) foundations regarding the foundation charters, claims from beneficiaries, validity of board resolutions, founder's rights, interpretation of foundation charters and regulations, validity of specific clauses (e.g. regarding the prevention of dissolution) or questions concerning the founder
- Questions regarding the nullity (sham), lifting of the corporate veil, financial sacrifices, and the effects of Liechtenstein foundations under civil and tax law in international proceedings (Germany, USA, UK)
- Various expert opinions for foreign courts (i.a. Supreme Court of Bermuda, High Court of Hong Kong, State Court of the Principality of Liechtenstein etc.)
- Assessment of the validity of the dissolution of a large German foundation in the post-war period and its consequences
- Evaluation of the transferability and the further destiny of beneficiary rights of an Austrian private foundation
- Evaluation of investment foundations, questions regarding the foundation charters as well as the rights of founders and boards of trustees
- Questions relating to Liechtenstein establishments concerning destiny/disposition/heredity of founder's rights, letter of wishes, Family Governance, etc.
- Examination of double foundation constructions in accordance to German and Swiss law
- Conversion of associations into foundations
- Swiss and Liechtenstein foundations in conflict with heirs claiming the assets (on both sides)
- Validity respectively impact of trust constructions in Swiss marital property law and law of succession
- Information rights of virtual heirs