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Recognitions
- Chambers and Partners High Net Worth: Senior Statespeople in Private Wealth Law
- The Legal 500: Hall of Fame in Private Client; Key Lawyer in Transport
- Lexology Index: Thought Leader in Private Client since 2022; Recommended in Transport since 2025
- Expert Guides from 2014 to 2020
- CityWealth Leaders List from 2017 to 2020
- Private Client Global Elite from 2018 to 2021

Languages
French, English, German

Selected Publications
- Recent developments: Switzerland
- La notion de trust en droit suisse
- Asset protection : domestic and international law and tactics, chapter on Switzerland in a loose-leaf book
- Réflexions sur le secret professionnel et les conflits d'intérêts de l'avocat en matière successorale
- Le secret bancaire n'est pas un droit mais un devoir

Bernard Vischer is a Partner with Schellenberg Wittmer's Private Wealth practice. Bernard advises private clients in private banking matters, trusts, estate planning and philanthropy. He especially advises entrepreneurs and families on governance, dispute prevention and succession in privately held/controlled businesses. He is a professional coach certified IDC. He also has extensive practical experience in corporate and transactional matters, with a focus on the shipping and aviation industries.

Expertise
- Private Wealth
- Business Aviation
- Corporate & Commercial

Experience
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Career

2000-2007	Member of the Management Committee of Schellenberg Wittmer (Managing Partner 2002-2007)
1990-	Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
1984	Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer

Education

1983	LL.M., University of Pennsylvania
1980	Bar Admission in Switzerland
1978	lic. iur., University of Geneva

Additional Professional Activities
- Author or co-author of several publications on topics relating to international litigation and arbitration which are frequently cited by courts
- Member of the Geneva Bar, the Society for Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) and The International Academy for Trust and Estate Lawyers (TIATEL)