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### Recognitions

- Legal 500: Dispute Resolution: Litigation and Leading Firms French Speaking Switzerland 2018-2021
- Leaders League: White Collar Crime & Investigations 2021
- LLMG Expert Guides: Rising Star (White Collar Crime) 2018-2020, Women in Business Law (White Collar Crime) 2020
- GIR 100 Women in Investigations 2018
- GIR 40 Under 40 2020
- Who's Who Legal: Investigations 2018-2021, Business Crime Defence 2021

### Languages

French, Italian, English, German

### Selected Publications

- La protection des données personnelles dans le cadre de l'entraide internationale en matière pénale et fiscale
- Journal des Tribunaux, regular translation of decisions issued by the Criminal Federal Court
- Comment of the Federal Tribunal's decision 1B\_461/2016
- Recent Developments in Handling Politically Exposed Persons ("PEPs") under Swiss Law
- How damaging is imprisonment in the long-term? A controlled experiment comparing long-term effects of community service and short custodial sentences on re-offending and social integration

Clara Poggia is a partner in Schellenberg Wittmer's Geneva office, where she co-heads the Dispute Resolution Group. Her practice areas include white collar crime, international mutual assistance proceedings, internal investigations, asset tracing and recovery, and compliance. She holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Criminology.

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### Expertise

- White-Collar Crime and Compliance
- Dispute Resolution
- Internal Corporate Investigations

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### Experience

- Representation of a company in a major Swiss investigation involving potential wrongdoing (allegations of corruption);
- Representation of a corporation in criminal proceedings targeting a large Ponzi scheme and in related bankruptcy proceedings and assets recovery;
- Representation of multiple individuals and corporations in large scale requests for mutual legal assistance in tax matters addressed to Switzerland by France, Spain and Netherland notably;
- Representation of Brazilian individuals and companies in Swiss criminal proceedings related to the lava jato Brazilian scandal;
- Representation and assistance to a former high ranking executive in proceedings conducted by a sports authority and authorities in Switzerland;
- Representation of European corporations targeted by a request of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters addressed by the U.S. Department of Justice to Switzerland and representation of the same entities in the related Swiss domestic criminal proceedings

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### Career

2019	Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
2016	Senior Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer
2014	Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer
2011	Law Clerk at the Swiss Federal Criminal Tribunal
2010	Associate in a law firm in Geneva
2007	Trainee Lawyer in a law firm in Geneva

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#### **Education**

2010 Bar Admission in Switzerland  
2006 Postgraduate degree in criminology, University of Lausanne  
2004 lic. iur., University of Geneva

#### **Additional Professional Activities**

- Chapter Leader of the Women in White Collar Defense Association's Swiss Chapter
- Member of AIJA's Extended Bureau as co-chair of the Human Rights Committee
- Work coordinator for the AIJA's 2020 annual conference in Rio