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Recognitions
- Chambers and Partners Europe: White-Collar Crime since 2022
- The Legal 500: Key Lawyer in Dispute Resolution: Litigation; Key Lawyer in Regulatory, Compliance and Investigations in 2025
- Lexology Index: Thought Leader in Business Crime Defence since 2021; Thought Leader in Investigations since 2021; Thought Leader in Asset Recovery since 2023
- GIR: Thought Leader in Business Crime Defence and Investigations since 2023
- GIR: 40 Under 40 2020
- GIR: 100 Women in Investigations 2018
- LMG Expert Guides: Rising Star - White Collar Crime from 2018 to 2022 and Women in Business Law - White Collar Crime from 2020 to 2022
- Leaders League: White-Collar Crime & Internal Investigations & Compliance since 2021

Languages
French, Italian, English, German

Selected Publications
- Published by Helbing Lichtenhahn, commentary ad art. 163–171bis.
- 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
- Commentary on Art. 80h IMAC
- Recent Developments in Handling Politically Exposed Persons ("PEPs") under Swiss Law

Clara Poglia is a partner and member of the firm's Management Committee. 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.

Expertise
- White-Collar Crime and Compliance
- Dispute Resolution
- Internal Corporate Investigations
- IT Security and Cybercrime
- Data

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

Career

2025	Member of the Management Committee of Schellenberg Wittmer
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
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Additional Professional Activities

- Founder and former 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