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Recognitions
- The Legal 500: Key Lawyer in Regulatory, compliance and investigations since 2026

Languages
German, English

Selected Publications
- DLT/Blockchain und Vermögensstrafrecht
- The Importance of Green Claims – How to Seize the Opportunities
- Das Anwaltsgeheimnis bei internen Untersuchungen im Strafverfahren

Gabriela Svalduz is Counsel at Schellenberg Wittmer in Zurich, with over 25 years' experience in Litigation. Gabriela was a Public Prosecutor for over 10 years and an Investigation Judge for another nine years. She specializes in white-collar crime, with a focus on domestic and cross-border high-value disputes involving asset forfeiture, internal investigations and compliance. Gabriela's areas of expertise include DLT technologies, blockchain and cybercrime and she regularly advises and represents corporations and individuals as defendants or injured parties before authorities and courts. She also has a strong practice advising on the prevention of criminal liability. Gabriela holds Certificates of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Forensics, in Economic Crime Law, and in Finance and Accounting, and has published widely on her areas of expertise.

Expertise

- White-Collar Crime and Compliance
- IT Security and Cybercrime
- Internal Corporate Investigations
- Dispute Resolution
- Sanctions Group
- Blockchain-Technologies & FinTech

Career

2026	Counsel at Schellenberg Wittmer
2022	Counsel at a major business law firm in Zurich
2014	Public Prosecutor at the Public Prosecutor's Office of Lucerne, Division Economic Crime
2011	Public Prosecutor at the Public Prosecutor's Office of Lucerne, General Crimes Division
2002	Investigation Judge at the District Judge's Office for Criminal Investigations of Lucerne
1999	Clerk at the District Judge's Office for Criminal Investigations of Lucerne
1997	Trainee lawyer at a law firm in Kriens
1997	Trainee law clerk at the District Court of Lucerne

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Education

2017	CAS Finance and Accounting, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts
2016	CAS Economic Criminal law, University of Lucerne
2005	CAS Forensic Science, University of Lucerne
2000	Bar Admission Switzerland
1996	Master of Law, University of Zurich

Additional Professional Activities

- Member of the Zurich and the Swiss Bar Association, International Bar Association (IBA), European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA)
- Member of the Women's White Collar Defense Association, Swiss Chapter (WWCDA), Swiss Society for Criminology (SKG/SSDP), Private Claimant Network NPK