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Recognitions
- Chambers and Partners Global/Europe: Tax since 2013
- The Legal 500: Key Lawyer in Tax
- Lexology Index: Recommended in Corporate Tax since 2016; Recommended in Private Client since 2017
- Leaders League Corporate Tax & Private Clients: Tax Planning
- ITR World Tax: Notable Practitioner

Languages
French, English

Selected Publications
- High-Yield Debt – Switzerland, 2025 Edition
- Estate Planning, The Swiss Perspective
- Droit fiscal suisse et international – Recueil de cas pratiques. Enoncés et solutions" 3ème édition

Jean-Frédéric Maraia is a Partner in Schellenberg Wittmer's Geneva office, where he heads the Taxation Group. He advises private clients and companies on all tax matters, at both domestic and international levels. His areas of expertise include mergers and acquisitions as well as real estate transactions, the taxation of collective investment schemes, stock option and participation plans, lump-sum taxation, estate planning (including trusts), taxation in the art sector, and tax litigation.

Expertise

- Taxation

Experience

- Acted as legal counsel for the tax and regulatory aspects to the majority shareholders of Procimmo Group SA, a company listed on BX Swiss, in connection with the sale of their majority stake to Groupe Vaudoise Assurances.
- Advised as lead counsel on the management buy-out of leading commodity trading firm Gunvor
- Individual Taxation: (change of residence, lump-sum taxation, estate planning)
- Corporate Taxation: (mergers and acquisitions, reorganizations, real estate taxation, including in structures involving collective investment schemes)

Career

2010	Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
2007	Associate in a leading law firm in Geneva

Education

2007	Dr. iur., University of Geneva
2004	DEA in International Tax Law
2002	Bar Admission in Switzerland
1999	lic. iur., University of Geneva

Additional Professional Activities

- Professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Geneva
- Executive director of LL.M. Tax program at the Faculty of Law at the University of Geneva
- Member of the International Fiscal Association (IFA), Geneva Bar Association and Swiss Bar Association