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Working languages

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Bar admissions

Geneva and Switzerland (2008)

Certified Barrister in criminal law (Swiss Bar Association – 2019)

Expertise

Criminal law
Business crime
Commercial and banking litigation
Inheritance and family litigation

Pierluca Degni specialises in criminal law, white-collar crime, transnational litigation, commercial disputes and asset recovery.

His practice includes international judicial assistance in criminal matters; enforcement of foreign judgments and awards; and asset recovery before civil, criminal and bankruptcy courts (attachments, freezing orders and provisional measures).

Representative engagements include advising: a foreign state within a Swiss federal criminal proceeding for the recovery of funds arising out of state assets mismanagement and bribery; several clients (individuals and companies) for the recovery of retrocessions against many banks in Geneva; a Swiss asset management company in criminal proceedings before the federal attorney general; a sports federation in an anti-corruption matter; and a politically exposed person in international mutual assistance proceedings in criminal matters between Spain and Switzerland. He has also acted as lead/co-counsel in several cross-border criminal cases involving multiple jurisdictions (including the USA, Italy, France, Germany, Spain and Portugal).

Pierluca Degni holds a bilingual (French and German) Law degree from the University of Fribourg; and an LL.M. in international trade law from the University of Turin and UNCITRAL. He is certified as a specialist Barrister in criminal law by the Swiss Bar Association.

He was elected as a deputy judge at the Geneva Criminal Court in June 2020.

He was admitted to the Geneva Bar in 2005 and is a partner of Degni & Vecchio, a boutique firm providing high-quality legal services to Swiss and international clients.

He is a former chair of the Geneva Young Bar Association; a board member of the Swiss Lawyers Federation; and a member of the litigation committee of the International Association of Lawyers and the Geneva Bar Examination Commission. He lectures at the University of Geneva Bar School.

Pierluca Degni is fluent in French, English, Italian, Spanish and German.