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EXPERTISE —————

Maria Oberlin-Chiriaeva, Partner at Borel & Barbey, advises private and institutional clients in banking and financial law, with a particular focus on regulatory and contractual aspects related to financial services and products.

With extensive experience in financial sanctions and anti-money laundering, she guides our clients in managing compliance-related risks and within internal investigations.

Maria Oberlin-Chiriaeva's expertise also encompasses insurance and fintech, as well as transactional operations in the financial sector and corporate governance issues.

Fluent in Russian, she advises Russian-speaking clients on banking, investments, relocation, and cross-border matters, helping them navigate legal and regulatory requirements across different countries.

EXPERIENCE —————

- Since 2024: Partner at Borel & Barbey
- 2023: Certificate in Mastering Board Governance, International Institute for Management Development (IMD)
- 2021-2023: Associate at Borel & Barbey
- 2012-2021: Associate at a law Firm in Geneva
- 2015: Foreign Associate at Slaughter and May, London, United Kingdom
- 2012: Geneva Bar
- 2009: Certificate in Transnational Law, University of Geneva
- 2009: Master in Commercial Law, University of Geneva
- 2008: Bachelor of Law (BLaw), University of Geneva

PRACTICE AREAS —————

Banking & Finance

financial institutions · authorizations · regulation of financial services · enforcement · financing · fintech · investigations

Corporate & M&A

private equity & venture capital · mergers & acquisitions

Litigation & Arbitration

white collar crime

MEMBERSHIPS —————

- Geneva Bar Association (ODAGE)
- Swiss Bar Association (FSA)
- Association genevoise du droit des affaires (AGDA)



PUBLICATIONS

2022:

- *Finanzmarktrechtliche Amtshilfen, Interne Untersuchungen : eine umfassende Darstellung der rechtlichen und praktischen Aspekte, inklusive Amts- und Rechtshilfe und Kooperation mit Behörden*, 1 éd., Basel, Helbing Lichtenhahn, 2022, § 19, 687-711
- *Les Limited Qualified Investors Funds (« L-QIFs »)*, Bilan, Focus Droit, 05.2022

2021:

- *Private, Banking & Wealth Management 2021 – Switzerland, Getting the Deal Through*, 08.2020, p. 52-62 (with du Pasquier S., Poskriakov F.)
- *The Banking Regulation Review 2021 – Switzerland, The Law Reviews 12th edition*, 04.2021, p. 562-582 (with du Pasquier S., Hünerwadel P., Tranchet M. and Menoud V.)
- *Public Investment Funds 2021 – Switzerland, in: International Comparative Legal Guide*, 04.2021, p. 99-106 (with du Pasquier S.)

2020:

- *The Asset Management Review 2020 – Switzerland, The Law Reviews 9th edition*, 09.2020, p. 326-338 (with du Pasquier S.)
- *Cryptocurrency compliance and risks: A European KYC/AML perspective, Blockchain & Cryptocurrency Regulation 2021, Global Legal Insight, 3rd edition*, 10.2020 (with Poskriakov F. et Cavin C.)
- *The Banking Regulation Review 2020 – Switzerland, The Law Reviews 11th edition*, 06.2020 (with du Pasquier S., Hünerwadel P., Tranchet M. et Menoud V.)
- *The Private Equity Review 2020 – Fundraising – Switzerland, The Law Reviews 9th edition*, 05.2020, p. 205-216 (with Poskriakov F. et Sakkal I.)
- *Public Investment Funds 2020 – Switzerland, The International Comparative Legal Guide*, 04.2020, p. 104-112 (with du Pasquier S.)

2019:

- *Private Banking & Wealth Management 2020 – Switzerland, Getting the Deal Through*, 10.2019, p. 74-84 (with du Pasquier S., Breitenstein S. et Poskriakov F.)
- *The Private Equity Review 2019 – Fundraising – Switzerland, The Law Reviews 8th edition*, 06.2019, p. 222-232 (with Poskriakov F. et Sakkal I.)
- *Private Equity 2019 (Fund Formation) – Switzerland, Getting the Deal Through*, 03.2019, p. 135-141 (with du Pasquier S.)
- *Public Investment Funds 2019 – Switzerland, The International Comparative Legal Guide*, 04.2019, p. 107-112 (with du Pasquier S.)
- *Banking Regulation 2019 – Switzerland, Getting the Deal Through*, 03.2019, p. 107-116 (with Hünerwadel P., du Pasquier S., Tranchet M. et Sakkal I.)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2025: *Banking and Finance: Practical Legal Insights from Industry Experts*, Geneva International Legal Week, Geneva, 11.03.2025 (moderator)

2024: *Violation de l'obligation de communiquer selon l'art. 37 LBA - Point de situation et réflexions à la lumière de la jurisprudence récente*, Corporate & Banking Lunch, Borel & Barbey, 7 & 28.05.2024

2023: *Devoirs de diligence dans les transactions d'art*, Borel & Barbey

2021: *Identification and verification of the beneficial owner*, Academy & Finance, Geneva

2019: *FinSA 2020 – Fundamental changes for the cross-border provision of financial services and fund distribution*, AIMA Global Policy and Regulatory Forum, New York

2018: *Switzerland – Private placement in the digital age – key regulatory developments*, AIMA Global Policy and Regulatory Forum, Dublin