



Dr. Roman Gutzwiller

Dr. iur. HSG, MBA (HEC Paris), Attorney-at-law

Roman Gutzwiller advises companies, entrepreneurs, members of the board of directors and executive management, shareholders and investors in the areas of corporate governance (board governance and shareholder governance), public corporate governance, corporate law and contract law. He also accepts board memberships in Swiss companies, providing expert knowledge of corporate governance.

Roman Gutzwiller studied at the University of St.Gallen (B.A. HSG in Law, 2007; M.A. HSG in Law, 2009) and at HEC Paris (MBA with specialisation in Advanced Management, 2020) and completed his doctorate at the University of St.Gallen on the topic of “The state’s options of influencing the strategy of a state-owned or state-governed corporation” (Dr. iur. HSG, summa cum laude, 2017), for which he was awarded the Walther Hug Award St.Gallen 2017 for the best legal Ph.D. thesis.

As a former entrepreneur, Roman Gutzwiller has several years of entrepreneurial experience as well as management knowledge, particularly in the areas of strategic management, business modelling, leadership and digital transformation.

In addition to his work at Binder Rechtsanwälte, Roman Gutzwiller is a post-doctoral researcher and lecturer at the University of St.Gallen. His research focuses on topics in the areas of shareholder governance, board governance, public corporate governance, corporate law and strategic management. Roman Gutzwiller teaches courses on the assessment, bachelor's and master's level, as well as in executive education. He regularly publishes in his fields of expertise.

Roman Gutzwiller is a Research Fellow at the Corporate Governance Competence Centre at the Research Institute for International Management of the University of St.Gallen; since 2019, he has been serving at the Centre's Advisory Board. In 2015, he was appointed as a member of the WEF Global Shapers Community, a network of young mission-driven leaders initiated by the World Economic Forum; from 2016 to 2018, he served as a member of the board of directors of the Zurich Hub, and from 2017 to 2018 as its president.

In his private life, Roman Gutzwiller is a football and tennis fan and a committed advocate of the paperless office.

Curriculum

- since 2022* Lawyer at Binder Rechtsanwälte (registered with the Bar in the Canton of Aargau)
- since 2020* Lecturer at the University of St.Gallen
- 2020* Master of Business Administration with specialisation in Advanced Management (HEC Paris); special recognition for placement on the Dean's List (best of Class of 2020); recipient of the HEC Paris Excellence Scholarship (2018); awarded the HEC Paris MBA Academic Award (Class of 2020); awarded the HEC Paris MBA Leadership Award (Class of 2020)
- since 2017* Independent academic research and work on a habilitation project at the University of St.Gallen
- since 2017* Founder and owner of Crescenion GmbH
- 2017* Dr. iur. HSG (University of St.Gallen); awarded the Walther Hug Award St.Gallen 2017 for the best legal Ph.D. thesis
- 2012–2014* Attorney-at-law at Binder Rechtsanwälte (registered with the Bar in the Canton of Aargau)
- 2011* Admitted to the Bar in the Canton of Zurich and admitted to all courts in Switzerland
- 2009–2010* Legal intern with a large business law firm in Zurich
- 2009* M.A. HSG in Law (University of St.Gallen); awarded the Paul Alther Award 2009 for the best master's thesis in law or political science
- 2007* B.A. HSG in Law (University of St.Gallen)
- 2005–2011* Founder and Managing Partner of ingenion GmbH

Further activities

Lecturer at the University of St.Gallen (since 2020); teaching in the area of company law, corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions and business law at assessment, bachelor's and master's level as well as in executive education

Lecturer in company law and corporate governance at the Executive School of Management, Technology and Law of the University of St.Gallen (since 2021)

Research Fellow (since 2022) and member of the Advisory Board (since 2019) of the Corporate Governance Competence Centre at the Research Institute for International Management of the University of St.Gallen

Member (since 2015; alumnus member since 2018), former president (2017–2018) and former board member (2016–2018) of the Zurich Hub of the Global Shapers Community, a community of the World Economic Forum

Co-founder and member of the Board of Directors of the Association for the Support of SMEs and Startups (since 2020)

Expertise

Organisation of companies and enterprises • Corporate Governance • Public Corporate Governance • Membership in boards of directors • Independent advice to the board of directors • Startups and Venture Capital • Succession planning • Contracts • Legal opinions • Training

Publications

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