Bettina Knoetzl is a co-founder and partner at KNOETZL, a leading firm in Arbitration, Litigation, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Business Crime, Compliance and Corporate Crisis Management. Before founding the firm 2016, Bettina developed the largest international litigation and dispute resolution practice in Austria and the contiguous region, and has almost 25 years’ experience in international and Austrian dispute resolution.

Bettina specializes in international litigation and commercial litigation, focusing on business crime, investor protection, liability claims, corporate disputes, banking, insurance, investment funds and financial derivatives cases, and life sciences litigation. She has successfully defended against class action lawsuits, including Austria’s biggest civil litigation case to date, and represents corporate and investor clients in mission critical and well-known shareholder disputes. She is also called upon to provide critical legal counsel to significant government institutions.

Bettina Knoetzl is a leading litigator, celebrated for her outstanding experience of disputes, including cross-border conflicts. She is described as a top-level expert who is always "on top of the facts" and has "substantial creativity in conducting the litigation." (Chambers Europe 2018 Austria, Dispute Resolution, Litigation)

[...] Bettina Knoetzl is described as a “top-notch litigator” (Chambers Global 2016, Austria, Dispute Resolution: Litigation, Band 1). Bettina Knoetzl [...] has been seen handling some of Austria’s most prominent cases. "I would recommend her to everybody. She is the perfect lawyer for dispute resolution matters; she spares no effort and you feel like your case is her personal case. She is very capable, friendly, precise and quick." Another observer comments: “She is experienced and very knowledgeable but also very sensible and sensitive to the client’s needs.” (Chambers Global 2015, Austria, Dispute Resolution: Litigation, Band 1). Bettina Knoetzl heads the department, and is renowned for her litigation prowess. "She is extremely knowledgeable, and very impressive when presenting a case in the courtroom. She is very well prepared, and anticipates almost everything,” enthuse clients. (Chambers Global 2014, Austria, Litigation, Band 1)

[...] Bettina Knoetzl is described as "very practical" and "exact in the way she works" by sources. She is also praised for her approach: "If she is on a case then you can rely on her to work on it day and night. She is really proactive.” (Chambers Europe 2014, Austria, White-Collar-Crime, Band 1)

WWL says: “Bettina Knoetzl [...] is regarded as Austria’s premier practitioner. Her ‘litigation capabilities in the commercial sector are second-to-none.” (Who’s Who Legal Thought Leaders 2017).

WWL describes Bettina Knoetzl as a “true star” in the field. [s]he is “greatly admired” by peers and clients alike and is described as a “smooth operator.” (Who’s Who Legal: Asset Recovery 2014, one of the top ten lawyers worldwide for Asset Recovery)
Bettina Knoetzl at her own firm is regarded as Austria's premier practitioner. Her “litigation capabilities in the commercial sector are second-to-none” and her “impressive practice incorporates business crime, investor protection and shareholder disputes.” (Who’s Who Legal: Asset Recovery 2016)

KNOETZL’s very professional and well prepared’ team is led by ‘very smart negotiator and top-notch litigator’ Bettina Knoetzl and has notable strength in dealing with corporate and civil litigation at the intersection of criminal law. (The Legal 500, EMEA, Austria, Dispute Resolution, 2017)

Bettina is a past Chairman of the Litigation Committee of the International Bar Association with its global reach to top counsel everywhere, the President of Transparency International-Austria Chapter Advisory Board, the exclusive Austrian representative of the ICC-FraudNet and a Member of the Advisory Board of ZBP, the Career Center of the Vienna University of Economics and Business. As she has been for many years, she is ranked in the top tier by the leading international directories including Chambers and Legal 500 and is currently recognized as one of the five “Most Highly Regarded Individuals” among “Litigation” and “Asset Tracing” lawyers in Europe by Who’s Who, Legal (2017). In 2017, a special international recognition as “Lawyer of the year” in Asset Recovery has been awarded to Bettina Knoetzl by Who’s Who Legal, Law Business Research Ltd., London. She is the first lawyer from Europe to receive this award.

Bettina’s publications include:

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