

## Dispute Resolution Law Firm of the Year in Austria



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**BLS Attorneys at Law has 40 years of experience in all areas of commercial law, corporate law, insurance law, finance, employment law, real estate law, dispute resolution, litigation and tort. The firm's practical application of its philosophy – to provide a sustained and personal client support – has been recognised several times in the past years by many renowned trade journals, such as Corporate INTL, Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners, among others.**

Wolfgang Schubert, partner, believes that BLS is distinguished from its competitors because of its unique approach. He noted: "The preparation and winding up of both the procedural matter accompanying the legal proceedings and the documentation and evidence on hand, is of particular importance to BLS. To us, litigation does not only mean the committed representation of interests during the proceedings before court. In fact, it includes a variety of preparation and ancillary services, which we bestow great care on, and ultimately ends up saving time and costs."

Further, the law firm's function as legal representatives includes arbitral proceedings,

particularly within the framework of international trade disputes. Mr Schubert added: "The times when the technical and economical aspects of a legal case could be solely left to the clients are over. An efficient legal representation requires the economical and technical facts of the case to be fully understood by us also."

BLS has attained a great recognition by judges at the court due to our sound preparation and litigation. Managing partner, Mr Wolfgang Schubert, who is also leading the litigation practice group, has gained experience in more than 3,000 court and arbitral proceedings. He is highly respected among lawyers and has represented in the Kaprun case and Bawag case, both cases being one of the largest cases ever tried in Austria. Mr Scheuba is currently acting on behalf of a major D & O liability insurance company in connection with the Immofinanz scandal in Austria. Aside from Boller's focus on labour law, which has been growing strong over the years, he is very invested in the field of corporate and finance law. One of his focal points is the advising and representation of financial institutions and large

and prestigious companies in their financing and granting of securities.

Thus, BLS is particularly known for handling cases which greatly exceed the normal volume of documents and number of court hearings. The law firm has gained a special knowledge in the area of industrial damages, in particular acting on behalf of industrial insurance companies in the defeat of claims raised against their insurees.

In 2013, the independent certification body TÜV Austria Cert GmbH certified the business law firm's quality management system, attesting to its practice and client orientation. BLS was the first Austrian law firm to undergo this examination.

Thomas Boller, partner, noted: "Getting certified allowed us to increase the transparency of our processes and to identify further enhancement potential, thus, ensuring that the focus remains on the core activities. We can address the needs of our clients quicker and more efficiently. On the whole, it allows us to ensure the sustainable maintenance and continuous advancement of a high quality level pertaining to our services and our employees."