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Senior Legal Counsel (m/f/d) based in Zurich

Job Purpose/Role

We're looking for a Senior Legal Counsel (m/f/d) to join Allianz Risk Transfer AG (ART AG) in Zurich.

In this role, you will provide support, guidance and advice to management and other departments of ART AG (including its foreign branch offices and subsidiaries) and Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty's (AGCS) global functions in relation to relevant legal, regulatory, governance and compliance matters affecting ART AG and AGCS business with a focus on corporate law, regulatory and insurance law matters in Liechtenstein and Switzerland. You will support the Legal and Compliance activities at AGCS globally and ensures that all practices, policies, and business activities of the organization fall within the bounds of the organization's legal posture. You will also oversee the preparation and, if necessary, the execution of documents and may supervise other legal and compliance staff.

You will be reporting to the Head of Legal & Compliance ART AG.

Key Responsibilities

Legal Support:

- Provide legal support, guidance and advice to management and other departments of ART AG (including its foreign branch offices and subsidiaries) and AGCS global functions in particular for Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Bermuda, including the analysis of legal queries, development, evaluation of solutions and written or oral presentation to clients with a special focus on corporate law, regulations, insurance and reinsurance law (all lines of business) and general contract law.
- Provide legal support to include contract negotiation and general commercial law issues with third party contracts involving IT and general service contracts and data requirements (GDPR and Swiss Data Protection Act).
- Contribute to legal and regulatory change monitoring relevant for ART AG (incl. its foreign branch offices) in a risk-based manner in line with regulatory and AGCS internal requirements.

Compliance Support:

- Provide compliance support for designated activities of ART AG at the direction of the Head of Compliance (e.g. assessment of key compliance risks and mitigating controls, performance of annual risk assessments in accordance with AGCS / Allianz Group requirements, development and implementation of guidelines or procedures, provision of compliance trainings and conducting compliance investigations and enquiries).

Regulatory and Governance Support:

- In alignment with the Head of Legal & Compliance, maintain and adjust the legal, regulatory and compliance framework and processes of ART AG in order to meet the legal, regulatory and internal requirements.
- Provide support and handle governance and licensing matters of ART AG in alignment with local and AGCS Global Governance requirements (e.g., review and update of ART AG corporate rules and procure ratification of AGCS Global corporate rules, support the annual review of the System of Governance, support the preparation and minutes taking of Board of Directors and Audit Committee meetings).

Wordings and Contracts:

- Analyse, review and draft contracts and other legal documents from relevant jurisdictions (with a focus on Switzerland and Liechtenstein), in particular insurance and reinsurance wordings across all lines of business and other types of commercial agreements, IT and service contracts including contract negotiation with internal and external clients.

External Counsel Coordination:

- Coordinate the use of external law firms on relevant matters and reduce the amount of fees spent on those mandates while increasing or maintaining the level of quality.

Key Requirements/Skills/Experience

- Master Degree in Law / Bar admission
- Excellent knowledge of laws and regulations applicable to the company (Switzerland/Liechtenstein)
- 5 to 7 years of professional experience in the insurance industry or international law firm
- Expert knowledge of and practical experience with Swiss/Liechtenstein corporate law, (re)insurance law across multiple lines of business and areas (underwriting, claims, reinsurance, broker relations) and compliance matters
- Good understanding of the insurance business; Preferably a background in business related functions, such as Claims or Underwriting
- Ability to comprehend business issues, identify legal issues in business transactions, and provide legal practical recommendations and business considerations
- Ability to anticipate potential legal issues which may affect multiple clients or have multi-legal speciality implications
- Proven experience of working internationally and remotely across numerous locations ideally within a complex matrix organization
- Desired: practical experience with English (re)insurance law
- Ability to act with considerable independence
- Excellent time management, communications, decision-making, presentation, human relations, and organizational skills
- Strong business acumen and client service mentality
- Ability to build and maintain relationships across various lines of business and with external cooperation partners
- Fluent German and English skills are required

Reference Code

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