

## Association STEP Geneva - Office of the Secretary

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**Thursday, 14 September 2023 – AGM + Luncheon Conference**

Our next luncheon and AGM (Annual General Meeting of the Association) will be held on **Thursday, 14 September 2023**, at the **Four Seasons Hotel des Bergues, Geneva**. The buffet luncheon will be from 12:00 until 12:30 followed by the AGM at 12:30. The presentation will be from 12:45 until 13:45 including Q&A and the coffee/desserts will be available between 13:45 and 14:00.

Our speaker of the day will be **Dr. Niklas Schmidt – Partner of Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwälte GmbH & Co KG**. The Event will be in **English** on the topic:

### **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) – WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW AND WHAT TOOLS SHOULD YOU BE USING**

#### **Description:**

The presentation and discussion will center around the various tools that lawyers, trustees and bankers should be using and also looking at the pitfalls of some of the tools on offer.



***Dr. Niklas J.R.M. Schmidt** is a partner at the Vienna office of Wolf Theiss, one of the leading law firms in the CEE/SEE region. He has been admitted both as a lawyer and as a tax adviser. He has particular expertise regarding tax law, foundations, private clients and crypto assets. Before joining the firm in 2000, Niklas worked for several years at a “Big Four” accounting firm and as a research assistant in the tax law department at the University of Vienna.*

*Niklas is frequently engaged as a speaker at international tax conferences and has been a visiting lecturer at various universities in Austria and abroad. He has written several books and many articles in international tax journals. Niklas sits on the editorial board of the Austrian “SteuerExpress” magazine. Furthermore, he is a member of several international organizations (often in leadership positions), including the International Bar Association (IBA), the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law (IAETL), the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) and the International Fiscal Association (IFA). Niklas*

*is a past chair of the IBA's Private Client Tax Committee and in this capacity has been instrumental in organizing several private wealth related conferences in London.*

*Apart from his private client related work, Niklas is well known for his technical know-how. He has been involved in the crypto space since 2013 – as a researcher, as an investor and as a lawyer. Recently, Niklas has also been developing an interest in AI and what it means for advisors.*

#### **Registration:**

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Price of the event is **CHF 65** for STEP members (**CHF 85** for non-members), payable in advance by credit card or transfer to our UBS bank account

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**This event counts as “1 structured CPD hour”.**

If you have any queries on registration, please send an email to Larisa Udalyagina (STEP Geneva Secretariat) at [secretariat@step-geneva.org](mailto:secretariat@step-geneva.org) and she will help you with your registration.

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