

# SYLVIA FREYGNER

CURRICULUM VITAE

## PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Lawyer with over 25 years of experience in criminal law, commercial law and crisis intervention

Specialization in financial and commercial criminal law with a particular focus on media-effective crisis cases in the DACH region

Strategic crisis consultant for exposed personalities, entrepreneurs and organizations: and organizations

Developer of highly effective crisis and resilience programs for the corporate sector

Founder of Interdisciplinary Law Institute based in Switzerland

Author of "Presumption of innocence – BEYOND GUILT"

Mentor for transformative leadership

Podcaster of "My Story"

She has accompanied numerous public figures and companies through highly complex, dynamic crisis processes - with legal clarity, strategic depth and absolute discretion.





FREYGNER ATTORNEYS is a boutique law firm based in Liechtenstein and Switzerland with a focus on international and cross-border tax and corporate law, specializing in commercial and financial criminal law, capital markets, banking and due diligence law.

FREYGNER ATTORNEYS has gained international recognition and renown in the field of financial criminal law. The firm's focus is on cross-border (international) matters with tax and legal connections in Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Germany.

With these country focuses, FREYGNER ADVOCATUR is a spearhead in national and international tax law when it comes to cross-border matters either in white-collar criminal law, criminal tax law or tax law.



## SYLVIA FREYGNER

Dr. Sylvia Freygner is a licensed attorney in Austria (2007), Liechtenstein (2020) and Switzerland since 2016 working as an expert in international taxation law. As a certified expert in fiscal criminal law, she provides people with professional and empathetic support in sophisticated and challenging fiscal criminal cases. For five years, she led an independent research institute in Vienna which addresses topics surrounding European competition, liberalization, and privatization of state services. She supports the Committee of the Centre of Excellence for the Public Economy, Infrastructure and Public Service e. V. at the University of Leipzig. In 2017, I completed the Course on Strategic Leadership held by the Austrian Government.

Dr. Sylvia Freygner is a commercial criminal lawyer and crisis strategist with a special feel for people in highly complex decision-making situations. She advises, accompanies and defends leaders, entrepreneurs and public figures in phases in which law, publicity and personal integrity collide. Crises are her specialty - not as an exception, but as a system. She recognizes early on what others overlook: strategic failures, narrative pitfalls, emotional dynamics and legal escalation points. With analytical precision and strategic clarity, she develops resilient solutions - and ensures that loss of control is turned back into the ability to act.



With over 25 years of experience at the interface of financial and commercial criminal law, strategic crisis management and crisis communication, she is one of the few spearheads in the German-speaking world to combine legal precision with strategic depth, empathy and attitude. Whether behind closed doors or on the open stage, Sylvia Freygner creates spaces in which her clients can regain their bearings, find their bearings and make clear decisions. She analyzes complex situations, recognizes blind spots and provides the clarity that is needed in critical moments.

As the developer of Conflict Revolution®, she has created a model that combines legal analysis with systemic conflict work and integrative leadership culture. Her focus: not only to resolve conflicts, but to use them for development, sovereignty and real transformation. Dr. Freygner lives in Switzerland and works throughout the DACH region. She is the founder of the Interdisciplinary Law Institute, author of the book "Presumption of innocence – BEYOND GUILT" and a sought-after keynote speaker on the topics of power, law and resilience.



## ADMISSIONS /ACCREDITATIONS

- Attorney at Law in Vienna (year of registration at the Bar: 2007)
- Member of the Austrian Bar Association, Vienna, Austria
- Member of the Bar Association Liechtenstein (Vaduz)
- Member of the Bar Association Switzerland (Kanton Nidwalden)
- Certified Expert on Fiscal Criminal Law (2017)
- Accredited export consultant (since 2006), Austrian Chamber of Commerce
- Registered mediator (since 2004)
- Management consultant (since 2002), Austrian Chamber of Commerce

## FUNCTIONS

- 01 Attorney at Law (since 2007)
- 02 Public Notary of Liechtenstein
- 03 Member of Board of the Course of Studies, Public Service Management, Centre of Excellence for the Public Economy, Infrastructure and Public Service e. V. at the University of Leipzig
- 04 Member of Advisory Board, Centre of Excellence for the Public Economy, Infrastructure and Public Service e. V. at the University of Leipzig
- 05 Head of the Institute for PUBLIC SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (2011-2015)

### LANGUAGES

GERMAN, ENGLISH, HUNGARIAN, ITALIAN, FRENCH



## EDUCATION

- 2018 - 2020** University of Liechtenstein, LL.M.; LL.M., International Taxation
- 2018** Austrian Academy of Tax Consultants and Auditors, Certified Expert on Fiscal Criminal Law
- 2017** Graduate on course on Strategic Leadership by the Austrian Ministry of the Interior
- 2005** University of Vienna, Austria, Dr. Iur. (PHD)
- 2004** ARGE Wirtschaftsmediation, Austria, Corporate Mediator
- 2004** Danube University Krems, Austria, LL.M., European Competition Law
- 1999** Danube University Krems, Austria, Certificate for European Studies
- 1998** University of Vienna, Austria, Mag Iur.

## EXPERIENCE

- 2007** Founder and Owner of FREYGNER ATTORNEYS
- 2006 - 08** Foglar-Deinhardstein Rechtsanwälte / Attorneys at Law
- 2002 - 05** Buder Herberstein Rechtsanwälte / Attorneys at Law
- 2000 - 01** WOLF THEISS Rechtsanwälte GmbH / Attorneys at Law
- 1999 - 2000** Dorda Brugger & Jordis Rechtsanwälte / Attorneys at Law
- 1999 - 2000** Austrian Research Centre / (research project on conflict prevention in knowledge management)
- 2001** Sotheby's
- 2001 - 2002** ICC Austria, International Chamber of Commerce
- 1998 - 1999** Austrian Financial Market Authority
- 1997** Foreign Trade Agency in Canada

# KEYNOTES

## **The lawyer's code**

What top lawyers really do when things get serious: How language, attitude and timing make the difference between winning and losing. A look behind the scenes of top-class negotiations - and what managers can learn from this for their everyday work.

## **Radical resilience**

Radical resilience - the ultimate way out of a crisis How we develop our true strength to act from the deepest shock. Based on the thesis that there is a primal crisis that determines every subsequent crisis.

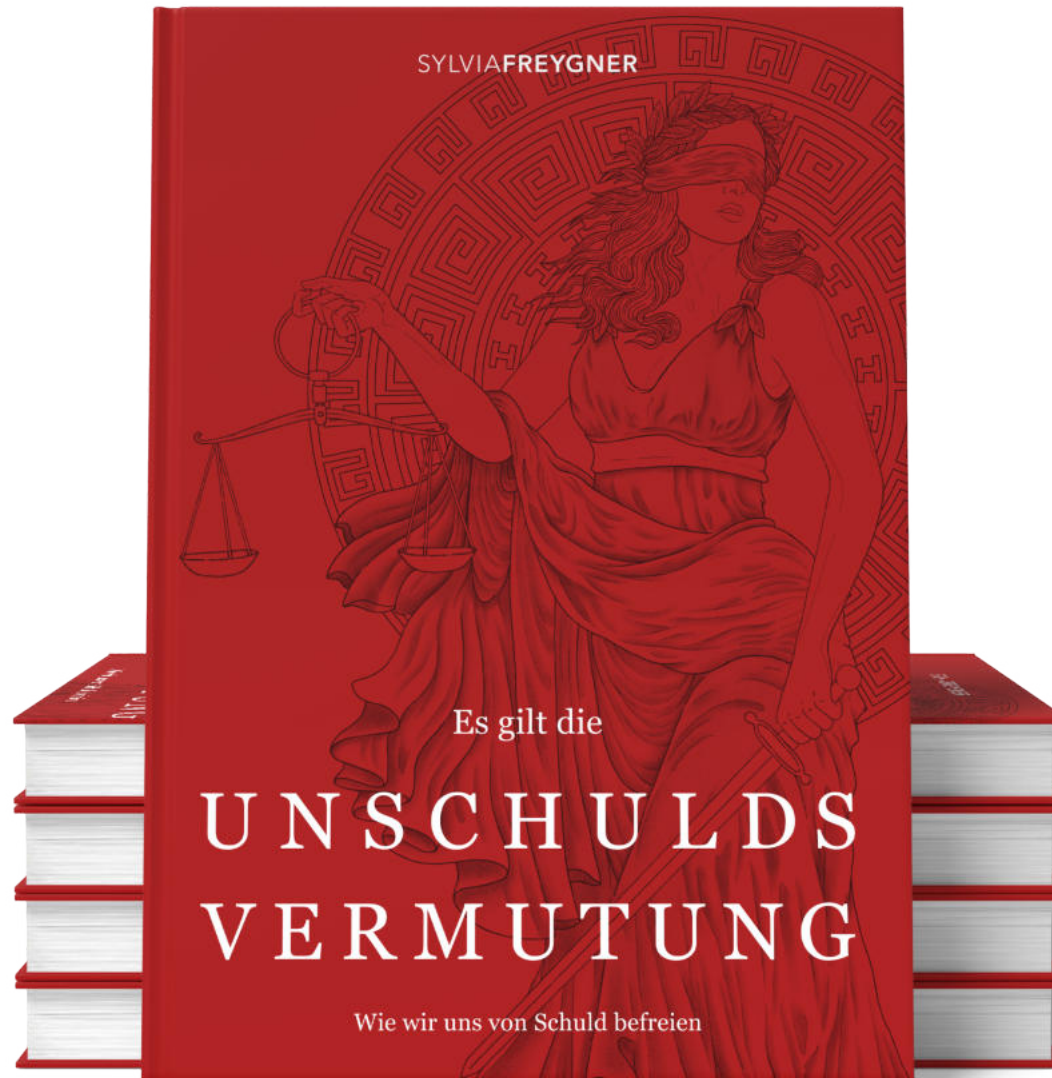
## **Crisis strategy & power**

Point of no return - The silent power of crisis Insights into political and corporate case studies. What really counts when reputation, responsibility and truth collide.



# PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE

“Presumption of Innocence” by Dr. Sylvia Freygnier is a transformative book that combines legal expertise with spiritual insight. Through a seven-step program, the author demonstrates how to break free from guilt, take responsibility for conflicts, and shift from blame to self-awareness. This work serves as a powerful guide for personal growth, conscious communication, and empowerment.



As an experienced criminal defense lawyer, Dr. Freygnier integrates Eastern spirituality and indigenous wisdom into a new understanding of conflict and justice. The book challenges traditional guilt narratives and presents conflict as an opportunity for personal and collective transformation. It is designed for individuals seeking a holistic approach to law, responsibility, and inner freedom.

[dieunschuldsvermutung.com](http://dieunschuldsvermutung.com)

# MY STORY

“My Story” is a podcast series created by Dr. Sylvia Freygner that brings authentic, unfiltered human experiences to light. Each episode features personal stories marked by transformation, struggle, and self-discovery. The aim is to create a space where vulnerability becomes strength, and where personal truths connect with universal themes of resilience, courage, and growth.

The premiere episode features Dr. Freygner herself, offering insight into her personal journey and the pivotal moments that have shaped her as a legal expert, coach, and visionary thinker. By sharing her own story, she sets the tone for a series rooted in empathy, depth, and the courage to speak one's truth—beyond public perception and media headlines.

“My Story” is more than a media project—it's a movement toward deeper understanding, honest dialogue, and a new form of storytelling that bridges law, humanity, and emotional intelligence. My Story - the podcast that connects souls and touches hearts.

[sylviafreygner.com/mystory](https://sylviafreygner.com/mystory)



# SELECTION OF PUBLICATIONS

- 01** Dr. Sylvia Freygner, LL.M. LL.M. Liechtenstein - Primus inter pares? Tax Expenses Saved Abroad as Assets Eligible for Money Laundering?, ZWF Journal for Economic and Financial Criminal Law, 7th year /September 2021/No. 5
- 02** Dr. Sylvia Freygner, LL.M. LL.M. the amendment of the money laundering offence under Section 165 of the Criminal Code (StGB) and the associated challenges for financial service providers, especially banks,, Master's thesis, University of Liechtenstein, Executive Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Taxation
- 03** Dr. Sylvia Freygner, LL.M. LL.M. Inefficient client protection in the Liechtenstein Trustee Act? Comments on Art. 11 TRHG, Liechtensteinische Juristenzeitung 2/23
- 04** "Manual for Franchise Holders. Law – Financing – Grants – Agreements. All you need to know before takeoff."
- 05** "Structuring of the public interest within the domestic market - Position Paper.", Publication series public interest, Volume 2
- 06** "Water – an indispensable question of existence and human dignity.", General Comment
- 07** "The change of public interest and the new role of the State." General Comment
- 08** „Who takes responsibility for postal services?“t General Comment
- 09** Why competition in public interest needs social rules." General Comment
- 10** "The focus on the in-house procurement of the drafting of the concessions directives." General Comment
- 11** "What's in for me? Concession directives on the test bench." General Comment
- 12** Dr. Sylvia Freygner, LL.M./Mag. Philipp von Schrader in Getting the Deal Through 2014.
- 13** Dr. Sylvia Freygner, LL.M. in Getting the Deal Through 2013.
- 14** Dr. Sylvia Freygner, LL.M./Mag. Hubertus Thum in Getting the Deal Through 2012.
- 15** Dr. Sylvia Freygner, LL.M./Mag. Josef Gadermayr, LL.M. in IP, LL.M. in Getting the Deal Through 2011.
- 16** Dr. Sylvia Freygner, LL.M./Mag. Dzemila Beganovic in Getting the Deal Through 2010.
- 17** "Concession directives on the test bench." Guest Commentary
- 18** Translation: "Europes public interest in a state of upheaval – a conflict between competition and public welfare." Guest Commentary
- 19** "Franchising, a model with a future. An established model for private economics or a model for success for the public sector?" Interview
- 20** "Procurement Process in austrian Communes under the aspect of regional factors", Study
- 21** "The organization of the SPNV and public transportation in Austria, a selected number of EU member states and Switzerland", Study
- 22** "Social-criteria in public procurement", Study
- 23** "The regional dimension in public interest on the example of local foods", Study
- 24** "The dimension of quality in waste management against the background of the 2013 novelty of waste management law", Study
- 25** "The organization of social services and the meaning of social criteria in BVergG after 2016", Study
- 26** Criteria of Quality in commissioning of delivery of service in social services", Study
- 27** "Threat Scenarios in governmental telecommunication", Study