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His main fields of research and practice include national and international foundation law (with a focus on Swiss, Liechtenstein, and German relations) as well as international estate planning and asset structuring (including trusts). He is the author of numerous publications in Switzerland and abroad, and a sought-after speaker at international conferences. Dominique Jakob also sits on the board of various institutions, and serves as independent counsel to governments, financial institutions, companies, foundations, associations, families, and private clients.

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