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**Partner**

Born: 1965

Admitted: 1997

Languages: German, English

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

Litigation, arbitration, corporate and commercial law, labor law, bankruptcy and insolvency, construction and agency

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

Associate (1999-2001) and Partner of Wartmann Merker (since 2002)

Trainee with Jenner & Block, Chicago (1999)

Associate with an international law firm in Zurich (1996-1998)

Clerkship at district court (1994-1996)

Legal Assistant to Prof. Dr. Walter R. Schluep (Chair for Swiss and European Private Law and Commercial Law) (1992-1994)

**EDUCATION**

University of Michigan Law School, LL.M., 1999

University of Zurich, Dr.iur., 1995 (summe cum laude, honored with the Prof. Dr. Walther Hug Price)

University of Zurich, lic.iur., 1991 (magna cum laude)

**MEMBER**

ASA (Swiss Arbitration Association)

Zurich and Swiss Bar Associations

International Bar Association

**RECOGNITIONS**

Wartmann Merker recognized by Chambers Europe 2019 and Chambers Global 2019 as a

leading Swiss law firm (Switzerland: Litigation and Arbitration).

Peter Reichart individually recognized by Chambers Europe as litigator, garnering support from clients for his *"very pleasant co-operation"* during cases. In previous editions, Peter Reichart is described as «highly respected market figure» (Chambers Europe 2017) and as a *"litigation specialist with very long experience"* who advises clients on a range of cases including those concerning malpractice claims, embezzlement and freezing orders (Chambers Europe 2016). In 2015, Chambers Global recognizes Peter Reichart's «broad practice» that «covers litigation, arbitration and insolvency as well as employment, corporate and construction».

Who's Who Legal, Switzerland 2018 (commercial litigation) recognizes Peter Reichart for his banking litigation practice and the depth of his commercial expertise. He is described by peers as "one of the big names" in the litigation market. In 2017, Who's Who Legal recognizes the «*excellent*» Peter Reichart who brings over 20 years of experience in litigation. Peter Reichart boasts «*a sterling reputation in commercial disputes with clients describing him as a distinguished player with unparalleled abilities*» (Who is Who Legal, 2016). He is an «*excellent practitioner*», «*who is described as profound in his work and among the best banking and finance litigators in the country*». (Who is Who Legal, 2015)

## PUBLICATIONS

Improvement of the auditor's position in corporate liability? - Procedural analysis of art. 759 para 2 draft-CO, SZW/RSDA 5/2017 p. 661 to 671.

Claims against financial service providers under the FinSA Draft legislation - a critical appraisal, SZW/RSDA 4/2016, p. 390-399 [together with MLaw Richard Meyer].

The prepayment penalty in the mortgage business - legal provisions and calculation for fixed-rate mortgages, with a special focus on the effects of negative interests, in: AJP 10/2015, p. 1398-1408 [together with Silvia Haffner].

Liability for Appearance in Group of Companies Contexts, comments on Federal Supreme Court judgment 137 III 550 ss., GesKR 2/2012, p. 287-293 [together with Alexander Wintsch].

Witness Examinations by Lawyers in Civil Proceedings, SJZ [Swiss Jurist's Journal] 107 (2011), p. 201-205 [together with Peter Hafner].

The Question of the «Legally Sufficient Service of Process» in Recognition Proceedings Pursuant to Art. 27 No. 2 of the Lugano Convention and Art. 15 of the Hague Convention, in: Liber discipulorum et amicorum, Festschrift für Prof. Dr. Kurt Siehr zum 65. Geburtstag (Zurich 2001).

The Renvoi in Swiss Private International Law, Function and Significance (thesis Zurich 1996).

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Man in the middle" and other fraud attempts in the digital age - Zurich Bar Association Practice Group Banking, 20 March 2018

Claims against financial service providers under the FinSA Draft legislation, Association of Foreign Banks in Switzerland, Zurich, 18 January 2017 [together with Richard Meyer].

Panelist at the 8th annual seminar on corporate liability, Europe Institute, 3 September 2015.

Contact between lawyer and witness - from the lawyer's perspective, Zurich Bar Association Practice Group Civil procedure, 24 June 2015 [together with Prof. Dr. Markus Kaufmann, District Court Gaster-See].

Panelist «Testimony of witnesses: from the lawyer's contacting of the witness to the examination of the witness in court», Europe Institute, 9th annual seminar on civil procedure, 7 May 2015.

Witness Examinations by Lawyers in Civil Proceedings; Code of Civil Procedure – Pitfalls and Opportunities; Seminar of the University of St. Gall and the Center for Conflict Resolution CCR, 7 March 2013, Zurich.

Investment related claims by clients against banks – Zurich Bar Association Practice Group Banking, 14 June 2011, [together with Peter Hafner].