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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)

Lecturer at the University of St. Gallen (since 2023)

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 is recognized by Chambers Europe 2023 and Chambers Global 2023 as a leading Swiss law firm (Switzerland: Litigation and Arbitration).

The Legal 500 EMEA 2023 Edition recommends Peter Reichart in the practice area Litigation. "I have known Peter Reichart for many years. He is an excellent litigator with a brilliant mind, and exceptionally skilful in dealing with banking and finance disputes. Peter has the ability to present even the most complex topics in a clear, simple and understandable manner." "I would like to especially mention the partner who was responsible for our case, Mr. Peter Reichart. His knowledge and experience in employment law is truly extraordinary. I have never read better, more stringent and more thoughtful court submissions than the ones drafted by Mr. Reichart. They are excellently written, very clear and to the point. Mr. Reichart has the ability to present even the most complex topics in an understandable and simple way. At the oral court hearing, he was equally convincing and his negotiation skills were impressive. I consider him the best I have met in this field." (The Legal 500 EMEA 2023).

Peter Reichart is ranked in Chambers Global 2023 and Chambers Europe 2023 in the category Litigation - Switzerland: "Having Peter Reichart on our side in difficult situations provides maximum comfort and security." according to a client. "Peter Reichart is a respected litigator who frequently acts for clients on banking and finance disputes. He is additionally well versed in money laundering and malpractice cases."

"Peers highly recommend Peter Reichart for his adept handling of complex commercial and corporate litigation." (Who's Who Legal Switzerland 2021)

"Mr. Reichart definitely has the ability to present even the most complex topics in an understandable and simple way. At the oral court hearing, he was equally convincing. His negotiations skills were simply impressive and, thanks to these skills, he achieved the best possible result. We will always be grateful for his unparalleled work and his great commitment." (Legal 500 EMEA 2021)

Who's Who Legal Switzerland 2020 recognizes Peter Reichart as Thought Leader in Litigation. He is known for handling "high-profile, complex litigations in Switzerland, often in an international context". One peer effuses: "Peter is probably one of the best lawyers you can get in Zurich in his field of expertise, notably commercial and employment litigation."

"According to sources, he is a «very practical and solution-oriented lawyer with a clear focus on the critical issues.» Reichart also represents clients in malpractice cases and criminal litigation." (Chambers Global 2020)

"Clients report that he «thinks quickly and understands complex problems quickly and correctly». Sources also highlight his «experience, structured approach and profound knowledge»" (Chambers Europe 2019).

Peter Reichart is recognized as litigator, garnering support from clients for his "very pleasant co-operation during cases" (Chambers Europe 2018)

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.

PUBLICATIONS

Jurisdiction Clauses in Articles of Associations (in German), SZW 5/2021, p. 605 et seqq. [together with Felix Buff]

Denn sie wissen nicht, was wir tun – Ein Plädoyer für mehr Verständnis der Anwaltstätigkeit durch die Gerichte, ZZZ 55/2021, p. 597 et seqq.

Causality, a new obstacle in liability proceedings? – On recent case law of the Federal Supreme Court (in German), in: Directors & Officers Liability X, Corporate Liability Proceedings, Sethe/Isler (eds.), Europa Institut at the University of Zurich, Conference Transcript 2020, Zurich 2020, p. 139-164

Attempts to defraud money transfers in the digital age, SZW/RSDA 4/2016, p. 392-404
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

Speech at the 10th Zurich conference on responsibility in corporate law on 11 February 2020 of the Europa Institute at the University of Zurich on the topic "Causality, a new obstacle in corporate liability proceedings?"

Panelist at the 10th annual conference on civil procedural law on commercial court proceedings, Institute for Private International Law and Procedural Law (CIVPRO), 30 August 2019

"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].