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**Partner**

Born: 1967

Admitted: 1993

(New York Bar 1998)

Languages: German, English, French

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

Commercial Litigation, international civil procedure, international legal assistance in civil and criminal matters, bankruptcy and insolvency, ICT-law, agency, construction, employment, data protection, corporate law, international commercial arbitration

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

Partner of Wartmann Merker (since 2006)

Partner with a law firm in Zurich Specializing in criminal defense work (2005)

Associate (1994-1996 and 1998-2001) and Partner (2002-2004) with an international law firm in Zurich

Associate with Sullivan & Cromwell, New York (1997-1998)

**EDUCATION**

University of Michigan Law School, LL.M., 1997

University of Zurich, Dr.iur., 1994

University of Zurich, lic.iur., 1991

**MEMBER**

Zurich and Swiss Bar Associations

ASA (Swiss Arbitration Association)

**RECOGNITIONS**

Wartmann Merker is recognized by Chambers Europe 2021 and Chambers Global 2021 as a leading Swiss law firm (Switzerland: Litigation and Arbitration).

Peter Hafner is recognized by Who's Who Legal 2021 as Thought Leader: "Peter Hafner is widely recognised in the Swiss market as a leading figure in banking, contract and private client dispute resolution."

Peter Hafner is recommended by Legal 500 EMEA 2021 Edition in the practice area Litigation. Legal 500 says that Peter Hafner is an exceptional lawyer and top litigator with "immense experience in banking litigation".

Who's Who Legal 2020 recommends Peter Hafner as Global Leader and National Leader Switzerland in Litigation. Who's Who says "*Peter Hafner comes highly recommended thanks to his expert handling of a range of commercial disputes, from banking and insolvency to employment.*"

Peter Hafner is individually recognized by Chambers to «represent banks and private clients in criminal litigation and financial disputes. Clients appreciate that he is able to find creative solutions and deliver in time, and is really committed» (Chambers Global 2020).

According to clients, his «knowledge and experience result in a very realistic assessment of the legal position» (Chambers Global 2019).

Peter «has a strong focus on litigation within the financial services sector, assisting with criminal proceedings and disputes relating to banking software systems and further expertise in bankruptcy and insolvency matters» (Chambers Global 2018).

He is «a well-regarded litigator acting on bankruptcy, employment and general commercial mandates» (Chambers Europe 2017).

Clients say: «He's an extremely good lawyer and strong on the tactical side» (Chambers Global 2016).

Peter Hafner is a «prominent litigator, winning impressive plaudits from clients. He has the essential qualities of a strong litigator. He stays calm, focused on the facts and is a successful negotiator» they report» (Chambers Global 2015).

«Peter Hafner's impeccable handling of cases is praised by market sources, who highlight his analytical mind and meticulous approach. Hafner is noted in particular for representing clients in media, employment and criminal-related disputes» (Chambers Europe 2014).

Who's Who Legal, WWL Litigation 2019 says: «*Peter Hafner is a first-rate commercial litigator whose practice runs the gamut of contentious proceedings, from banking to construction disputes.*» He is «a go-to name on banking litigation» and «well regarded for his knowledge of civil procedure» (Who's Who Legal, 2018). Peter Hafner is a «*really great lawyer who is diligent and knowledgeable*» (Who's Who Legal, 2017). He provides «*sensible and commercial advice that gets results*» (Who's Who Legal, 2016).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Review of emails from employees - requirements under labour and data protection law, AJP 2018, p. 1327 - 1338.

Recent Swiss case law on partial actions and its implications on labour disputes, in: ARV/DTA 4/2017, S. 251 ff. [together with Alexander Wintsch].

Commentary on Sec. 168 and 190–193, Commentary on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, eds. Spühler/Tenchio/Infanger, 3rd ed., Basel 2017.

Commentary on Sec. 109 and 110, Commentary on the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, eds. Niggli/Heer/Wiprächtiger, 2nd ed., Basel 2014 [together with Eliane Fischer].

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

Conflicts of Copyright Law and Property Rights (thesis Zurich 1994).

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Threat management at the workplace, EIZ 15th Conference on current topics in employment law, 29 September 2020

When is property legally cultural property? - 4th conference of the Swiss Art Market Association, 24. September 2018.

Requirements under labour and data protection law on the review of emails of employees, St. Gall conference on labour law, 14 September 2018.

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