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### Recognitions

- Chambers and Partners Europe: White-Collar Crime since 2013
- The Legal 500: Hall of Fame in Regulatory, Compliance and Investigations since 2022; Hall of Fame in Dispute Resolution: Litigation since 2026
- Lexology Index: Thought Leader in Business Crime Defence since 2023; Thought Leader in Investigations since 2021; Recommended in Asset Recovery since 2020; Recommended in Commercial Litigation since 2021
- Leaders League: White Collar Crime & Investigations
- LMG Expert Guides: White Collar Crime, Commercial Litigation
- Benchmark Litigation Europe Awards: White Collar Crime Lawyer of the Year 2019

### Languages

German, English, French, Italian

### Selected Publications

- Business & Human Rights - Switzerland, 2025 Edition
- Kooperation mit Strafverfolgungsbehörden
- Anti-Bribery & Corruption, Switzerland, 2023 Edition
- Anwaltsgeheimnis - Legal Privilege im schweizerischen und internationalen Kontext
- Ukraine-Krieg und Recht: Vermögenssperre nach Schweizer Sanktionsregime

Peter Burckhardt leads Schellenberg Wittmer's White-Collar Crime & Compliance and the Internal Corporate Investigations teams in Zurich. Peter has developed a strong practice in complex criminal, regulatory and civil litigation matters, often involving multi-jurisdictional components. He is also frequently retained to conduct internal investigations for a broad range of topics.

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### Expertise

- White-Collar Crime and Compliance
- Internal Corporate Investigations
- Financial Services
- Sanctions Group
- IT Security and Cybercrime
- Employment
- International Arbitration
- Dispute Resolution

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### Experience

- Swiss lead counsel in several high-profile criminal investigations relating to foreign corruption which settled in multi-jurisdictional resolutions, including for a listed commodity trading and mining group headquartered in Switzerland and for a major Brazilian construction group in the Petrobras matter
  - Defending a global Swiss bank in a money laundering investigation related to foreign corruption
  - Representing a German car manufacturer against consumer mass claims in the context of the Diesel affair
  - Swiss lead counsel to a global bank headquartered in Switzerland in the U.S. tax dispute
  - Defending a major bank in a Ponzi scheme fraud investigation and related civil and regulatory action
  - Defending a member of top management of a global bank in criminal and regulatory proceedings by Swiss and U.S. law enforcement
  - Defending an ousted head of state in a corruption and money laundering investigation
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**Career**

2006 Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer  
1999 Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer  
1996-1998 Served in various functions in the judiciary of the Canton of Bern, notably as criminal prosecutor and deputy judge in civil and criminal matters

**Education**

1999 LL.M., University of Edinburgh  
1995 Bar Admission in Switzerland  
1995 University of Bern

**Additional Professional Activities**

- Member of various professional associations including the Zurich and Swiss Bar Associations, the International Bar Association (IBA), the European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA), and the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- Regular publications in fields of specialization and speaker at international conferences
- Board Member of FlexLaw