

Practice Group

Dispute Resolution



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Our Dispute Resolution Group features one of the largest leading practices in Switzerland. We represent clients before the Swiss courts and in arbitrations under the rules of all international institutions. We advise on pre-litigation measures and strategies, and have broad experience in coordinating and monitoring complex international litigation in many jurisdictions.

We maintain a notable record in litigation, with a particular focus on commercial and banking matters, with varied clients from private individuals and states to reputable companies.

Expertise

Key Types of Work:

- Counsel in domestic and international commercial litigation matters, often with a cross-border component
- Counsel or arbitrator in high-value international commercial arbitration, sports cases and investment disputes
- Interim relief, freezing injunctions, asset recovery, debt collection and insolvency matters
- Enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards
- Representation of corporate clients and individuals in domestic and international criminal defence and regulatory enforcement proceedings
- Conduct of internal investigations
- Representation of clients in legal assistance proceedings in civil and criminal matters

Our expertise extends to a variety of fields, including:

- Finance and banking
- Insurance and reinsurance
- Trusts, estates and inheritance matters
- Intellectual property and information technology
- Unfair competition
- Employment
- Directors' and officers' liability
- Professional liability
- Mergers and acquisitions, in particular share purchase transactions

- Joint ventures, consortium agreements and shareholder disputes
- Energy sector
- Infrastructure, construction projects and engineering (including contract management)
- Pharmaceuticals and medtech
- Automotive (development, manufacture and sale of automotive components)
- Luxury and consumers goods (distribution and franchising)
- Licensing, distribution and agency agreements
- Investment disputes
- Trade and transport
- Sport and art-related disputes

Deals and Cases

- Defence of a German car manufacturer in a class action case before Zurich Commercial Court in the diesel scandal and in a related criminal investigation
- Lead counsel to a major Swiss bank against damages claims of private parties based on money laundering allegations in connection with an international fraud scheme
- Representation of a telecommunication company in a post-M&A dispute, where the opposing side failed to pay the last part of the purchase price, including successful freeze of assets in various jurisdictions
- Successful representation of a large Swiss bank in a major criminal matter against a former employee
- Defence of an international corporate client in civil litigation against a liability claim brought by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- Lead counsel in the defence of a Swiss industrialist prosecuted for alleged intentional disaster caused by asbestos-cement factories several decades ago and acquitted by the Italian Supreme Court
- Representation of a consortium of contractors in a billion-dollar dispute regarding one of the largest infrastructure projects in the world
- Representation of a state in four investment treaty arbitrations worth several billion dollars and three Supreme Court proceedings related to investment treaty arbitrations

- Representation of many leading engineering and construction companies in a wide variety of fields, including infrastructure projects, industrial facilities, oil refining and gas terminals, mining and major hotel projects, under the applicable law of several countries (Switzerland, France, Germany, UAE, Poland, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, etc)

Recognitions

The group and leading practitioners are highly ranked and recognised among leading law firms in global directories and publications:

- Chambers Global and Europe in Dispute Resolution: Litigation and Arbitration
- Legal 500 in Dispute Resolution: Litigation and Arbitration
- Lexology Index Switzerland
- GAR 100
- GIR 100

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