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Oliver Widmer ist Partner und Leiter der Fachgruppe Financial Services bei Pestalozzi sowie Mitglied der Fachgruppe Private Clients. Er berät hauptsächlich schweizerische und internationale Banken, Finanzinstitute, Vermögensverwaltungsdienstleister und vermögende Privatpersonen in bank-, finanzierungs- und kapitalmarktrechtlichen Angelegenheiten.

Oliver Widmer schloss sein Studium an der Universität Zürich (lic. iur.) und an der London School of Economics and Political Science (M.Sc., Law and Accounting) ab. Er wurde 2000 in der Schweiz als Rechtsanwalt und 2003 als Solicitor (nicht praktizierend) in England und Wales zugelassen. Er ist zugelassener Emittentenvertreter an der SIX Swiss Exchange und von STEP als Trust and Estate Practitioner (TEP) anerkannt. Oliver Widmer trat 2001 bei Pestalozzi ein. 2003/2004 war er im Rahmen eines Secondments als Leiter der Schweizer Rechts- und Compliance-Abteilung einer grossen US-Investmentbank tätig.

Er ist weithin als führender Anwalt im Bereich Banking & Finance anerkannt und wird von The Legal 500 als «Leading Individual» geführt, mit weiteren Auszeichnungen in den Bereichen Capital Markets, FinTech und Private Clients. Chambers & Partners Global und Europe führen ihn in den Bereichen Banking & Finance, Capital Markets, Investment Funds und FinTech; Lexology Index (ehemals Who's Who Legal) zeichnet ihn in Banking und Capital Markets aus. Best Lawyers ernannte ihn 2024 sowohl für Banking & Finance als auch für Finance Law zum «Lawyer of the Year». Darüber hinaus wurde das von Oliver Widmer geleitete Team bei den LegalcommunityCH Awards 2025 und 2026 als «Law Firm of the Year – Banking & Finance» ausgezeichnet.

Market Perception

Oliver Widmer is excellent and very user-friendly. He is very smart, responsive, commercial and has excellent product knowledge. (The Legal 500, 2026)

Oliver Widmer is unflappable under pressure and consistently delivers excellent advice. His advice is always pragmatic and the business loves him. (Chambers Global, 2026)

What sets Oliver apart from his peers is his ability to combine top-tier legal knowledge with a highly commercial, solution-oriented approach. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Oliver Widmer is widely respected for his deep expertise in investment funds. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Oliver Widmer is a skilled and nimble lawyer and a good listener. Our collaboration with him was very pleasant. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Oliver Widmer is super smart, responsive and has great product and market knowledge (Chambers Global, 2026)

Oliver Widmer is very responsive, professional and easy to work with. He is also quick to support us, understands our needs quickly and delivers excellent work. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Oliver Widmer has a very good knowledge of the matter and he is customer- and result-oriented. (Chambers & Partners, 2023)

Oliver Widmer is one of the leading Swiss lawyers. We love to work with him, very skilled and pragmatic. (The Legal 500 Client Feedback, 2022)

Oliver Widmer is always up-to-date and his advice is very helpful. He is available 24/7 and one of the top lawyers in his area. (The Legal 500 Client Feedback, 2022)

Oliver is key to us. We get decisions from him in no time. (Chambers FinTech, 2025)

Oliver Widmer provides exceptionally constructive legal advice. He has an in-depth knowledge of law and the market. (The Legal 500 Client Feedback, 2021)

Oliver Widmer is an extremely committed lawyer, with a strong experience and knowledge of the banking business. (The Legal 500 Client Feedback, 2021)

Karriere

2009	Partner bei Pestalozzi
2008	Trust and Estate Practitioner (TEP)
2003	Solicitor of England and Wales (nicht praktizierend) Leiter Legal & Compliance, Merrill Lynch Capital Markets
2002	M.Sc. Law and Accounting, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
2001	Associate bei Pestalozzi
2000	Zürcher Anwaltspatent
1998	Universität Zürich: lic. iur.

Sprachen

- German
- English
- French

Fachgebiete

- Banking & Finance
- Swiss Financial Market Regulation
- ESG
- Blockchain & Crypto Assets
- Capital Markets
- Compliance
- Financial Services
- Private Clients

Mitgliedschaften

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- ICC Commission on Arbitration
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- STEP
- Swiss-British Chamber of Commerce (BSCC)
- Swiss-Indian Chamber of Commerce (SICC)
- Many more