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Andreas Lienhard is Partner and member of Pestalozzi's Litigation & Arbitration Group and Employment & Pensions Group in Zurich. He is an international commercial litigation and an international arbitration lawyer, advising and representing clients in complex national and cross-border disputes.

Andreas specializes in contract and private international law disputes, employment litigation, debt enforcement and insolvency, and the enforcement of judgments and arbitral awards. He regularly acts as counsel and arbitrator in domestic and international arbitration proceedings and represents clients before Swiss state courts, including commercial courts and labour courts.

Andreas has extensive experience in litigating and arbitrating disputes across a wide range of industries, including commodities, energy, pharmaceuticals, engineering and construction, public transportation, banking and financial services, software and IT, e-commerce and sports law disputes.

His experience includes:

Representation of a global software company in litigation arising from the licensing and customization of enterprise software.

Counsel for a global climate consultancy and carbon project developer in state court proceedings concerning the acquisition of carbon credits.

Acting as lead counsel for a global medical devices manufacturer in litigation with a former exclusive distributor.

Representation of a multinational agribusiness, food and fertilizer company in a Swiss Rules arbitration relating to a joint venture.

Arbitration counsel to a major aviation company in an ICC dispute concerning aircraft customization.

Representation of a global medical devices company in an ICC arbitration arising out of a post-M&A dispute.

Counsel for a global renewable energy company in ICC proceedings relating to a wind turbine project.

Advising and representing a multinational natural resources group in various employment and executive-related disputes.

Counsel for a global transportation company in disputes with members of its senior management.

Advising a majority group of bondholders in connection with the restructuring of Idorsia AG (public).

Internal investigation for a major electrical goods company concerning export-related matters.

Representation of an international sports marketing agency in proceedings before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

His expertise is recognized by several leading legal directories, including Chambers & Partners, The Legal 500 and the Global Arbitration Review (GAR) 100.

Andreas began his professional career as a law clerk at the District Court of Dietikon in the canton of Zurich, in 2008. After working as an associate in the employment law department of a leading Swiss law firm in Zurich (2012-2014), he joined Pestalozzi Attorneys at Law Ltd. in 2015.

Andreas is an expert in Swiss civil procedure law, Swiss private international law, debt enforcement and insolvency law, and Swiss contract and employment law. Apart from his professional work, Andreas gained his expertise through his studies in Zurich, particularly through his work as an assistant at the chair of Prof. Dr. Ulrich Haas in the field of domestic and international litigation and arbitration. He completed his studies with a doctoral thesis on litigation law (2012; magna cum laude), an LL.M. in International Business Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science (2015; distinction) and the CAS in Arbitration offered by the Swiss Arbitration Academy AG (2017, excellent). He is the author of three bestselling textbooks in his field of expertise, where he also regularly publishes articles, contributes to well-renowned commentaries and acts as a speaker.

Market Perception

Andreas Lienhard is very available, forward thinking and guided me cautiously but steadfastly through any litigation process. He relies on a great network with international reach. (The Legal 500, 2026)

Andreas Lienhard is a standout legal mind. (The Legal 500, 2026)

Andreas Lienhard is one of our key contacts. He was very responsive in a short time frame. He got an excellent result for us. (Chambers & Partners, 2024)

Andreas Lienhard's level of sophistication, commercial awareness and vision and client service and general level of service are very strong. Andreas provides an excellent service. (Chambers & Partners, 2023)

Andreas Lienhard is an excellent employment litigator. (The Legal 500 Client Feedback, 2021)

Andreas Lienhard’s attention to detail, and ability to tackle very technical engineering concepts, are second to none. (GAR 100 Client Feedback, 2021)

He thinks ahead and is always prepared for the move of the counterparty. (The Legal 500 Client Feedback, 2021)

Career

2023	Partner at Pestalozzi
2020	Senior Associate at Pestalozzi
2015	Associate at Pestalozzi
2014	The London School of Economics and Political Science: LL.M. in International Business Law
2012	Associate at leading Swiss law firm based in Zurich University of Zurich: Dr. iur.
2011	Bar Admission: Switzerland
2008	University of Zurich: Lic. iur. District court of Dietikon, Canton Zurich: Law clerk

Languages

- English
- German

Practice Areas

- White-Collar Crime
- Restructuring & Insolvency
- Litigation & Arbitration
- Employment & Pensions
- Life Sciences

Membership

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
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- Swiss Arbitration Association below 40 (ASA)
- SchKG-Vereinigung