

Beat Schwarz

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Beat Schwarz focuses on corporate and commercial law as well as on corporate and finance transactions, in particular M&A, private equity, venture capital, joint ventures, restructurings and debt capital markets. As part of his domestic and cross-border transaction advisory practice involving listed and non-listed companies, he is regularly involved in insurance and other financial services corporate, contract and regulatory work.

Beat Schwarz is recommended by various leading legal directories in his fields of expertise including Chambers & Partners, Legal 500 and IFLR1000. Recent reports include:

"He is very good at highlighting topics and getting them done." Chambers & Partners 2024

"We found him very commercial and very responsive." Chambers & Partners 2024

"Beat Schwarz is a very strong young partner with high negotiation, structuring and drafting skills." Chambers & Partners 2024

"Beat Schwarz is a strong performer who can run every aspect of a deal, from commercial and strategic matters down to the nuts-and-bolts process points." Chambers & Partners 2023

"He helped navigate complex shareholder dynamics to achieve an optimal outcome for our team." Chambers & Partners 2023

"Beat Schwarz knows his field, always has a very quick grasp on the issue at hand and conveys his points efficiently." Chambers & Partners 2022

"Beat Schwarz has shown exceptional availability and engagement. All our questions were answered in a short time with a very high degree of useful guidance for us that I have rarely experienced before." Legal500 2022

"Beat Schwarz is knowledgeable, helpful and efficient on corporate and regulatory insurance matters." Legal500 2022

"Excellent and efficient advice. Very knowledgeable about corporate transactions in the insurance sector." Legal500 2022

"He is a fantastic M&A lawyer." IFLR1000 2021

"Provides thought through, practical advice and high quality solutions to problems." IFLR1000 2021

"Know-how and experience in M&A is excellent. Very high commitment to customer. Very service oriented." IFLR1000 2021

"Beat Schwarz was particularly impressive in his unfailing availability, affability and acumen." Chambers & Partners 2021

"His ability to keep composure under pressure is spectacular, regardless of the time of day or night." Chambers & Partners 2021

"Very skilled and knowledgeable" Chambers & Partners 2020

"Experienced, diligent and pragmatic" Chambers & Partners 2020

"Knowledgeable and practical" Legal 500 2019

"He's quick, always responsive and competent." IFLR1000 2018

"Beat Schwarz impresses in banking M&A and financial transactions." Legal 500 2018

Beat Schwarz is a graduate of the University of St. Gallen (lic. iur. HSG, 2004) and Cornell University School of Law (LL.M., 2008). In 2003, he worked for the Swiss Federal Competition Authorities practicing Swiss antitrust law. Beat Schwarz joined Pestalozzi as a junior associate in 2004 and became an associate after his admission to the Zurich bar in 2006. After graduating from Cornell in 2008, he practiced as a foreign associate with a U.S. law firm in New York in international and U.S. domestic commercial, corporate/M&A and financing transactions and rejoined Pestalozzi end of 2009.

Market Perception

Beat Schwarz has a creative spirit, is very focused and pragmatic, client oriented and solution driven. (The Legal 500, 2026)

He was always available and had responses to difficult questions in real time. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Beat is very proactive in terms of identifying potential issues. He is also very hard working and responsive (Chambers Global, 2026)

Beat Schwarz is very skilled, knowledgeable and experienced. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Beat Schwarz is a very pleasant and involved adviser who takes real ownership of the case. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Beat Schwarz is commercial and cooperative. He tries to find solutions as opposed to trying to escalate things. (Chambers Global, 2026)

We found him very commercial and very responsive. (Chambers & Partners, 2024)

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He is a fantastic M&A lawyer. (IFLR1000, 2021)

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Excellent and efficient advice. Very knowledgeable about corporate transactions in the insurance sector. (The Legal 500 Client Feedback, 2022)

Career

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| 2015 | Partner at Pestalozzi |
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| 2008 | US international law firm in New York: foreign associate (2008/2009)
Cornell University: LL.M. (2007/2008) |
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| 2006 | Bar admission: Switzerland
Associate at Pestalozzi |
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| 2004 | Junior Associate at Pestalozzi
University of St Gallen: lic. iur. HSG |
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| 2003 | Swiss Federal Competition Authorities (WEKO): intern/research associate |
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Languages

- English
- German

Practice Areas

- Investigation
- Governance
- Capital Markets
- Corporate / M&A
- Financial Services
- Insurance
- Private Equity & Venture Capital
- Restructuring & Insolvency

Membership

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- Swiss American Lawyers Association (SALA)
- The Swiss Private Equity & Corporate Finance Association (SECA)