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.

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)

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)

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

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

Career

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

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)