

# Florian Mohs

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**Florian Mohs is a partner of Pestalozzi's Litigation & Arbitration Group and head of the Arbitration Group in Zurich. He acts as counsel in international commercial arbitrations and in court proceedings in Switzerland. Florian handles a wide range of commercial and corporate disputes, having broad experience in advising trading companies in commodities disputes, industrial companies in engineering and construction disputes, and pharmaceutical companies in licensing matters.**

Florian Mohs' practice focuses on international commercial dispute resolution by arbitration and litigation. Florian represents clients as counsel in international commercial arbitrations, both institutional and ad hoc, as well as in court proceedings in Switzerland. His court practice also covers matters such as setting aside proceedings against Swiss arbitral awards, attachment of assets to enforce foreign arbitral awards or court judgments, and the contentious aspects of bankruptcy and composition proceedings.

Florian handles a wide range of commercial and corporate disputes. He has broad experience advising in the area of international trade, particularly relating to commodities trading in minerals, metals and energy sources, and business insight gained from his secondment to a major international commodities trader. He also has experience in dealing with construction matters, ranging from the installation of machinery to infrastructure projects, pharmaceuticals disputes, including licensing issues, and aspects of banking and finance, including trade finance.

Florian is an expert on the United Nations Convention for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). He is a contributor to the leading commentary in the field and speaks and publishes regularly on the CISG, as well as on litigation and arbitration topics. Before joining Pestalozzi, Florian worked as a

research and teaching assistant to Professor Dr. I. Schwenzer, LL.M. at the University of Basel, where his work focussed on the CISG. He has remained connected to the University of Basel as a lecturer for several years.

Florian is trained in both civil and common law jurisdictions and holds law degrees from Switzerland (Dr. iur., summa cum laude, University of Basel, 2005), New Zealand (LL.M., with distinction, Victoria University of Wellington, 2006), and Germany (First State Exam, Baden-Württemberg, 2002, concluding his legal studies at the Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg). Florian was admitted to the Swiss Bar in 2008.

### **Market Perception**

He is very strong in applying legal concepts to the position he must take in advocating for his client, as well as arguing why his position is also commercially sound. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Florian is certainly one of the strongest arbitration lawyers in the market. He has a deep understanding of his clients' businesses and the commercial aspects of a case. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Florian Mohs is a top name in dispute resolution, recognised for his "excellent practice in cross-border matters" and "strong advocacy for the interests of his clients". (Lexology Index Arbitration, 2026)

A brilliant lawyer. (Who's Who Legal, 2023)

Florian is certainly among the best when it comes to large projects covering multiple jurisdictions. (Who's Who Legal, 2023)

Florian Mohs comes highly recommended for his "organised, precise, punctual and accurate preparation of documents" in complex dispute resolution proceedings. His "noteworthy ability to dive into the pertinent details of multinational claims" is further praised. (Who's Who Legal, 2022)

Florian Mohs in an excellent arbitration counsel highly dedicated to defend the rights of his clients. (The Legal 500, 2021)

Florian Mohs is simply an excellent lawyer, both at understanding the detailed legal position and at understanding how to place this in a strategic business context. (The Legal 500, 2020)

Florian Mohs – very commercial, strategic good advice, responsive. (The Legal 500, 2021)

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## Career

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- 2016 Partner at Pestalozzi
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- 2009 University of Basel: Lecturer
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- 2008 Associate at Pestalozzi  
Major international commodities trader: secondment as litigation counsel  
Bar admission: Switzerland
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- 2006 University of Basel, Switzerland: Dr. iur. (summa cum laude)  
Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand: LL.M. (with distinction)  
Junior Associate at Pestalozzi
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- 2005 Swiss National Science Foundation scholar, visiting scholar at ANU Canberra and  
University of Melbourne, Australia
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- 2002 University of Basel, Switzerland: Research and teaching assistant to Prof. Dr. I.  
Schwenzer, LL.M.  
University of Freiburg, Germany: First State Exam (Baden-Württemberg)  
University of Freiburg, Germany: Junior research assistant to Prof. em. Dr. Dres. h.c.  
Peter Schlechtriem, M.C.L.

## Languages

- German
- English

## Practice Areas

- Infrastructure
- Blockchain & Crypto Assets
- Energy
- Life Sciences
- Litigation & Arbitration
- Restructuring & Insolvency
- White-Collar Crime

## **Membership**

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit (DIS)
- London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA)