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Irene Roethlisberger is a Senior Associate in Pestalozzi's Litigation & Arbitration Group in Zurich. She represents corporate clients as counsel in complex commercial disputes before arbitral tribunals and state courts in Switzerland.

Irene's arbitration practice includes proceedings under various institutional rules, including the Swiss Rules, ICC, HKIAC and AAA Rules. Her court practice includes commercial litigation before Swiss courts, setting-aside proceedings against Swiss arbitral awards, and the recognition and enforcement of judgments and arbitral awards. Irene also assists clients with the enforcement of claims and represents creditors in bankruptcy and composition proceedings.

Irene handles disputes in which legal questions are closely connected with the underlying commercial, economic and technical issues. Her experience includes representing clients in the transport, insurance, industrial and life sciences sectors, including in disputes arising from distribution and franchise agreements. Her insurance-sector experience is supported by valuable business insight gained as interim Head Legal Switzerland of a global insurance company, where she was responsible for the company's legal affairs in Switzerland.

Her experience includes

Counsel for a global transportation company in a price-adjustment arbitration before SAC

Counsel for the purchaser of a large industrial plant in a dispute concerning defects and substantial delays

Counsel for a distributor concerning claims and counterclaims arising from an international distribution agreement in a Swiss Rules proceeding

Counsel for insurers and policyholders in separate insurance coverage disputes

Irene holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Law and Economics from the University of St. Gallen, where she returns each semester as a guest lecturer in the Integration Seminar. Before qualifying as an attorney, she gained practical court experience as a law clerk at the District Court of Bülach and worked in the international disputes practice of a law firm in London. She was admitted to the Swiss Bar in 2019.

Career

2026	Senior Associate at Pestalozzi
2019	Associate at Pestalozzi Bar Admission: Switzerland Secondment at global insurance company as interim Head Legal Switzerland
2017	Legal Intern at WilmerHale, London
2016	University of St. Gallen: M.A. HSG in Law and Economics District Court of Buelach: Law Clerk
2015	Junior Associate at Pestalozzi
2013	University of St. Gallen: B.A. HSG in Law and Economics
2012	Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto: Exchange Program

Languages

- German
- English

Practice Areas

- Restructuring & Insolvency
- Litigation & Arbitration
- Insurance
- Infrastructure
- Life Sciences

Membership

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- Swiss Arbitration Association below 40 (ASA)