Michael Kramer

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Michael Kramer is a partner and member of Pestalozzi's Litigation and Arbitration group in Zurich. He specializes in commercial litigation and arbitration as well as in cases of international judicial assistance in cross-border disputes and white-collar crimes. Michael Kramer also serves as an arbitrator in institutional arbitrations under various rules (such as ICC Rules and Swiss Rules) and ad hoc arbitrations. He is listed as a leading individual in Legal 500 for litigation.

Michael Kramer received his degrees from the University of Fribourg (lic. iur., summa cum laude) in 1991 and from the University of Chicago Law School (LL.M.) in 1999. He was admitted to the bar in Switzerland in 1992 and joined Pestalozzi in 1999. From 2012 to 2019, Michael Kramer served as chairman of Pestalozzi.

Michael Kramer is a member of the Arbitration Court of the Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution.

Michael Kramer is ranked in Chambers, Who's Who Legal and, as a leading individual for litigation, in Legal 500.

His recent cases have involved disputes in various industries such as banking, pharmaceuticals, insurance, commodities, telecommunications and construction.

Michael Kramer's practice also includes the litigious aspects of debt collection and bankruptcy law, as well as white collar crime matters. He has broad experience in asset tracing and freezing.

Market Perception

Michael Kramer is a top-notch litigator, absolutely recommendable for fighting hard and navigating the client safely through extremely complex cases involving multiples foreign jurisdictions. Accompanied by an experienced team providing detailed and efficient support. (The Legal 500, 2026)

Michael Kramer is a highly experienced, sophisticated and reliable litigator. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Michael is a very experienced lawyer who inspires confidence given his wise advice over the years. He really grasps what is at stake. (Chambers Global, 2026)

He is very experienced, with good common sense. (Chambers & Partners, 2023)

Michael Kramer is a very experienced litigator with a sharp legal mind and deep understanding of business. (Chambers & Partners, 2023)

Michael Kramer is a very experienced litigator who is always very well prepared and knows all the details of the file. (The Legal 500 Client Feedback, 2021)

Michael Kramer is a very experienced arbitration counsel. (The Legal 500 Client Feedback, 2021)

Career

2003	Partner at Pestalozzi
1999	University of Chicago Law School: LL.M. Associate at Pestalozzi
1992	Bar admission: Switzerland
1991	University of Fribourg: lic. iur., summa cum laude

Languages

- English
- French
- German

Practice Areas

- White-Collar Crime
- Investigation
- Infrastructure
- ESG
- Restructuring & Insolvency
- Litigation & Arbitration
- Compliance
- Insurance
- Life Sciences

Membership

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- Insolvency Law Association (SchKG-Vereinigung)
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- International Insolvency Institute (III)
- Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)