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Michael Lips, Certified Specialist SBA Construction and Real Estate Law, is partner and head of Pestalozzi's Real Estate and Environment practice. He has long-standing experience in real estate, environmental and public procurement law. For years, he worked exclusively in this field, handling numerous transactions, contracts, public procurement and regulatory matters. He frequently publishes in his fields of expertise and he is recognized by Chambers, Legal 500, Best Lawyers and others.

Michael Lips' fields of expertise include commercial and residential leases, sales, pledges and encumbrances of real properties, building and other work contracts, real estate transactions including public private partnerships and all types of environmental issues. He frequently advises on compliance and other regulatory matters such as the acquisition of real properties by non-Swiss residents and rural land rights. In public procurement law, Michael Lips regularly works for public authorities throughout the entire procurement process and related court litigation. He also advises bidders in preparing tenders and in related litigation. Michael Lips advises domestic and international business and private clients. He frequently represents clients before Swiss courts. Michael Lips graduated from the Zurich University (lic.iur., 1997; Dr. iur., 2003) and from the University of Virginia (LL.M., 2004). He served at the District Court of Meilen for two years. Michael Lips was admitted to the bar in 2001 and joined Pestalozzi in 2002. In 2016, he obtained the Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) Construction and Real Estate Law from Fribourg University. Since 2017, he is a Certified Specialist SBA Construction and Real Estate Law.

Market Perception

He has been responsive, very thorough in his counselling, and commercially considerate. (Chambers & Partners, 2023)

Michael Lips is always quickly reachable and has always provided timely support. He grasps the topics immediately and always includes commercial, entrepreneurial and economic aspects in his advice. (Chambers & Partners, 2023)

He is a very active, present person with quick comprehension, who also pays attention to detailed formulations. (Chambers & Partners, 2023)

Michael Lips is absolutely top in terms of competence and character. (The Legal 500 Client Feedback, 2022)

Michael Lips is very experienced in real estate transactions. (The Legal 500 Client Feedback, 2021)

Michael Lips is a long-standing fixture in the Swiss market, renowned for his invaluable insights into environment-related regulation and transactions. (Who's Who Legal, 2020)

Michael Lips has the outstanding ability to get to the point. (The Legal 500 Client Feedback, 2020)

Michael Lips possesses a sweeping knowledge of real estate law and is recognised in particular for his great focus on public procurement. (Who's Who Legal, 2020)

Career

2017	Certified Specialist SBA Construction and Real Estate Law Head Pestalozzi real estate and environment practice group
2016	Fribourg University: Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) Construction and Real Estate Law
2010	Partner at Pestalozzi and co-head real estate and environment practice group
2004	University of Virginia, School of Law: LL.M.
2003	Zurich University: Dr. iur.
2002	Associate at Pestalozzi
2001	Bar Admission
1998	District Court of Meilen: law clerk and secretary to judge
1997	Zurich University: lic. iur.

Languages

- German
- English
- French

Practice Areas

- Infrastructure
- ESG
- Compliance
- Corporate / M&A
- Private Clients
- Real Estate & Environment

Membership

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- Swiss Advocates‘ Chamber of Certified Specialists SBA Construction and Real Estate Law