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Petra Hanselmann is a partner and member of the Corporate / M&A group in Zurich. She advises clients in mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions and corporate reorganisations, including pre-transaction restructurings and post-acquisition integrations. Petra Hanselmann has broad experience in cross-border M&A, carve-outs and joint venture transactions in particular. She also routinely advises on general corporate and corporate governance matters.

Petra Hanselmann has broad experience in a range of product and service sectors, including consumer goods, industrial, healthcare and technology.

Petra Hanselmann is recommended in her fields of expertise by various leading legal directories, including Chambers & Partners and The Legal 500. Recent reports include the following:

• "The team, including Petra Hanselmann, is very hands-on and easy to deal with, while at the same time persistent and always acting in the best interest of the client." (The Legal 500, 2022)

• "Petra Hanselmann continues to develop a strong practice in Zurich, offering expertise in cross-border acquisitions, carve-outs and restructuring mandates." (Chambers, 2022)

• "Petra Hanselmann is very pragmatic, well-organized and always on top of things as well as business-minded and a strong negotiator. Her advice exceeds expectations as she understands and considers the client's strategy, business model and industry." (The Legal 500, 2020)

Petra graduated from the University of Zurich Law School in 2002. After her bar admission in Switzerland in 2005, she obtained an LL.M. in corporate law from New York University in 2007. Before joining Pestalozzi Petra was a partner with a major international law firm in Zurich.

Market Perception

Petra Hanselmann is a very brilliant negotiator. She is always available for us and very quick. I would 100% recommend her. (Chambers Global, 2026)

She effectively translates our interests into appropriate legal documentation. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Petra represented us with heart and soul alongside her team, consistently showing genuine interest in our concerns and actively advocating for our interests. (Chambers Global, 2026)

With Petra Hanselmann on their side, corporate clients can focus on the big picture. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Petra has sound judgement and the strategic and financial understanding that I need. She cuts through these complex issues in M&A. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Petra Hanselmann is a very strong lawyer with great dedication to the deal. (Chambers & Partners, 2025)

Petra Hanselmann has a really high level of experience in M&A transactions and is an outstanding negotiator. (Chambers & Partners, 2025)

She is very commercial and calm in her approach to get results. (Chambers & Partners, 2024)

Petra Hanselmann is an excellent lawyer with high commercial awareness. (Chambers & Partners, 2023)

She is a great lawyer with a very high level of responsiveness who is able to provide pragmatic and practical solutions to complex legal issues. (Chambers & Partners, 2023)

She is very business-minded and service-oriented. (Chambers & Partners, 2023)

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Career

2022	Partner at Pestalozzi
2017	Partner at major international law firm in Zurich
2011	Associate at major international law firm in Zurich
2008	Associate at major Swiss law firm in Zurich
2007	Associate at US law firm in New York City New York University (NYU), Master in corporate Laws, LL.M.
2005	Associate at major international law firm in Zurich Bar admission: Switzerland
2002	Junior Associate at major Swiss law firm University of Zurich: lic. iur.

Languages

- German
- English
- French

Practice Areas

- Governance
- Capital Markets
- Corporate / M&A
- Life Sciences
- Private Equity & Venture Capital

Membership

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- Swiss American Society (SAS)
- Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce (Swiss Amcham)