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Thomas Legler is a partner and Head of Arbitration in Geneva. His practice focuses on representing clients in (inter)national arbitration and acting as arbitrator. In addition, he advises clients in the field of intellectual property (trademarks, patents, copyright), IT and data protection. Swiss Parliament elected him as deputy judge of the Federal Patent Court.

Thomas Legler is specialized in general contract and corporate law (incl. distributorship and licensing; pharmaceuticals and watch industry); international and domestic arbitration; litigation in civil law; intellectual property law (patents, trademarks, copyright); telecommunications, computer and Internet law; media and privacy law; construction law. Thomas Legler is author of several publications, in particular in the field of arbitration, IP and Internet issues, and he is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences (see specific list). Thomas Legler is recommended as litigator and arbitrator in professional publications and listings, such as The Legal 500, Chambers and Partners Europe, Who's Who Legal, Best Lawyers, Patent Law Experts, Managing Intellectual Property (MIP) and Lexology. In 2020, Thomas Legler was awarded with the Lexology / Client Choice award for Patent Law in Switzerland.

Career

2015	Partner, Pestalozzi Attorneys at Law
2014	Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Fellow (FCIArb)
1997	Partner of a major Swiss law firm in Geneva
1996	University of Geneva: Doctorate in law
1995	Foreign Associate, Wilmer Cutler & Pickering (now: WilmerHale)
1993	University of Geneva: LLM ("D.E.S."; Diplôme Etudes Supérieures en droit)
1991	Associate in a major Swiss law firm in Geneva Canton of Geneva: Bar admission
1989	Legal Counsel, Swiss Union of Privat Railways (UTP)
1988	University of Berne: Degree in law ("Fürsprecher") Canton of Berne: Bar admission

Languages

- English
- French
- German

Practice Areas

- Compliance
- IP & TMT
- Life Sciences
- Litigation & Arbitration

Membership

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Geneva Bar Association (ODA)
- Association of European Trade Mark Owners (MARQUES)
- Association romande de la propriété intellectuelle (AROPI)
- Association suisse de l'arbitrage (ASA)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), Fellow
- Deutsches Institut für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit (DIS)
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), member of the IP panel
- Indicative list of WTO Panelists
- Institut für gewerblichen Rechtsschutz (INGRES)
- International Bar Association (IBA), officer of the IP and Entertainment Law Committee
- London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- Silicon Valley Arbitration and Mediation Center (SVAMC), member of Tech List
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), member of list of neutrals