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Thomas Rohner is a partner and represents clients in litigation before Swiss courts and in international arbitration proceedings. His practice focuses on all aspects of commercial and M&A disputes, judicial assistance, and asset tracing, often in a cross-border context and involving various industries (including banking, commodity trading, life sciences, pharmaceuticals, construction, and energy). He also acts as an arbitrator. Further, he specializes in estate and insolvency disputes.

Thomas Rohner is a member of the Litigation & Arbitration Group and the Private Clients Group at Pestalozzi Zurich.

Thomas Rohner is named in legal directories such as Chambers, Legal 500 and Who's Who Legal. Chambers (2016 ed.) reports that "Thomas Rohner attracts praise for his expertise as an arbitration counsel. Clients agree that 'the quality of his work is excellent, both in terms of the merits of the advice and the form and style'." Legal 500 (2016 ed.) recommends Thomas Rohner as "highly competent" in the field of arbitration and describes him as "very diligent and client-oriented" in litigation matters.

From 1997 until 2005, Thomas Rohner served as a part-time judge at a Swiss District Court, and he was a temporary vice-president of the Court in 2001. He chaired a chamber and acted as sole judge and as member of a panel of judges, gaining significant experience in the administration and resolution of proceedings in various legal and industry contexts.

Thomas Rohner regularly publishes and is a frequent speaker in the fields of international arbitration, procedural law, insolvency and inheritance law.

Thomas Rohner is a graduate of the University of St. Gallen (lic.iur., 1998; Dr.iur., 2002, with a doctoral thesis on insolvency law). In 2003, he graduated from the University of Chicago Law School (LL.M.). Thomas Rohner served as a law clerk at a District Court. In 2000, he was admitted to the bar. Prior to joining Pestalozzi, Thomas Rohner worked as an international associate for a major law firm in Washington DC. He became a partner in 2008.

Career

2020	Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, London: CEDR Accredited Mediator
2008	Partner at Pestalozzi
2004	Associate at Pestalozzi
2003	University of Chicago Law School: LL.M. US international law firm in Washington, DC: international associate
2002	University of St Gallen: Dr. iur.
2001	District Court of Baden: Temporary Vice-President
2000	Bar admission: Switzerland
1998	University of St Gallen: lic. iur.
1997	District Court of Baden: Part-time Judge (1997-2005)

Languages

- German
- English
- French

Practice Areas

- Litigation & Arbitration
- Private Clients
- White Collar Crime

Membership

- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- American Bar Association (ABA)
- INSOL
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- SchKG-Vereinigung
- Verein Successio