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Andreas Lienhard is a partner and member of Pestalozzi's Litigation & Arbitration Group as well as of the Employment & Pensions Group in Zurich. He specializes in national and international commercial law litigations, debt enforcement and insolvency proceedings and arbitration.

Andreas represents clients in disputes involving private international law, contract law, administrative law and, in particular, employment law, before state courts and in arbitrations, where he acts as both Counsel as well as arbitrator. He regularly litigates before commercial courts and, especially, labor courts. He has particular expertise in representing clients in disputes about, e.g., summary dismissals, unfair and/or invalid ordinary dismissals, bonuses, equity grants, overtime and extra-time, non-compete obligations and gender equality. He also regularly assists and advises clients in connection with (national and cross-border) internal investigations.

Andreas began his professional career as a law clerk at the district court of Dietikon, Canton of Zurich, in 2008. He worked as an associate in the employment law team of a leading Swiss law firm in Zurich (2012 to 2014) before joining Pestalozzi Attorneys at Law Ltd in 2015. Through his professional work, Andreas gained broad experiences in litigating and arbitrating disputes across various industries, including commodities, engineering and construction, public transportation, life sciences, IT, banking, energy, e-commerce and sports.

Andreas is an expert on Swiss civil procedure law, Swiss private international law, arbitration law as well as Swiss contract and employment law. Apart from his professional work, Andreas gained his expertise through his studies in Zurich, especially his work as an assistant at the chair of Prof. Dr. Ulrich Haas in the field of domestic and international litigation and arbitration. Andreas completed

his studies with a doctoral thesis on litigation law (2012; magna cum laude), an LL.M. in International Business Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science (2015; distinction) and the CAS in Arbitration offered by the Swiss Arbitration Academy AG (2017, excellent). He is the author of three bestseller textbooks in his field of expertise, where he also regularly publishes articles, contributes to well renowned commentaries and acts as speaker.

Career

2023	Partner at Pestalozzi
2020	Senior Associate at Pestalozzi
2015	Associate at Pestalozzi
2014	The London School of Economics and Political Science: LL.M. in International Business Law
2012	Associate at leading Swiss law firm based in Zurich University of Zurich: Dr. iur.
2011	Bar Admission: Switzerland
2008	University of Zurich: Lic. iur. District court of Dietikon, Canton Zurich: Law clerk

Languages

- English
- German

Practice Areas

- Employment & Pensions
- Life Sciences
- Litigation & Arbitration

Membership

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- Swiss Arbitration Association below 40 (ASA)
- SchKG-Vereinigung