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Lara Dorigo is partner and heads the Intellectual Property group at Pestalozzi. She has profound experience in every field of intellectual property law with a particular affinity for technology-related issues. Her practice focuses on IP enforcement and defence, technology transfer agreements and branding strategies.

Lara is a passionate IP litigator and licensing specialist. She has extensive experience with pharmaceutical and biologics patent litigation before courts and arbitral tribunals, including disputes regarding small molecules, monoclonal antibodies, biosimilars, immunotherapies, diagnostics and SPCs. Lara also handles cases in the fields of medtech, chemistry and mechanics and she equally enjoys acting in trademark, copyright and unfair competition litigation.

In addition, Lara advises clients on branding strategies, parallel import and grey market issues, selective distribution agreements and entertainment law. She provides transactional and legal support to her clients on licensing, R&D agreements, and other sorts of technology transfer agreements and issues, and she advises on life sciences regulatory matters.

Lara is also a non-permanent judge of the Federal Patent Court. She is the author of many publications and a frequent speaker on IP and licensing topics.

Her studies at New York University School of Law and the experience gained working in the IP litigation group of a magic circle firm in London complement Lara's knowledge of Swiss intellectual property law and procedure.

Lara's expertise was recognized by Chambers Europe, The Legal 500, IAM Patent 1000, WTR 1000, Who's Who Legal ('Global Leader IP-Patents', Thought Leader Patents/Trademarks/Life Sciences), Best Lawyers, WIPR Leaders, Managing Intellectual Property ('IP Star'), Expert Guides and LMG Life Sciences. WIPR lists her as one of the World's Influential Women in IP and she appears in Managing Intellectual Property's Top 250 Women in IP.

Career

2022	Partner at Pestalozzi
2017	Appointed as non-permanent judge of the Swiss Federal Patent Court
2014	Counsel at Lenz & Staehelin in Zurich
2009	Senior Associate in the IP Litigation Group of Allen & Overy in London (2009/2010)
2006	New York University School of Law: LL.M. in Trade Regulation (2005/2006)
2003	Bar admission: Switzerland (St. Gallen) Associate at Lenz & Staehelin in Zurich
2002	Law clerk at District Court of Rheintal (St. Gallen)
2001	Junior lawyer at a major Swiss law firm in Zurich University of St.Gallen: lic. iur.

Languages

- German
- English
- Italian

Practice Areas

- Competition & Trade
- Environment, Social, Governance (ESG)
- IP & TMT
- Life Sciences
- Litigation & Arbitration

Membership

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- Association of European Trade Mark Owners (MARQUES), Member of the Amicus Curiae Team
- European Patent Lawyers Association (EPLAW)
- Institut für Gewerblichen Rechtsschutz (INGRES)
- International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI)
- International Trademark Association (INTA), Member of the Parallel Imports Team
- Licensing Executives Society (LES)