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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 patent litigation before courts and arbitral tribunals, in particular disputes for technology companys and in the field of pharmaceuticals and biologics, including biosimilars and SPCs. Lara also handles cases in the fields of medtech, chemistry, electornics 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 (Band 1 for IP), The Legal 500, IAM Patent 1000 (Gold Band, Global Leaders), WTR 1000 (Gold Band, Global Leaders), Who's Who Legal ('Global Leader IP-Patents', Thought Leader Patents/Trademarks/Life Sciences), Best Lawyers and Managing Intellectual Property ('IP Star'). WIPR listed her as one of the World's Influential Women in IP and she appears in Managing Intellectual Property's Top 250 Women in IP (2019-2025).

Market Perception

Lara Dorigo is an outstanding IP lawyer and an exceptionally talented and experienced litigator. She always gives sound and concise advice, and her work is very thorough and diligent. (Chambers & Partners, 2025)

In a league of her own, Lara has a great eye for detail, knows how to set up a pan-European enforcement strategy and is outstandingly brilliant. (WTR1000, 2025)

A true star who shines brightly due to her merits. (WTR1000, 2025)

Her advice comprises not just the IP considerations but includes the overall business aspects; and her delivery to time and budget is unparalleled. (Chambers & Partners, 2023)

Lara Dorigo grasps facts very quickly, has excellent analytical thinking and has outstanding technical understanding that allows her to work her way into new technical areas at high speed. Lara works very expeditiously, meets promised deadlines and does not lose her cool even in hectic times. (The Legal 500, 2023)

Lara Dorigo has an excellent understanding of the commercial priorities of our life sciences / healthcare business and adapts her astute advice accordingly. (The Legal 500, 2023)

Lara Dorigo is an outstanding lawyer. Her skills and efficiency are remarkable. Customer orientation is key for her. She is definitely one of the best IP lawyers in Switzerland and it is a pleasure to work with her. (The Legal 500, 2023)

She is a committed, determined lawyer who produces persuasive and clear arguments, while never losing sight of the bigger picture. Lara is a joy to work with and shows a remarkable level of teamwork, professionalism and kindness. (IAM Patent 1000, 2022 (Gold))

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

- IP & TMT
- Life Sciences
- Litigation & Arbitration
- Competition & Trade
- ESG

Membership

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