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Pascal Richard is a partner and member of the Corporate / M&A group in Zurich. He has broad experience in corporate transactions including acquisitions, mergers, divestitures, joint ventures and reorganisations in various industries with a particular focus on the financial services, fintech and technology sectors.

Before joining Pestalozzi, Pascal Richard was a partner at a major international law firm in Zurich. He regularly conducts presentations in the fields of M&A and corporate law, inter alia, at the University of St. Gallen and Unternehmerforum Schweiz AG.

Pascal Richard studied at the University of Bern and was admitted to the Zurich Bar in 2006 and to the roll of solicitors of the Senior Courts of England and Wales in 2009. In 2011, he obtained an LL.M. from the College of Law of England and Wales.

Market Perception

Pascal Richard is sharp-minded and as tough a negotiator as they come, with the uncanny ability to break down complex matters into bite-sized pieces for his corporate clients. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Pascal Richard is an excellent professional and strong leader. (Chambers Global, 2026)

His ability to distil complex legal issues into actionable advice is very much appreciated. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Pascal Richard exemplifies the ideal corporate counsel, combining deep legal expertise with a keen business sense. His strategic insights have been pivotal in navigating complex M&A transactions. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Pascal Richard knows how to negotiate what really matters. The team have excellence in client service. (The Legal 500, 2025)

Pascal Richard is an excellent professional. He provides excellent technical quality paired with very good business-oriented advice. (Chambers & Partners, 2025)

Pascal Richard is a fantastic lawyer to have on your side. He is sharp, a great negotiator and quick to spot the issues. (The Legal 500, 2023)

Pascal Richard is well-versed in all aspects of corporate transactions across a broad range of industries including the financial services, technology, and fintech sectors. (Lexology Index, 2025)

Pascal Richard has the uncanny ability to navigate through the details of complex M&A transactions while never losing sight of the big picture. (Chambers & Partners, 2024)

Career

2022	Partner at Pestalozzi
2016	Partner at major international law firm in Zurich
2012	Associate and Partner at law firm in Zurich
2011	College of Law of England and Wales: LL.M.
2009	Admission as solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales Associate at law firm in Zurich
2008	Secondment at law firm in London
2006	Associate at law firm in Zurich Bar admission: Switzerland
2004	Junior Associate at law firm in Zurich
2003	Legal counsel in the legal department of a Swiss defense and technology group University of Bern: lic. iur.

Languages

- German
- English
- French

Practice Areas

- Governance
- Capital Markets
- Corporate / M&A
- Financial Services
- Private Equity & Venture Capital

Membership

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)