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Sarah Drukarch is a Partner and member of Pestalozzi's IP & TMT, Life Sciences, as well as Corporate/M&A Practice Groups in Zurich. She is a leading intellectual property and life sciences lawyer in Switzerland, with a strong focus on the pharmaceutical, medical device, and healthcare sectors. She advises clients on IP matters, unfair competition, advertising law, and data protection, as well as food and healthcare regulation, IT law, and media law.

Sarah Drukarch advises and represents domestic and foreign corporations in the life sciences sector as well as in a broad range of other industries, including foodstuffs, consumer goods, media, ICT, and automotive. She supports clients in establishing and maintaining intellectual property rights and related licensing and transfer matters. Her broad IP experience covers both domestic and cross-border M&A transactions as well as contentious matters.

In the field of life sciences, Sarah Drukarch is regularly involved in the negotiations for international research and development projects, covering all ranges and aspects of pre-clinical, clinical, and post-marketing set-ups. She advises manufacturers and service providers of regulated products on the full range of life sciences regulatory and commercial matters. Her work includes supply chain and distribution arrangements for pharmaceutical products and medical devices, securing marketing authorizations, industry□specific permits, and know□how protection, as well as structuring of compliance and vigilance frameworks. Further, she assists clients on topics ranging from product liability, rights in data, to sponsoring and compensation models, as well as in other complex contract negotiations. In addition, Sarah handles disputes in the life sciences industry and represents clients in international arbitration proceedings, before domestic state courts, and administrative authorities. IAM Patent praises her as a trusted practitioner with notable expertise in life sciences, covering all stages of the R&D process. Sarah's expertise has been recognized by her continued inclusion as Rising Star in Switzerland by IP Stars since 2020.

Sarah Drukarch graduated from the University of Lucerne (Master of Law (MLaw), 2014), having spent one semester at Temple University Beasley School of Law (Philadelphia, USA). She joined Pestalozzi in 2015 and was admitted to the Swiss Bar in 2016. Her professional languages are German and English. She has also a proficient command of Hebrew, French and Italian and is able to freely communicate in Dutch.

Market Perception

Sarah Drukarch is highly recommended - reliable, quick turnaround, pragmatic! (The Legal 500, 2026)

Sarah Drukarch is a highly professional, experienced and solution-oriented lawyer. Trustful legal partner. (The Legal 500, 2025)

Sarah Drukarch is very knowledgeable on operational aspects with very relevant field feedbacks. (The Legal 500, 2024)

She is detail-oriented, fast and gives pragmatic legal support. (Chambers & Partners, 2023)

She is customer oriented with excellent communication skills. (The Legal 500, 2023)

She is very strong in complex legal projects. (Chambers & Partners, 2023)

Career

2023	Partner at Pestalozzi
2020	Part time secondment at a global medical device manufacturer advising the local business units for the end customer market Senior Associate at Pestalozzi
2018	Part time secondment at a global medical device manufacturer focusing on contractual & regulatory requirements for clinical trials
2016	Associate at Pestalozzi Admission to Swiss bar
2015	Junior Associate at Pestalozzi
2014	University of Lucerne: Master of Law
2013	Exchange student Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia
2012	University of Lucerne: Bachelor of Law

Languages

- German
- English
- Hebrew
- Italian
- Dutch
- French

Practice Areas

- ESG
- Corporate / M&A
- IP & TMT
- Life Sciences

Membership

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI)
- International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)
- International Bar Association (IBA), officer in the IP and Entertainment Law Committee
- Licensing Executives Society Switzerland (LES)
- Pharmaceutical Trade Marks Group (PTMG)
- Swiss Association for Intellectual Property Law (INGRES)
- Swiss Association for AI Law