

Lenz & Staehelin continues its winning streak at the Who's Who Legal awards

Lenz & Staehelin has been named Switzerland Law Firm of the Year 2009 in the Who's Who Legal Awards for the fourth consecutive time.

With the benefit of over eleven years of independent research, Who's Who Legal used the thousands of nominations it has received from clients and private practice professionals to identify the leading firms in over 50 countries and five US states. The winners were formally announced in *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2009*, a compendium edition of all the individual Who's Who Legal publications, which was released in May, covering 30 practice areas and over 100 countries.

Editor in chief Callum Campbell said, "In a highly competitive field, receiving the *Who's Who Legal* Law Firm of the Year Award for Switzerland for a fourth time is an outstanding achievement. Lenz & Staehelin has won the award every year since its inception, and is among a select band of firms to achieve such a feat. The consistently positive feedback we received recognises its continuing and exceptional individual and collective talent in this jurisdiction, and we have no hesitation in once again declaring Lenz & Staehelin the leading firm in the country.

Who's Who Legal lists only the leading practitioners in each field, based exclusively on the findings of an independent six-month research process. Partners from the firm received sufficient nominations from their clients and peers to be listed 26 times across 14 practice areas in the publication. Lenz & Staehelin had more practitioners included than any other firm in the country.

A list of the Lenz & Staehelin lawyers featured in *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* accompanies this release.

The awards are based on a number of factors, including the feedback received in the ongoing research process, past performance in the research and the overall aggregate number of weighted votes cast in their favour. In addition to identifying the overall leading firm in more than 50 countries and five US states, the awards also recognise the leading firm and individual in each practice area. The compendium edition is distributed free of charge to thousands of corporate counsel and private practice lawyers from around the world. The information is also available on www.WhosWhoLegal.com and is updated daily.

In 2008, Who's Who Legal was named the Strategic Research Partner of the ABA Section of International Law, in addition to its position as Official Research Partner of the International Bar Association. In 2006, Who's Who Legal's parent company Law Business Research was recognised by The Queen's Award for Enterprise in the area of international trade. These awards are the most prestigious a British company can receive.

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Lenz & Staehelin lawyers featuring in
The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2009

First Name	Last Name	Chapter
Urs L	Baumgartner	Management Labour & Employment
Stefan	Breitenstein	Banking
Martin	Burkhardt	Commercial Litigation
Thierry	Calame	Life Sciences, Patents
Shelby R	du Pasquier	Banking, Corporate Tax, Private Funds
Xavier	Favre-Bulle	Commercial Arbitration
Patrick	Hünerwadel	Banking, Capital Markets
Martin J	Lutz	Patent
Marcel	Meinhardt	Competition
Benoit	Merkt	Competition
Lukas	Morscher	Internet & e-Commerce
Paolo Michele	Patocchi	Commercial Arbitration
Francois	Rayroux	Capital Markets
Jürg	Simon	Trademarks
Henri	Torrione	Corporate Tax
Rudolf	Tschäni	Corporate Governance, Banking, Mergers & Acquisitions
Andreas	von Planta	Capital Markets, Mergers & Acquisitions, Corporate Governance

Notes to Editors:

- Research for each practice area publication is conducted through conversations with private practice lawyers of repute in the practice area in question and in related fields, as well as with general counsel
- Subsequent telephone and face-to-face interviews are conducted internationally to permit the refining of the listing to a selection of between 100 and 600 lawyers who, by general agreement, are considered the pre-eminent lawyers in the field
- It is impossible to buy entry into this publication, only lawyers who have met independent international research criteria are listed
- The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2009 acts as a reference source for purchasers of legal services seeking to corroborate the reputations of expert lawyers recommended to them by another party
- Who's Who Legal aims to reduce the short-term costs incurred in finding a lawyer, but more significantly, to minimise the transactional expense and risk of receiving poor counsel

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