

**Lenz & Staehelin named
Switzerland's Law Firm of the Year for fifth time**

Lenz & Staehelin has been named Switzerland Law Firm of the Year 2010 in the Who's Who Legal Awards for a fifth consecutive year, having received this recognition every year since the awards' inception in 2006.

With the benefit of over 12 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 and individuals in 31 practice areas, as well as the top firm in over 50 countries and five US states. The winners are to be formally announced in *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2010*, a compendium edition of all the individual Who's Who Legal publications, which is released in July and covers 31 practice areas and over 100 countries.

Editor in chief Callum Campbell said, "In a highly competitive field, retaining the *Who's Who Legal* Switzerland Law Firm of the Year Award is an outstanding achievement. This is the fifth time Lenz & Staehelin has won the award, and it forms part of an elite group of firms to have won every year since the awards began. The consistently positive feedback we received reflects its exceptional individual and collective talent, and we have no hesitation in declaring it the leading firm in Switzerland once more."

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 29 times across 15 practice areas in the publication. Lawyers from Lenz & Staehelin were listed more times than those from any other firm in the country.

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

The awards are based on a number of factors, including the number of lawyers selected, the number of offices represented, general 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 based in Switzerland featuring in *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2010*

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

Notes:

- 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 2010 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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