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### EXPERTISE

Dr. Marcel Meinhardt is a partner at Lenz & Staehelin in Zurich and heads its Competition and Regulated Market practice group. He specialises in all areas of Swiss and European merger control cartel law, unilateral conduct, and foreign direct investment (FDI). His practice spans sectors including postal services, insurance, banking, automotive, green energy, media, retail, construction, pharmaceuticals and fragrances, ticketing, and IT. Over the years, Marcel has acted in many high-profile cases both nationally and internationally.

Marcel was awarded “European Competition & Antitrust Lawyer” of the Year 2025 by the Lexology European Awards. In 2023, he was named “Lawyer of the Year – Competition & Antitrust” at the Legalcommunity Awards Switzerland. He was elected as one of Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyers 2022, which lists independently rated lawyers. He was recognised again as Lawyer of the Year 2022 by Best Lawyers in the categories of Antitrust/Competition Law, Energy Law and Regulatory Practice. In both 2020 and 2025, he received the Client Choice Award in the Competition & Antitrust Switzerland category. He has also been recognised by Chambers and Partners as a leading lawyer in the field of Competition/Antitrust and is listed in the Legal 500 Hall of Fame. In Chambers 2021, he was listed as an outstanding practitioner with market-leading expertise.

### SPEZIALGEBIETE

Competition, General Contract and Corporate, Energy and Regulated Markets, Litigation, Public Procurement, Telecoms & Media, Internal Investigations

### BERUFLICHER WERDEGANG UND AUSBILDUNG

2002	Partner, Lenz & Staehelin
1996	Joined Lenz & Staehelin
1996	University of Zurich (Dr. iur.)
1995	College of Europe (LL.M.)
1994	New York University School of Law (LL.M.)
1992	Swiss Bar Admission
1990	University of St.Gallen (lic. iur.)

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**SPRACHEN**

 Deutsch, Englisch, Französisch
 

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**MITGLIEDSCHAFTEN**

 Swiss Association for Competition Law (ASAS), Zurich Bar Association (ZAV), Swiss Bar Association (SAV), Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht eV., International Bar Association (IBA), American Bar Association (ABA)
 

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**AUSGEWÄHLTE PUBLIKATIONEN**

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- Meinhardt M., Schwibs ., Standardisierte Verträge im Stromhandel - der

- EFET-Rahmenvertrag, in: Stromhandel, Zurich 2007, 103-119
- Meinhardt M., Ahrens ., Wettbewerbsrecht und Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit in der Schweiz - Eine Würdigung des Entscheids des Bundesgerichts vom 8. März 2006, in: SchiedsVZ Zeitschrift für Schiedsverfahren, 4/2006
  - Meinhardt M., Nachfragemacht nach revidiertem Kartellrecht, in: Jusletter 17 October 2005
  - Meinhardt M., Organisation des Einkaufs, in: Geiser/Krauskopf/Münch (eds.), Schweizerisches und Europäisches Wettbewerbsrecht - Handbuch für die Anwaltspraxis, Basel 2005
  - Meinhardt M., The Revised Swiss Competition Law, Direct Fines, Leniency and Notification, in: European Competition Law Review 2005, 48
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#### WEITERE AKTIVITÄTEN

- Board member of the Swiss Association for Competition Law (Swiss member of the International League of Competition Law)
- Regular speaker at Swiss and international competition law conferences
- Non-Governmental Advisor for the Swiss Competition Commission within the International Competition Network (ICN)

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#### REFERENZEN

He is simply an outstanding expert in his field. Working with him is very pleasant, the quality of his work is very high, he's always on time, and I greatly appreciate his expertise and knowledge.

*Chambers & Partners, 2026*

Marcel Meinhardt is an absolute expert in his field. He provides swift advice and stands out by addressing the key questions from the business side.

*Chambers & Partners, 2026*

Marcel Meinhardt leads the team very well. They demonstrated outstanding commitment and flexibility in delivering results, even under time pressure.

*The Legal 500, 2026*

I highly recommend Marcel Meinhardt as competition and antitrust lawyer in Switzerland. His broad experience, amazing know-how and customer friendliness are unreached among Swiss antitrust lawyers.

*Chambers & Partners, 2025*

He is an outstanding lawyer with an excellent business understanding and is always on the spot.

*Chambers & Partners, 2024*

His advice is always to the point, and he is commercial and proactive.

*Chambers & Partners, 2024*

He is a very quick and smart thinker with great analytical skills; he is pragmatic as well as thorough.

*Who's Who Legal, 2024*

Working with him means getting top quality - and very good value for money.

*Who's Who Legal, 2024*



The level of service and commitment of Marcel is of truly outstanding excellence in every respect.

*Who's Who Legal, 2024*

Marcel Meinhardt (and his team) is still 'The Man' to chose, whenever you need external legal know how.

*The Legal 500, 2023*

Very quick and smart thinker with great analytical skills

*Lexology Client Choice Awards, 2020*