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EXPERTISE

Peter Ling is a partner specialising in intellectual property, unfair competition and life sciences law. He represents clients in litigation before Swiss courts and governmental authorities and in arbitration proceedings. Peter also advises on licensing and IP structuring transactions, and on strategic IP issues. Peter is a member of the board of the Licensing Executives Society Switzerland (LES-CH) and the Counsel of the Board of the Licensing Executives Society International (LESI). He is an active member of AIPPI's Standing Committee on TRIPS and of the new INTA Patents Committee. Peter is a lecturer of intellectual property law at ETH Zurich and he teaches civil procedure law at the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property.

FACHGEBIETE

Intellectual Property, Unfair Competition, Licensing, Life Sciences, Healthcare, Contract Law, Litigation and Arbitration, Technology, Media & Telecoms

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

2020	Partner, Lenz & Staehelin
2010	Joined Lenz & Staehelin
2004-07	University of Lausanne (Assistant of Prof. F. Dessemontet)
2012-13	Columbia Law School (LL.M., Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar)
2010	Swiss Bar Admission
2004	University of Fribourg i. Ue. (lic. iur.)
2003	Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg i. Br., Germany (visiting student)

SPRACHEN

German, French, English, Hungarian

MEMBERSHIPS

Zurich Bar Association (ZAV), Swiss Bar Association (SAV), Center for Business Law of the University of Lausanne (CEDIDAC), Institut für Gewerblichen Rechtsschutz (INGRES), Licensing Executives Society Switzerland (LES-CH), International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI), Munich IP Dispute Resolution Forum (IPDR Forum), European Patent Lawyers'

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Peter Ling is a top-notch lawyer, always looking for excellence in every assignment.

The Legal 500, 2025

Peter Ling is super helpful and commercial. He is a pleasure to work with on IP disputes

The Legal 500, 2025

“Peter has built his reputation on a foundation of outstanding litigation skills. His courtroom presence is commanding and his strategic thinking is second to none. He navigate the intricacies of the legal system with ease, providing clear and succinct advice, even in complex matters.”

WTR 1000, 2025

Peter Ling is rigorous and has good communication and creative problem-solving skills. He is able to analyse quickly and synthesise legal issues including complex technical matters.

Chambers & Partners, 2024

“Peter’s dependable expertise in IP law, combined with his admirable availability and flexibility, has earned him a great reputation.”

IAM Patent 1000, 2024

Peter Ling always tries to understand the in-house perspective and acts like a true extended arm of the in-house team. I really appreciate the fact that even after the case was over, Peter kept providing us with updates on legal developments he spotted and which could be relevant for our industry, even



beyond the scope of TM/IP law.

The Legal 500, 2024

Peter Ling is a well regarded patent litigation lawyer who comes highly recommend for his deep knowledge and vast experience advising clients in the life sciences sector.

Who's Who Legal, 2024