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EXPERTISE

Dr. Barbara Abegg joined Lenz & Staehelin in 2017 and is based at our Zurich office, where she specialises in intellectual property – mainly patent and trademark law – and unfair competition. Barbara represents clients in litigation before Swiss courts, arbitration proceedings and administrative matters before governmental authorities. She also regularly advises on a broad range of other intellectual property and unfair competition law matters. Barbara will be teaching unfair competition law at the University of Berne starting this year, 2024. She is regularly invited to talk about intellectual property at conferences and has published on a wide range of intellectual property topics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

2023	Counsel, Lenz & Staehelin
2017	Associate, Lenz & Staehelin
2015	Associate, IP Boutique in Zurich
2013	Associate, IP Boutique in Berne
2010	Teaching and Research Assistant to Prof. Dr. Cyrill P. Rigamonti, University of Berne, Institute for Economic Law
2008	Associate, business law firm in Lucerne
2022	CAS Arbitration
2017	University of Oxford (MJur)
2013	University of Berne (Dr. iur.)
2008	Swiss Bar Admission
2007	University of Lucerne (lic. iur.)

SPECIALIST AREAS

Intellectual Property, Unfair Competition, Licensing, Contract Law, Litigation and Arbitration, Technology and Outsourcing

LANGUAGES

German, English

MEMBERSHIPS

International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI),

Deutsche Vereinigung für gewerblichen Rechtsschutz und Urheberrecht (GRUR), European Communities Trademark Association (ECTA) (Member Copyright and WIPO Link Committee), Institut für Gewerblichen Rechtsschutz (INGRES), Zurich and Swiss Bar Association (ZAV, SAV)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Abegg B., Marmy-Brändli S., Repetitorium Immaterialgüterrecht, in: Orell Füssli Verlag, 4th edition, Zurich 2023
- Abegg B., Recognition and enforcement of awards providing for specific performance or permanent injunctions, inter alia, in IP disputes, in: Daniel Girsberger/Christoph Müller (eds.), Selected Papers on International Arbitration, Volume 7, Berne 2023
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- Abegg B., Der Gebrauch der fremden Marke im Geschäftsverkehr - Eine marken- und lauterkeitsrechtliche Untersuchung nach schweizerischem und europäischem Recht, Doctoral Thesis, Bern 2013
- Abegg B., Noth ., Neuerungen im CAS-Code 2013, in: Causa Sport 2013, 112 et seqq.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Case editor for the Swiss journal for Intellectual Property, Information and Competition Law sic!

REFERENCES

Barbara Abegg is a very experienced lawyer who is clearly a rising star.

Chambers & Partners, 2025

I enjoy working with Thierry Calame and Barbara Abegg. They are top-notch professionals and know how to communicate complex matters in way that it is readily understood by their clients.

The Legal 500, 2025

“Drawing on extensive case law expertise, Barbara excels in representing clients in intellectual property disputes. She continues to establish herself as the go-to expert for companies aiming to safeguard their intellectual property in the Swiss market.”

WTR 1000, 2025

Barbara is a delight to collaborate with, demonstrating a swift and responsive approach to implementing necessary actions. Even amid complexity, she maintains a comprehensive overview, managing cases with efficiency and a goal-driven focus.

IAM Patent 1000, 2024