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EXPERTISE

Harold Frey leads our Litigation and Arbitration practice in Zurich. In the past several decades, he has represented clients in several hundred international arbitrations and court litigations. Harold's practice has a particular focus on corporate and M&A disputes as well as energy and construction related disputes. He regularly acts in cases involving states and state-owned companies (several cases pending). Harold is ranked as a leading individual as counsel in arbitration (Legal500; Chambers, Band 1). Legal500 includes him in the Hall of Fame for his continued excellence in dispute resolution over the past ten years. WWL 2023 lists him as (one out of four) Global Elite Thought Leader for Commercial Litigation in Switzerland.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

2009	Partner, Lenz & Staehelin
2005	Arbitration Group of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr, London
2001	District Court of Dielsdorf, Zurich
2001	New York Bar Admission
2001	New York University School of Law (LL.M.)
1997	Swiss Bar Admission
1996	University of Zurich (lic. iur.)

SPECIALIST AREAS

International Arbitration, Litigation, Investigations, International Legal Assistance, Sports

LANGUAGES

German, English

MEMBERSHIPS

Board member of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA), member of the Arbitration Court of the Swiss Arbitration Centre, The London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), German Institution of Arbitration (DIS), Zurich

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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Reflections on International Law, Commerce and Dispute Resolution - Liber Amicorum in honour of Robert Briner, Paris 2005, 575-599

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Lecturer on Arbitration and M&A related disputes at the University of Zurich.

REFERENCES

"Harold Frey's ability to simplify complexity is unparalleled."

Chambers, 2024

Harold Frey is one of the best known litigators in the market and an expert on disputes over acquisitions.

Chambers, 2023

He is a really top-tier counsel.

Chambers, 2023

He is brilliant, creative, strategic, and experienced. A true stand-out – not afraid to proceed outside the box when circumstances warrant.

Legal 500, 2022

Sharp and extremely well prepared

Who's Who Legal, 2022

He is my go-to person

Legal 500, 2022

A leading light in the Swiss market

Who's Who Legal, 2021

Extremely intelligent and strategic

Chambers, 2021

Leading figure

Who's Who Legal, 2021

Harold Frey is hailed as "very brilliant" and a "star among stars" when it comes to international arbitrations.

Who's Who Legal, 2020

An excellent litigator, who excels when it comes to high-profile commercial, corporate and transactional disputes.

Who's Who Legal, 2018

He is one of my top choices.

Who's Who Legal, 2018