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EXPERTISE

Dr. Martin Burkhardt is a senior counsel based at our Zurich office and considered a leading lawyer for commercial disputes. He advises and represent clients, both before state courts and arbitral tribunals, and in whatever ancillary or supplementary proceedings that may be helpful for his clients to achieve their overall objectives. This includes interim measures, administrative or penal proceedings, and enforcement or asset recovery proceedings. Martin's advice on defining and executing a legal strategy both in Switzerland and abroad is much sought after. He has extensive experience in financial services, investments and joint ventures, license, agency and distribution agreements, and corporate matters. His experience also includes pharma and medical, energy, media rights, art and disputes about family fortunes.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

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| 2025 | Senior Counsel, Lenz & Staehelin |
| 2000 | Partner, Lenz & Staehelin |
| 1994 | Joined Lenz & Staehelin |
| 1989 | Assistant to Prof. Dr. Ernst A. Kramer, University of St. Gallen |
| 1996 | University of St. Gallen (Dr. iur.) |
| 1992 | Swiss Bar Admission |
| 1991 | New York Bar Admission |
| 1991 | University of California Berkeley Law School (LL.M.) |
| 1988 | University of St.Gallen (lic. iur.) |

SPECIALIST AREAS

Commercial Litigation and International Arbitration, Private Clients, Tech Startups and Charities

LANGUAGES

German, English, French

MEMBERSHIPS

Swiss Bar Association (SAV), Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA), New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), Arbitration Court of the Swiss Chambers'

Arbitration Institution (SCAI)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Burkhardt M., Müller D., Haefeli V., The Securities Litigation Review 2023 - Switzerland, in: The Law Reviews, 9th edition, June 2023
- Burkhardt M., The Class Actions Law Review 2020 - Switzerland, in: The Law Reviews, 4th edition, May 2020, 209-211
- Burkhardt M., Sgier A., Precautionary taking of evidence in support of current proceedings, in: International Law Office, February 2019
- Burkhardt M., Oural M., Tunik D., Müller D., Litigation 2019 - Switzerland, in: Chambers Global Practice Guide, 2019
- Burkhardt M., Federal Supreme Court rules on when restitution duty arises and on its prescription, in: International Law Office, August 2017
- Burkhardt M., Court decides on controversial issue of mandate agreements and agency, in: International Law Office, October 2014
- Burkhardt M., Validity of arbitration clause contained in a player entry form, in: International Law Office, September 2010
- Burkhardt M., Supreme Court rules on administration of evidence and the right to be heard, in: International Law Office, August 2010
- Burkhardt M., Cost allocation in shareholder claims, in: International Law Office, February 2010
- Burkhardt M., Supreme Court Rules on Avoidance Actions, in: International Law Office, August 2009
- Burkhardt M., Overview about some key elements of the Swiss court system, in: International Law Office, April 2008
- Burkhardt M., Adaptation of Contracts under Changed Circumstances in Swiss Law Practice: Contracts, Arbitration and Swiss Federal Court Practice, in: St.Gallen Studies of Private, Business and Economic Law, Bern/Stuttgart/Vienna 1996

REFERENCES

Knowledgeable and tough opponent, who is intellectually good

Chambers, 2020

He impresses with his leading litigation work handling complex disputes relating to commercial and corporate finance.

Who's Who Legal, 2019

He is very calm, he is really good at negotiating.

Chambers, 2018

In terms of defining a strategy, his way of dealing with things is great.

Chambers, 2018