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Expertise

Dr. Marcel Meinhardt is a leading expert in competition law and is renowned for his broad, first-rate practice. He specializes in all areas of Swiss and European merger control work and competition law, particularly in the postal services, insurance, banking, motor-car, energy, media, retail, construction, pharma, ticketing and IT. Marcel Meinhardt also advises on regulatory issues in connection with the electricity and gas industry. He has been responsible for a large number of merger notifications to the Swiss Competition Commission and co-ordinated multi-jurisdictional merger filings. Marcel Meinhardt advises in contentious and non-contentious matters and has acted in high profile cases on alleged abuses of dominant positions, vertical restraints and cartels. He heads the Competition and Regulated Market practice group of Lenz & Staehelin.

The Swiss business magazine "Bilanz" named Marcel Meinhardt in April 2017 as competition lawyer with the most recommendations of general counsels and colleagues in Switzerland. Chambers and Partners recognize him for many years as a leading lawyer in the field of Competition/Antitrust. Marcel Meinhardt is described as a "brilliant lawyer" and clients attest that "he impresses with his first-rate theoretical and practical knowledge of competition law, and is a very quick and smart thinker, who is pragmatic as well as thorough. He tailors his advice to our individual needs and to the specific requirements of each situation, and I appreciate his incredibly fast response times. He is extremely pleasant to work

with" (2018 edition). He is commended as a "dedicated litigator who is very supportive and has good business sense" (2017 edition). Marcel Meinhardt is "outstanding in terms of what he does, what he writes and how he handles searches" (2016 edition). Legal 500 lists him in the newly published "Legal 500 Hall of Fame" as one of only four Swiss Competition lawyers who has received constant praise by his clients for continued excellence and for being "at the pinnacle of the profession". He is "one of the top leading experts in competition and antitrust law", who "focuses on results and the specific requirements of each situation" and possesses "first-rate theoretical and practical knowledge" (2018 edition). Who's Who Legal 2018 has listed Marcel Meinhardt as a "most highly regarded" lawyer and he is considered a "top partner at the firm and in Swiss competition law". According to Who's Who Legal 2017, he has the "ability to analyze complex circumstances and provide advice on both the legal and business aspects". He also qualifies as "absolutely brilliant" and as "a counsel you desperately want to have, especially on hard-core abuse of dominance, cartel and other horizontal agreements" (Who's Who Legal 2016)."

Practice Areas

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

Education and Professional Experience

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

Memberships

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)

Other Activities

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.

Publications (Selection)

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- > Meinhardt, M., Bischof, J., Nachfragemacht nach revidiertem Kartellrecht, in: Jusletter 17 October 2005
- > Meinhardt, M., Prümmer, F., Organisation des Einkaufs, in: Geiser/Krauskopf/Münch (eds.), Schweizerisches und Europäisches Wettbewerbsrecht - Handbuch für die Anwaltspraxis, Basel 2005
- > Meinhardt, M., Waser, A., The Revised Swiss Competition Law, Direct Fines, Leniency and Notification, in: European Competition Law Review 2005, 48
- > Meinhardt, M., Kommentierung von Art. 5, 6, 22 FusG (Commentary on Certain Articles of the Merger Act), in: Watter/Vogt/Tschäni/Daeniker (eds.), Basler Kommentar zum Fusionsgesetz, Basel 2004

- > Meinhardt, M., Die Beschränkung nationaler Immaterialgüterrechte durch Artikel 86 EG - Vertrag unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der essential facilities doctrine, Doctoral Thesis Zurich, Bern 1998