

LEGALCOMMUNITY AWARDS SWITZERLAND 2023, THE WINNERS

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The Legalcommunity Awards Switzerland 2023 took place at the AURA Event Saal in Zürich. The latest Edition brought together the excellence amongst In-House and law firms' teams and professionals from the Swiss legal community.

The winners were the following:

PRIVATE PRACTICE CATEGORIES

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Homburger

The law firm is considered unanimously between the top players of the Swiss legal market, thanks also to the reputation of the individuals recognized by the clients and competitors. The team activity covers a wide range of practice areas bringing excellent results in every field.

LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Tino Gaberthüel – Lenz & Staehelin

The lawyer can count on an extensive expertise and an outstanding track record that include numerous operations within the most relevant of the last 12 months. Thanks also to the credibility gained during the years, the professional continues consolidating his position on the market.

MARKET LEADER

Walder Wyss

The law firm is active and influential in almost all the practice areas of the Swiss legal market. The professionals stand out for competences and credibility, they were able to make the difference thanks to their skills and client-oriented vision.

LAWYER OF THE YEAR ADMINISTRATIVE & ENVIRONMENTAL

Christoph Jäger - Kellerhals Carrard

The lawyer is considered an expert in public construction law and its various branches such as environment and energy. The professional stand out for the high-quality advisory, technical skills and knowledge of the market.

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR ARBITRATION

Altenburger Ltd legal + tax

During the last 12 months the professionals have been involved in relevant international matters distinguishing themselves for the pragmatic approach and negotiation skills.

LAWYER OF THE YEAR ARBITRATION

Robin Moser - Loyens & Loeff

The professional stand out in the practice advising high profile clients in delicate operations. Thanks to the extensive experience in handling commercial disputes and his enviable track record.

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR BANKING & FINANCE

Bär & Karrer

The law firm team took part in some of the most important deals of the last year in the Swiss market. The professionals are considered the pick of the practice even individually, having obtained the appreciation by the market and competitors.

LAWYER OF THE YEAR BANKING & FINANCE

Sandro Abegglen – Niederer Kraft Frey

The lawyer can count in his track record a remarkable number of operations, in which he assisted important companies providing top level assistance leading a high-quality team. The professional stand out for his reputation and credibility.

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR CAPITAL MARKETS

Homburger

The law firm is considered a top player in the capital market practice. The team is composed by high level professionals which have been able to successfully advise high profile clients.

LAWYER OF THE YEAR CAPITAL MARKETS

Thomas U. Reutter – Advestra

The lawyer is considered a top player in the practice. He accumulated a wide experience advising numerous high-profile clients, being able to gain the trust from the market and the appreciation for the results he obtained.

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR CORPORATE M&A

Lenz & Staehelin

The law firm professionals are leaders in the field for the competences and the relevance of the operations coordinated. The team is cohesive and brilliantly managed and took part in some of the most important deals in the Swiss market.

LAWYER OF THE YEAR CORPORATE M&A

Daniel Daeniker – Homburger

The professional has been involved in top profile operations, relevant not only for the economic value but also for the mediatic impact. The lawyer can count on a credible team with a vast expertise.

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR COMPETITION & ANTITRUST

Kellerhals Carrard

The team is capable to manage very complex operations advising market leader clients on antitrust proceedings at the Competition Commission and at civil courts. The professionals stand out for the experience accumulated in the various aspects of the practice.

LAWYER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION & ANTITRUST

Marcel Meinhardt - Lenz & Staehelin

The lawyer coordinated numerous operations involving well known international companies, proving his managing skills at the lead position of his legal team. The professional is very appreciated by the clients, and the competitors recognize his credibility.

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR ENERGY & INFRASTRUCTURE

Vischer

The law firm energy team can count on a consolidated position on the market, it's formed by high experienced lawyers with an outstanding track record of successful operations with major companies.

LAWYER OF THE YEAR ENERGY & INFRASTRUCTURE

Martin Föhse - Kellerhals Carrard

The professional can count on a wide experience in administrative law that make the difference in the quality of his advice. The lawyer during the years gained a high level of credibility in the energy industry thanks also to the capability to manage complex issues.

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR HEALTHCARE, LIFE SCIENCES, PHARMA

Bär & Karrer

The law firm has been working alongside high profile companies in the field, in operations valuable economically and strategically. The team is formed by skilled professionals capable to approach intelligently the most delicate challenges that healthcare market presents.

LAWYER OF THE YEAR HEALTHCARE, LIFE SCIENCES, PHARMA

Oliver Gnehm – BGPartner

The professional advised, during the last 12 months, top player pharma companies, always bringing high quality assistance. He is appreciated by the market for his track record and technical skills.

LAWYER OF THE YEAR INSURANCE

Kevin M. Hubacher - MLL Legal

The lawyer leads a team capable of providing a 360-degree assistance in several aspect of legal insurance assistance. the professional stand out for his knowledge dept and effectiveness.

LAWYER OF THE YEAR IP&TMT

Michael Ritscher – MLL Legal

The lawyer is considered by the market and competitors a referral figure in intellectual property dispute resolutions. He gained during the years a remarkable experience that often make the difference in advisory operations.

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR LABOUR

Walder Wyss

The law firm is one of the leaders in the employment field, they have been advising different realities from social security matters to transactional matters. The team is well appreciated by the market being able to adapt to the client's needs.

LAWYER OF THE YEAR LABOUR

Ueli Sommer – Littler | LEL Lawyers

The lawyer can bring to the clients a 360 degrees expertise in employment matters. The professional is well appreciated by the market, thanks also to his track record formed by relevant operations that involved important international companies.

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR LITIGATION

Lenz & Staehelin

The law firm can count on one of the most solid dispute resolution team that the Swiss legal market can provide. Between their clients stand out the most relevant companies, advised in several deals significant for the economic value and the level of the advice.

LAWYER OF THE YEAR LITIGATION

Tamir Livschitz - Niederer Kraft Frey

The lawyer has proven, according to clients and competitors, to be a trustable expert litigator. His activity and track record in the practice continues increasing his reputation in the Swiss legal market.

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR PRIVATE EQUITY

Baker McKenzie

The law firm advised very relevant private equity entities, coordinating the legal aspects of complex deals significant for the strategic and economic value. The team is formed by excellent professionals able to distinguish themselves for their technical skills.

LAWYER OF THE YEAR PRIVATE EQUITY

Daniel Jenny – CMS

The lawyer has developed a vast experience on several corporate aspects such as private equity transactions. In his track record stand out various complex operations successfully managed for well-known companies.

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR REAL ESTATE

Baker McKenzie

The law firm is well known between the main players of the real estate market for the level of the legal service. The team is formed by experienced lawyers capable of managing complex operations with a problem-solving attitude and attention to details.

LAWYER OF THE YEAR REAL ESTATE

Corrado Rampini – Bär & Karrer

The professional is one of the most respected and accredited professionals in the real estate field. He advised well known international companies on large-scale project, and he leads a cohesive team capable to conjugate efficiency with details attention.

FIRM OF THE YEAR TAX

Baker McKenzie

The team managed, during the last 12 months, numerous top level operations assisting clients situated at the pick of the market. The professionals rightfully earned the trust of the clients, being able to face punctually complex challenges.

PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR TAX

Beat Baumgartner - Loyens & Loeff

The professional is rightfully considered an expert in the taxation practice. In the last 12 months he coordinated the tax aspects of cross border operations which involved high profile companies.

AW FIRM OF THE YEAR WHITE COLLAR CRIME

Lalive

The law firm is well known for the top-level investigations managed. The team is formed by talented international professionals capable to coordinate complex multi-jurisdictional cases.

LAWYER OF THE YEAR WHITE COLLAR CRIME

Jonas D. Gassmann - Vischer

The lawyer advises companies in multiple sectors, he coordinated various operations for high

reputation Swiss clients. The professional leads the white-collar crime practice contributing to its further expansion.

BEST PRACTICE VENTURE CAPITAL

id est avocats

The law firm managed significant operations in the field assisting major Swiss companies. The professionals during the last 12 months proved to be capable to coordinate complex transactions with efficiency and attention to details.

IN-HOUSE CATEGORIES

IN-HOUSE TEAM OF THE YEAR

Lonza

The legal team is capable to manage a wide range of operations thanks to a heterogeneous group of professionals in terms of skills and experiences. They have been working alongside the best Swiss and international law firms always fulfilling the company's needs.

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL OF THE YEAR

Barbara Levi – UBS

The lawyer is widely appreciated for her approach in managing complex operations, brilliantly coordinating a cohesive team proving her leadership skills and innovative attitude.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Oliver P. Kronenberg - Vifor Pharma

The professional is appreciated by many of the most important players of the Swiss and international legal market. The lawyer distinguish himself for the capability to manage even the most challenging matters obtaining significant results.

IN-HOUSE TEAM OF THE YEAR BANKING & FINANCE

EFG Bank

The legal team is composed by very qualified professionals. In the recent period they managed a wide range of projects and operations proving their knowledge of the sector and business-oriented attitude.

IN-HOUSE TEAM OF THE YEAR AUTOMOTIVE & TRANSPORT

CNH Industrial

The team stand out for the technical skills and the knowledge of the sector, that allow the professionals to effectively assist the company needs developing project and strategies.

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL OF THE YEAR CONSTRUCTIONS, PROJECTS, INFRASTRUCTURES

Andrea Antonelli - ABB

The professional is recognized by the market for his leadership skills, developed in years of brilliant experience. He stands out for the quality of his service and problem-solving approach.

IN-HOUSE TEAM OF THE YEAR FASHION, DESIGN, LUXURY

Ermenegildo Zegna

The team is composed by a solid group of professionals, able to assist the company through very delicate process always focusing on the development strategies.

IN-HOUSE TEAM OF THE YEAR ENERGY & RENEWABLES

Climeworks

The team followed the legal aspects of numerous projects significant also for their resonance in the market. The professionals have distinguished themselves for the versatility and efficiency of the assistance provided.

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL OF THE YEAR ENERGY & RENEWABLES

Federico Piccaluga - Duferco

The professional is well known in the market, he is very appreciated for his technical skills and deep knowledge. He successfully managed several operation coordinating a solid team expressing excellent leadership skills.

IN-HOUSE TEAM OF THE YEAR FOOD & BEVERAGE

Lindt & Sprüngli

The in-house department effectively supported one of the best companies in the field in all the legal aspects of crucial operations, always focusing on the business needs and development.

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL OF THE YEAR FOOD & BEVERAGE

Christian Haitz – gategroup

The professional is well known and appreciated by the top players in the markets, he stands out for his expertise in combining legal technical skills with knowledge of the industry sector.

IN-HOUSE TEAM OF THE YEAR INSURANCE

AXA Switzerland

The legal department is well known for its deep understanding of the field, quality that allows the professionals to support the company through various kind of operations never losing the focus.

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL OF THE YEAR INSURANCE

Alexander Lacher - Generali Switzerland

The lawyer is considered unanimously a respected figure in the market. During the years he earned a credibility status based on the results obtained, managing skills and business focus mentality.

IN-HOUSE TEAM OF THE YEAR PHARMA, HEALTHCARE & LIFE SCIENCES

Novartis

The legal department acts effectively on projects open on several fronts, the team is composed by heterogenous professionals with a set of multidisciplinary skills, which are fundamental to face the challenges that presents at the pick of the market.

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL OF THE YEAR PHARMA, HEALTHCARE & LIFE SCIENCES

Cornelis Van Ophem - Fresenius Medical Care

The lawyer can be easily placed among the top in-house professionals of the practice, he often plays a crucial role in delicate operations thanks to his managing skills and international experience.

IN-HOUSE TEAM OF THE YEAR TMT

Microsoft

The legal department during the last 12 months worked on several operations alongside the main actors of the legal field. The team is composed by skilled professionals capable of punctually advise the company on the most complex matters.

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL OF THE YEAR TMT

Guido Wennemer - Acer Europe

The professional represents a key figure in the sector, thanks to his experience and technical skills which allow him to manage complex operations and obtaining remarkable results.