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Stefan Leimgruber is a partner in our Dispute Resolution Group in Zurich. His main areas of practice are domestic and international commercial litigation and arbitration. He has acted as counsel before arbitral tribunals and in mediation proceedings in a wide range of commercial disputes, including disputes arising from international joint venture agreements, share purchase agreements, license and distribution agreements and construction contracts. He sits as arbitrator and has acted as secretary to arbitral tribunals in ad hoc arbitrations (including UNCITRAL) and institutional arbitrations (ICC, Swiss Rules, Vienna Rules, LCIA). Stefan also represents parties before Swiss courts with a particular focus on banking, post-M&A, and corporate litigation, interim measures and enforcement of foreign judgments. He is listed as a "Rising Star" in the Commercial Arbitration category by Legal Media Group's Expert Guides (2016).

Stefan Leimgruber graduated from the University of Zurich in 2002. He worked between 2003 and 2007 at the Zurich District Court, first as a legal secretary and later as a substitute judge, where he mainly dealt with debt enforcement, civil attachments, injunctions, and recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments. In 2006 he was admitted to the bar in Switzerland and joined Schellenberg Wittmer as an associate in 2007. In 2010/2011, Stefan was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Sydney Law School, where he conducted extensive research in the fields of international arbitration and transnational litigation. He obtained a doctorate in law from the University of Lucerne in 2013 (summa cum laude) for his thesis on negative declaratory relief in international arbitration in Switzerland. He is a member of several professional associations, including the International, the Swiss and the Zurich Bar Associations.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

International Arbitration; Dispute Resolution; M&A-related and Banking/Finance Litigation and Arbitration

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Bar Admission: Switzerland 2006
Office: Zurich
Languages: German, English

SELECTED DEALS AND CASES

- > Counsel in a post-M&A dispute under the CEPANI Arbitration Rules
- > Counsel in a Swiss Rules arbitration regarding the purchase of steel billets
- > Representing and advising clients before state courts in a number of contentious banking matters
- > Counsel in a WIPO arbitration concerning claims under a license agreement in the pharmaceutical industry
- > Counsel in a Swiss Rules arbitration regarding a post-M&A dispute in the banking sector

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- > Finding, Freezing and Attaching Assets – A Multi-Jurisdictional Handbook (Switzerland – Chapter 18)
- > Kommentierung von Art. 243-260 ZPO
- > Declaratory Relief in International Commercial Arbitration
- > Risikoverteilung im Lizenzvertrag – Wer trägt die Folgen der Patentnichtigkeit?
- > Die negative Feststellungsklage vor internationalen Schiedsgerichten mit Sitz in der Schweiz