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Languages

German, English

■ **Areas of Practice**

Peter Honegger specializes in banking & finance as well as mergers & acquisitions, in particular in related litigation and proceedings. His clients include worldwide market leaders in the field of wealth management, luxury cars and information technology.

Particular areas of emphasis involve transnational litigation, foreign governmental investigations, enforcement and other regulatory proceedings initiated by Financial Markets Supervisory Authority FINMA or other authorities, and shareholder proxy fights. His litigation practice encompasses various types of complex litigation, including securities, post-mergers & acquisitions, insurance and other commercial litigation.

Peter has a long standing practice of advising companies and individuals with respect to US-style discovery, Swiss secrecy laws and the taking of evidence located in Switzerland for use in US proceedings. In the late 90s, Peter acted as secretary to the Board of Trustees (Messrs. Paul Volcker, Isreal Singer, René Rhinow) supervising the Claims Resolution Tribunal for dormant accounts in Switzerland with respect to victims of Nazi persecution.

■ **Professional Career**

- 1994 – Partner, Niederer Kraft & Frey
- 1987 – Associate, Niederer Kraft & Frey
- 1983 – Internship with Arent Fox, Washington D.C.
- 1982 – Clerk with the District Court of Hinwil

■ **Education**

- 1987 – Admitted to the Bar
- 1986 – University of Zurich, Dr. iur.
- 1982 – University of Virginia Law School, LL.M.
- 1981 – University of Zurich, lic. iur.

■ **Recent Experience**

The following is a selection of cases in which Peter Honegger was retained in the past five years:

- Legal counsel to various global players relating to anti-corruption compliance and financial market compliance
- Legal counsel to banks and their top management in high end enforcement proceedings initiated by FINMA
- Legal counsel to the world's largest wealth management bank in highly complex cross-border proceedings relating to the repatriation of a fortune, involving sophisticated questions and solutions in the field of mutual and judicial assistance
- Legal counsel to the world's biggest maker of luxury vehicles that allegedly violated competition laws, by impeding parallel imports into Switzerland, in court proceedings before the Swiss Federal Supreme Court (landmark case)
- Legal counsel to a leading European car manufacturer relating to a pioneering e-mobility cooperation with public transportation services
- Legal counsel to the leading Swiss retail bank group that allegedly violated its duties under a long standing cooperation agreement in arbitration proceedings initiated by a listed private bank (high media coverage)
- Legal counsel to a Swiss bank in enforcement proceedings related to disclosure rules and alleged sneaking tactics (landmark case)

- Legal counsel to a Swiss listed company in a complex claim against an international directors and officers liability insurance carrier
- Legal counsel to a Swiss listed company in a CHF 150 – 200 million arbitration proceeding against a European listed company regarding post-merger warranty claims and purchase price adjustments
- Legal counsel in an intense, highly adversarial post-merger dispute in the aggregate amount of CHF 200 million (landmark case with unprecedented media coverage)
- Legal counsel to a Swiss asset management company in a dispute regarding alleged kickback payments (landmark case)
- Legal counsel to an investment company in a proxy fight litigation against a Swiss listed company (landmark case)
- Legal counsel to a leading European car manufacturer relating to all issues relating to distribution and finance
- Legal counsel to a global market leader in the field of information technology with respect to financing and M&A transactions
- Legal counsel to various banks and financial institutions with respect to cooperation and outsourcing projects
- Legal counsel to global banks and sports federations with respect to cross-border investigations and compliance issues
- Legal counsel in a multitude of cases involving Swiss companies, listed and non-listed, with respect to foreign governmental investigations, in particular US-style discovery, and Swiss secrecy laws
- Legal counsel to a variety of Swiss companies and individuals relating to US service of process, US subpoenas and issues re control of US companies over Swiss affiliates and piercing of the corporate veil

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- Peter C. Honegger, Swiss Companies Litigating in US Courts: Website Liability, Präsentationsfolien Referat am Luncheon der Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce mit Guest Speaker Justice Antonin Scalia vom 9. März 2006
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- Peter C. Honegger, Being Sued in the USA - What is at Stake for You? Defense Strategies, Präsentationsfolien Referat am Luncheon der Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce vom 15. November 2004
- Peter C. Honegger, Daniel Eisele, TV-Vertrag, Präsentationsfolien Referat EIZ-Seminar “Sport und Recht II” vom 23. Oktober 2003

■ Market Perception

“Peter Honegger is an expert in M&A and banking disputes. Clients report that ‘Peter is the go-to guy if you have an important and complex dispute. His knowledge and experience in banking-related disputes and his understanding of the banking business is truly extraordinary.’” (Chambers Global 2017)

“... excellent knowledge of cross-border matters.” (Legal 500 2017)

“Clients describe litigator Peter Honegger as ‘a highly experienced, trusted adviser’ and ‘highly client-oriented, with very short response times.’” (Chambers Global 2016)

“I consider him one of the best I have met in this field (Banking).” (Client Choice 2015)

“He is an outstanding litigator with tremendous dedication to this profession.” (Client Choice 2015)

“‘Trouble-shooter’ Peter Honegger has ‘experience in banking disputes’ and is an ‘experienced litigator.’” (Legal 500 2015)

“Peter Honegger is described as ‘accomplished and hardworking’ and has recently advised banks and companies transactions.” (Who’s Who Legal 2015)

“We highly praise the top quality legal advice and commercial awareness of NKF,” says a bank client, “it is a real pleasure working with Peter Honegger and his team including Danièle Müller and Lukas Beeler.” (IFLR1000 2015)

“Sources are quick to highlight Peter Honegger for his ‘profound expertise, his client-oriented approach and his responsiveness.’ He co-heads the practice.” (Chambers Global 2015)

