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Recognitions

- Chambers and Partners Europe: White-Collar Crime since 2013
- The Legal 500: Hall of Fame in Regulatory, Compliance and Investigations since 2022; Leading Individual in Dispute Resolution: Litigation since 2022
- Who's Who Legal: Thought Leader in Business Crime Defence since 2023; Thought Leader in Investigations since 2021; Recommended in Asset Recovery since 2020; Recommended in Commercial Litigation since 2021
- Leaders League: White Collar Crime & Investigations
- LMG Expert Guides: White Collar Crime, Commercial Litigation
- Benchmark Litigation Europe Awards: White Collar Crime Lawyer of the Year 2019

Languages

German, English, French, Italian

Selected Publications

- Business & Human Rights - Switzerland, 2024 Edition
- Kooperation mit Strafverfolgungsbehörden
- Anti-Bribery & Corruption, Switzerland, 2023 Edition
- Anwaltsgeheimnis – Legal Privilege im schweizerischen und internationalen Kontext
- Ukraine-Krieg und Recht: Vermögenssperre nach Schweizer Sanktionsregime

Peter Burckhardt leads Schellenberg Wittmer's Dispute Resolution Group in Zurich, as well as the White-Collar Crime & Compliance and the Internal Corporate Investigations teams. Peter has developed a strong practice in complex criminal, regulatory and civil litigation matters, often involving multi-jurisdictional components. He is also frequently retained to conduct internal investigations for a broad range of topics.

Expertise

- Dispute Resolution
- White-Collar Crime and Compliance
- Internal Corporate Investigations
- Financial Services

Experience

- Defending a global Swiss bank in a money laundering investigation related to foreign corruption
- Representing a German car manufacturer against consumer mass claims in the context of the Diesel affair
- Lead counsel to a major Brazilian construction group for the Swiss aspects of the Petrobras matter, which settled in a trilateral deal (BR/US/CH)
- Swiss lead counsel to a global bank headquartered in Switzerland in the U.S. tax dispute
- Defending a major bank in a Ponzi scheme fraud investigation and related civil and regulatory action
- Defending a member of top management of a global bank in criminal and regulatory proceedings by Swiss and U.S. law enforcement
- Defending an ousted head of state in a corruption and money laundering investigation

Career

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| 2006 | Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer |
| 1999 | Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer |
| 1996-1998 | Served in various functions in the judiciary of the Canton of Bern, notably as criminal prosecutor and deputy judge in civil and criminal matters |

Education

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| 1999 | LL.M., University of Edinburgh |
| 1995 | Bar Admission in Switzerland |
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Additional Professional Activities

- Member of various professional associations including the Zurich and Swiss Bar Associations, the International Bar Association (IBA), the European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA), and the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- Regular publications in fields of specialization and speaker at international conferences
- Board Member of FlexLaw