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Recognitions
- Chambers and Partners Europe: Real Estate since 2008
- The Legal 500: Leading Partner in Real Estate and Construction since 2025; Key Lawyer in Commercial, Corporate and M&A
- Lexology Index: Thought Leader in Construction & Real Estate since 2021; Recommended in Hospitality since 2013; Recommended in M&A and Governance since 2025
- Leaders League Corporate/M&A & Real Estate
- IFLR 1000: Highly regarded, Real Estate

Languages
German, English, French

Selected Publications
- Foreign Direct Investment Regimes 2026 - Switzerland
- Property and Trust Law Switzerland
- Kaufverträge betreffend Immobiliengesellschaften
- Kommentar zum Fusionsgesetz, 3. Auflage
- Getting the Deal Through 2016, Real Estate (Switzerland chapter)

Josef Caleff co-heads Schellenberg Wittmer's Real Estate Group and is a Partner in the Construction Group as well as the Mergers & Acquisitions Group.

Expertise
- Real Estate Law
- Corporate & Commercial
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Construction
- Hotels and Leisure
- Real Estate Industry
- Administrative Law and Public Procurement
- Energy
- Sanctions Group

Experience
- He possesses special expertise in real estate transactions, in particular sale and purchase of single properties and portfolios, real estate financing, construction and commercial leases
- Advising clients in all types of corporate and M&A transactions
- Counsel of Dolce & Gabbana in the negotiation of a long-term high-end lease agreement at a prime location on Bahnhofstrasse, Zurich
- Counsel of the Barana Group in the sale of an office building in Zurich for CHF 128m to the city of Zurich

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Career

2014-2021	Member of the Management Committee of Schellenberg Wittmer
2011	Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
2004	Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer
2001-2003	Associate in a Zurich law firm

Education

2018	MRICS
2013	Certified Specialist SBA Construction and Real Estate Law
2006	Bar Admission in New York
2004	LL.M., University of California, Hastings College of the Law
2002	Bar Admission in Switzerland
1999	lic. iur. HSG, University of St. Gallen
1996	lic. oec. HSG, University of St. Gallen

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Additional Professional Activities

- Member of International Bar Association
- Regular publications in the field of Real Estate
- Member of RICS
- Member of the Zurich Bar Association