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Recognitions
- Chambers and Partners Europe: Restructuring and Insolvency since 2014
- The Legal 500: Leading Partner in Insolvency and Corporate Recovery since 2024
- Lexology Index: Recommended in Commercial Litigation since 2021; Thought Leader in Restructuring & Insolvency since 2022
- IFLR 1000: Notable practitioner in Restructuring and Insolvency
- Leaders League: Restructuring & Insolvency

Languages
English, French, German, Italian (basic knowledge)

Selected Publications
- Published by Helbing Lichtenhahn, commentary ad art. 163–171bis.
- Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT): Academic Overview of the Technical and Legal Framework and Challenges for Lawyers
- Assainissement d'un débiteur : le sursis provisoire et le rôle du commissaire
- Le squeeze-out d'actionnaires lors d'une fusion et d'une offre publique d'acquisition
- Simplifying foreign insolvency and restructuring decisions' recognition regime in Switzerland

Olivier Hari is Of Counsel in our Corporate & Commercial, Mergers & Acquisitions, Capital Markets and Restructuring & Insolvency Groups. He specializes in general corporate law, transactional matters, finance transactions and private fundraising, companies restructuring, distressed refinancing, and complex national and cross-border insolvency and restructuring proceedings, and related litigation proceedings.

Expertise
- Banking & Finance
- Capital Markets
- Corporate & Commercial
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Blockchain-Technologies & FinTech

Experience
- Advised a secured creditor (enforcement of a pledge with cross-border aspects)
- Swiss counsel in the framework of a financial reorganization of a group of companies
- Advised creditors of Alevo (restructuring and distressed M&A)
- Advised a distressed watch making company (restructuring and sale)
- Advised creditors in bankruptcy proceedings (Ethical Coffee Company, Privatair etc.)
- Advised minority shareholders (post-closing litigation)
- FINMA appointed liquidator of Zenith Vie SA, Compagnie d'assurance sur la Vie
- Court-appointed trustee of several distressed businesses

Career

2013	Of Counsel at Schellenberg Wittmer
2013	Professor, University of Neuchâtel (Corporate Law)
2011	Lecturer, University of Geneva (Insolvency law)
2008	Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer
2005	Trainee Lawyer at Schellenberg Wittmer

Education

2010	Dr. iur., University of Neuchâtel
2007	Bar Admission in Switzerland
2003	lic. iur., University of Neuchâtel

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Additional Professional Activities

- Autor, co-author and editor of many publications in the fields of corporate and commercial law, insolvency law and financial markets law
- Chairman of the Geneva Bar forum for insolvency law
- Member of several practitioners' association (Geneva Bar Association, Swiss Bar Association, ISADE – Institut Suisse des Administrateurs, Swiss Board Institute, AIJA, SchKG-Vereinigung, and INSOL Europe)