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Recognitions
- Chambers and Partners Global/Europe: Litigation since 2022 (ranked in Band 3)
- Lexology Index: Global Elite Thought Leader in Commercial Litigation since 2023; Thought Leader in Arbitration since 2022
- The Legal 500: Leading Partner in Dispute Resolution: Litigation; Key Lawyer in Dispute Resolution: Arbitration
- Leaders League: Leading in Commercial Litigation, International Arbitration and Banking & Finance Litigation since 2018

Languages
German, English

Selected Publications
- Kommentierung Art. 91–96 (Gläubigerverzug / Obligee's default), Basler Kommentar, Obligationenrecht I
- Kommentierung von Art. 243-260 ZPO
- Declaratory Relief in International Commercial Arbitration
- Berner Kommentar, Internationale Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit, Art. 176-194 IPRG sowie Art. 7 und 196 IPRG

Stefan Leimgruber is a partner and the head of Schellenberg Wittmer's dispute resolution group in Zurich. He represents clients before Swiss courts and in international arbitration proceedings (both ad hoc and institutional), with a particular focus on disputes in the financial industry, post-M&A and corporate matters, interim measures, and the enforcement of foreign judgments and awards. He also has extensive experience handling complex disputes arising out of joint ventures and shareholders' agreements, international sales and related transactions, agency and distribution relationships, as well as license and supply agreements. He regularly serves as arbitrator.
Stefan speaks and publishes on national and international dispute resolution and is ranked as a leading individual by the major directories. The Lexology Index 2025 lists him as one of only five Global Elite Thought Leaders for Commercial Litigation in Switzerland, highlighting his "stellar reputation for complex, cross-border financial and corporate disputes".

Expertise

- Dispute Resolution
- International Arbitration
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Sports
- Blockchain-Technologies & FinTech

Experience

- Represents parties before Swiss courts with a particular focus on banking and financial disputes, post-M&A and corporate litigation, interim measures and enforcement of foreign judgments
- Acts as counsel and as arbitrator in international arbitrations, ad hoc and institutional, in particular in post-M&A and shareholder disputes as well as in disputes relating to joint ventures, license, purchase, and distribution agreements
- Advises and represents sport federations, officials and athletes in sports law matters

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Career

2016	Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
2007	Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer
2003	Legal Secretary and Substitute Judge at the Zurich District Court

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Education

2013	Dr. iur., University of Lucerne
2006	Bar Admission in Switzerland
2002	lic iur., University of Zurich

Additional Professional Activities

- Regular publications in his areas of specializations
- Member of several professional associations, including IBA, ASA, DRI, AIJA, the Swiss and the Zurich Bar Association