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Vita

Thomas Peter advises clients on all aspects of corporate as well as national and international contract law.

He handles transactions in the areas of M&A, private equity and venture capital. He represents institutional investors and buyers as well as founders of start-ups and young companies, whom he assists in setting up and/or selling their business.

He is also involved in drafting and negotiating purchase, distribution, agency and other commercial agreements.

Finally, he advises clients on debt financings. He is recognised by the SIX Exchange Regulation for the submission of listing applications for shares and bonds.

Professional career

- Partner, Bratschi Ltd. (since 2011)
- Attorney-at-Law, Bratschi Ltd. (since 2007)
- Associate, Lenz & Staehelin attorneys-at-law, Zurich (2004-2006)
- Associate, Baker & McKenzie attorneys-at-law, Zurich (2001-2002)
- Various internships with the court, the administration and law firms, Berne (1998-2000))

Education

- LL.M. in Commercial Law, University of Bristol (2003)
- lic. iur., University of Berne (1998)

Awards

- listed as «notable practitioner» for «M&A» by IFLR1000 (2026)
- listed as «notable practitioner» for «M&A» by IFLR1000 (2025)
- recommended for «Banking and Finance» by Legal500 (2024)
- recommended for «Commercial, Corporate and M&A» by Legal500 (2024)
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- highly recommended «Switzerland - Best Law Firms for M&A» by Leaders League (2023)
- listed as «notable practitioner» for «M&A» by IFLR1000 (2022)
- recommended for «Commercial, Corporate and M&A» by Legal500 (2022)
- highly recommended «Switzerland - Best Law Firms for M&A» by Leaders League (2022)
- listed as «notable practitioner» for «M&A» by IFLR1000 (2021)
- recommended for «Commercial, Corporate and M&A» by Legal500 (2021)
- Legal500: «Thomas Peter leads the team. He is very pragmatic and hands on. He listens and makes an effort to understand the problems. Thomas thinks «out of the box». He does not only deliver what is required but actively advises on options and brings in new ideas. The quality of his legal work is outstanding.», «Thomas Peter – very experienced in many fields and a real asset in terms of corporate transactions. Dedicated project leader, pragmatic and very accurate.» (2021)
- highly recommended «Switzerland - Best Law Firms for Corporate / M&A» by Leaders League (2021)
- Legal500: «Thomas Peter is highly engaged and very pragmatic. His advice is very much to the point. He combines an outstanding level of legal quality with the practical requirements of a dynamic business. He is not afraid of asking critical questions and is capable of thinking «outside the box».» (2020)
- recommended for «Commercial, Corporate and M&A» by Legal500 (2019)
- recommended for «M&A» by IFLR1000 (2018)
- recommended for «Commercial, Corporate and M&A» by Legal500 Europe (2018)

Memberships

- Zurich Bar Association
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA)

Expertise

Banking Law, Stock Exchange Law, Financial Services Law, Company Law, Commercial Law, Conflicts of Laws, Capital Market Law, Restructurings and Reorganizations, Debt Enforcement and Bankruptcy Law, Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A), Contract Law

Practice Groups

Corporate and Transactions, Contracts

Industry Groups

Financial Services and Insurances

Publications

Switzerland - Corporate Acquisitions and Mergers

Aliotta Elisa and Arpagaus Reto and Barrot Michael and Bazzi Claudio and Bieri Adrian and Blickenstorfer Kurt and Corvi Nicola and Herren Tobias and Jecklin Barbara and Jenoure Cédric and Jörg Florian S. and Maag Harald and Moser Martin and Mosimann Daniel and Peter Thomas and Rüedi Pascal and Schönenberger Thomas and Wind Christian and Wohlgemuth Sascha, in: Begg Peter F.C. (ed.), International Handbook - Corporate Acquisitions and Mergers, The Netherlands 2024. This is a reprint from the «International Handbook – Corporate Acquistions and Mergers: Switzerland», published by Wolters Kluwer, The Netherlands 2024, with the permission of Kluwer Law International. Copyright: Bratschi AG, 2024.

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Commercial contracts in Switzerland

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Switzerland - Commercial Contracts 2017

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Switzerland - Commercial Contracts 2016

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International Agency and Distribution Law - Switzerland

Schönenberger Thomas, Peter Thomas, Stambach Christian und Weber Rolf H., in: Dennis Campbell (Hrsg.), International Agency and Distribution Law 01/2012, S. 1-47

Letter of Intent: Wirkungen nach Schweizer Recht

Peter Thomas und Jörg Florian S., Newsletter BWB 02/2010

News

IFLR1000-Ranking 2026

Bratschi freut sich sehr über die Anerkennung in den diesjährigen IFLR1000-Rankings. Neben der Anerkennung unserer Kanzlei wurden auch zahlreiche unserer Anwältinnen und Anwälte für ihre individuellen Leistungen ausgezeichnet.

15.10.2026

IFLR1000-Ranking 2025

Bratschi freut sich sehr über die Anerkennung in den diesjährigen IFLR1000-Rankings – sowohl auf kollektiver Ebene als Kanzlei als auch durch die individuellen Auszeichnungen unserer engagierten Anwältinnen und Anwälte.

Diese Platzierungen unterstreichen unser kontinuierliches Bestreben, unseren Klientinnen und Klienten höchste Qualität und Fachkompetenz in allen Bereichen des Wirtschaftsrechts zu bieten.

Ein herzliches Dankeschön an unser gesamtes Team für die hervorragende Arbeit und das tägliche Engagement – und Gratulation an alle, die in diesem Jahr ausgezeichnet wurden!

30.10.2025

Bratschi Advises Viking Cruise on USD 1.7 Billion Notes Offering

The Viking Cruises Group has successfully placed an unsecured bond in the total amount of USD 1.7 billion. BofA Securities, Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and UBS Securities LLC acted as Joint Book-Running Managers.

07.10.2025

Bratschi advises the Viking Cruise Group with regard to the issue of a USD 720 million Notes offering

The Viking Cruises Group issued USD 720,000,000 Unsecured Notes. Wells Fargo Securities, BofA Securities, HSBC, Morgan Stanley, UBS Investment Bank und BNP Paribas acted as Joint Book-Running Managers.

14.07.2023

Bratschi advises the Viking Cruise Group with regard to the issue of a USD 150 million offering of Unsecured Notes

08.11.2021

Bratschi advises the Adecco Group with regard to the 2021 update of the EUR 3,500,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme

11.05.2021

Bratschi AG advises Collectius AG in the launch of its partnership with IFC

11.12.2020

Bratschi Ltd. advises UBS on the financing of Austrian Train Finance AG
30.11.2020

The factual abolishment of bearer shares in Switzerland – Actions required from companies and their shareholders
22.10.2019