

Tobias Meili

Partner

Tobias Meili is a partner in the Corporate and Commercial Law practice group and on the IP and IT team. He advises clients in the areas of corporate and commercial law, corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate financing. In addition, he provides support to our clients in the areas of data protection and IT law. He also advises companies on all issues relating to responsible business conduct, an area in which he has been actively involved, on the corporate side, for many years.

After practicing for several years with a well-known Swiss business law firm, he became Head of Legal at an international consulting and technology company in Switzerland before taking over as General Counsel Corporate Legal at an international agricultural company. In this position, he led an international team, was responsible for managing large, internal cross-functional restructuring projects and oversaw numerous major mergers and acquisitions and complex financial market transactions. Further, he acquired broad experience in issues of corporate governance as chairman and member of the board of directors of many group companies as well as company secretary of Syngenta AG, of occupational pension matters (since 2008 as member, from 2018 on as chairman of the board of trustees of the Syngenta pension fund), and of data protection, where he was appointed Group Data Privacy Officer and was responsible for the development and implementation of the group's data protection program. For several years, he has devoted particular attention to the subject of responsible business conduct.

In his work as a lawyer, he combines an authentic, pragmatic, and solution-oriented approach to giving advice with solid legal expertise and skills as a negotiator.

Practice Areas:

Corporate and Commercial
IP and IT
Responsible Business Conduct / ESG
Life Sciences and Health Law
Banking and Finance
Private Clients

Functions:

Lecturer for Law, University of St.Gallen / HSG (2021)
Member of the Board of Directors of the Basel Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Handelskammer beider Basel, 2018 - 2020)
Member of the Board of Directors of the Arbeitgeberverband Basel (Basel Employers' Association, 2015 - 2020)

Career:

2020 Partner at Wenger Plattner



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Admission:

Bar admission (1998)

Qualification:

Attorney at Law California, USA (2001)

Languages:

German, English, French, Italian

2007	Syngenta AG, Basel, in executive positions in the legal department (General Counsel Corporate Legal / Group Data Privacy Officer)
2004	Accenture AG, Zurich, in executive positions in the legal department
2001	Senior Associate at Lenz & Staehelin, Zurich and Geneva
2001	Admission to the California bar
2000	Foreign Legal Counsel with Logitech Inc. (Fremont, California) and Connectix Corporation (San Mateo, California)
2000	University of California, Davis (LL.M.)
1999	University of Zurich (Dr. iur.)
1998	Associate at Lenz & Staehelin, Zurich
1998	Admission to the bar of the Canton of Zurich
1995	Trainee at Lenz & Staehelin, Zurich
1995	University of Zurich (lic. iur.)

Selected publications:

- *Rechtlicher Rahmen der Unternehmensverantwortung in der Schweiz*
In: Fokus Rechtsguide, Tagesanzeiger, 4. November 2021, S. 6
- *Newsletter 2/21: The revised Swiss Data Protection Act (FADP): Changes and their impact on companies*
In fall 2020, the Swiss Parliament adopted the total revision of the Federal Act on Data Protection (FADP). The revised FADP is expected to enter into force mid-2022. The purpose of the total revision is to bring the FADP into line with the rapid changes in technology, the changed social circumstances, and the General Data Protection Regulation of the European Union (GDPR) that entered into force in 2018.
- *Indirekter Gegenvorschlag zur Unternehmensverantwortungs-Initiative*
Webinar zum Thema "Was bedeuten die neuen Pflichten für Ihr Unternehmen?" In: Beider Basel Handelskammer
- *Responsible Business Conduct*
After the public vote: New rules on responsible business conduct in Switzerland.
- *Wirksame Unternehmensverantwortung: Wieso der indirekte Gegenvorschlag die bessere Lösung ist*
In: Beider Basel Handelskammer, 19.10.2020
- *„Wie ernst meinen es Schweizer Unternehmen mit verantwortungsvollem Wirtschaften?“ Streitgespräch zwischen Tobias Meili, Syngenta und Mark Herkenrath, Alliance Sud*
In: Die Volkswirtschaft – Plattform für Wirtschaftspolitik, Nr. 7/2017, S. 38 ff.
- *Der Schutz von Know-how nach schweizerischem und internationalem Recht - Anpassungsbedarf aufgrund des TRIPS-Abkommens?*
Schriften zum Medien- und Immaterialgüterrecht, Band 51, Bern 2000