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Languages

German, English

Expertise

Roman Sturzenegger advises domestic and international clients on corporate law and corporate governance, complex corporate reorganisation, insolvency and restructuring, domestic and cross-border M&A transactions (including private equity, venture capital and distressed M&A transactions), corporate financing and general commercial law. He represents clients in corporate and commercial disputes.

Corporate / M&A | Restructuring & Insolvency | Commercial | Dispute Resolution

Career

2023	Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey
2017	Senior Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
2012	Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
2010	Legal Counsel, Masai Marketing & Trading AG and MBT-Group, Winterthur
2008	Junior Associate with a law firm in Bern
2008	Trainee with the public prosecution department for white-collar and organised crime, Berne

Education

2015	University of Manchester, LL.M. in Corporate Governance
2010	Admitted to the Bar (Rechtsanwalt)
2007	University of Fribourg, MLaw
2006	University of Fribourg, BLaw

Market Perception

Ranked "Rising Star Partner" for NKF's Restructuring and Insolvency practice (IFLR1000 2025)

Ranked "Key Lawyer" for NKF's Restructuring and Insolvency practice (Legal500 2024)

Ranked "Key Lawyer" for NKF's Restructuring and Insolvency practice (Legal500 2023)

Ranked "Key Lawyer" for NKF's Restructuring and Insolvency practice (Legal500 2021)

"Thanks to his knowledge and argumentation skills, he is capable to convince courts and offices to accept new ideas and solutions" (Legal500 2021)

Roman Sturzenegger is "extremely 'switched on', reliable and competent." He always sticks "to deadlines and" is "very easy to work with." He is "well aware of new legal developments and" is "highly reliable." You can reach him "at any time (24/7)." (IFLR1000 2018)

Experience

The following is a selection of public cases in which Roman Sturzenegger acted as counsel to:

- CVC on its acquisition of Animal Nutrition & Health (ANH) from dsm-firmenich via a carve-out transaction for an enterprise value of EUR 2.2 billion (2026)
- Bellevue Group on the sale of adbodmer AG by way of management buy-out (2025)
- Sportradar Group AG on an USD 517.5 million underwritten secondary public offering by certain selling shareholders. As part of the transaction, the company implemented a conversion of a certain amount of its class B shares into class A shares and, concurrently with the secondary public offering, repurchased own shares in the amount of USD 65.5 million (2025)
- Swiss Steel Holding AG on its EUR 300 million capital increase and all related corporate law matters and proceedings before the Swiss Takeover Board, as well as in the renegotiation of the Group's existing debt (2024)
- Evolva Holding SA on the sale of its wholly-owned operating subsidiary Evolva AG to Danstar Ferment AG, a Swiss affiliate of Lallemand Inc (2024)
- ZuriMED Technologies on its CHF 14.5 million series A financing round led by Chindex Medical Limited (Hong Kong), Yellowstone Holding AG (Geneva) and a group of leading orthopaedic surgeons from Switzerland, Germany, France, and the United States (2023)
- EMZ Partners (EMZ) and its portfolio company Aspire Education Group, a privately operated education group in the German-speaking region, as Swiss counsel on the acquisition of five WEKA Group companies in Switzerland and Germany (2023)
- EPIC Suisse AG on its CHF 196 million initial public offering on SIX Swiss Exchange (2022)
- Vantage Education AG, one of the largest private providers of education and training in the Swiss market, on the acquisition of the Swiss Marketing Academy (2021)
- gategroup as Swiss legal counsel in connection with the restructuring, the interim liquidity financing, and the refinancing covering corporate, finance and insolvency law aspects with the project leading to a land mark decision by an English Court on the legal qualification of a restructuring plan (qualified as insolvency matter) with the English Court accepting jurisdiction to allow the involved stakeholders to amend the terms of the Swiss law governed bonds (2021)
- Swiss Steel Holding in a contested CHF 247m capital increase (2021)

- Invision AG on the sale of Vantage Education AG, one of the leading providers of higher education programs in Switzerland, to a group of Swiss investors (2020)
- Stakholders of Grasshopper Football Ltd with regards to the acquisition of 90 per cent of the stake in Grasshopper Football Ltd by Hong Kong-based Champion Union HK Holdings Limited (2020)
- Invision AG on the add-on acquisition by its portfolio company IDAK HOLDING AG of a majority stake in Margherita S.R.L., a leading manufacturer of Italian premium refrigerated and frozen pizzas and pizza snacks (2020)
- Lindsay Goldberg, a New York based private investment firm, on the acquisition of the Bilcare Research Group, a global manufacturer of technical films, including PVC and barrier films for solid dosage pharmaceutical packaging, and PVC films for shrink sleeve labels and banking and credit cards (2019)
- Invision Private Equity on the amplification of the shareholding circle of the Schneider Group, one of the leading internationally focused Swiss transportation companies (2019)
- PARAGON PARTNERS GmbH and the other shareholders on the sale of their shares in KADI AG to Invision AG (2018)
- Thomson Reuters in a major and complex cross-border restructuring resulting in Thomson Reuters selling its Financial & Risk business, nowadays known as Refinitiv, into a joint venture managed by Blackstone for a price of USD 17 billion (2018)
- PARAGON PARTNERS GmbH on the acquisition of Asic Robotics AG and its subsidiaries, together with the existing shareholders STS Management and Renaissance Anlagestiftung (2018)
- SIX listed CPH Chemie + Papier Holding AG on the acquisition of assets, in particular the recovered paper sorting facility as well as customer and recovered paper supplier contracts, of Papierfabrik Utzenstorf AG with effect from (2017/2018)
- Landis+Gyr Group and its shareholders Toshiba and INCJ in the dual track (Trade Sale/IPO) exit process resulting in the CHF 2.3 billion IPO of Landis+Gyr Group on SIX (largest Swiss IPO of the past 10 years and second largest IPO in Europe in H1 2017) (2017)
- Paragon Partners on the acquisition of Condecta AG, the industrial service division of Arbonia Group (2017)
- Swiss FinTech start-up Nectar Financial (Nectar), based in the canton of Schwyz, in connection with its Series A financing round, in which a renowned Swiss bank acquired a minority stake in Nectar (2017)
- Boston Scientific Corporation, USA as Swiss counsel on the acquisition of Symetis SA for USD 435 million. Headquartered in Ecublens, Switzerland, Symetis is a leading European developer of innovative, minimally invasive heart valve replacement devices (2017)
- Vantage Education Group, one of the leading private education groups in Switzerland and an investment of Invision Private Equity AG (Invision), on the acquisition of a majority stake in IST AG (2017)
- Permira as Swiss Counsel on the acquisition of a majority stake in Schustermann & Borenstein Group from Ardian (2016)
- Management of Roth Group in the course of the acquisition of Roth Brandschutz Holding Ltd. by funds managed by Equistone Partners Europe (2016)
- Lekkerland (Schweiz) AG, a leading wholesale trading company for convenience consumption goods, in the acquisition of assets pertaining to the wholesale trading business of Contadis AG (Oettinger Davidoff Group) (2015/2016)

— ASSA ABLOY, the global leader in door opening solutions listed at Stockholm Stock Exchange, in the acquisition of 100% of the shares in Cedes Holding AG, a Swiss leading company in sensor technology to the door and elevator industry (2015)
— EDAG Engineering Group, a leading independent provider of engineering services for the global automotive industry, as Swiss Counsel in the IPO in collaboration with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP as German and US Counsel (2015)
— OC Oerlikon Corporation AG, Pfäffikon, listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, in the CHF 1 billion acquisition of Sulzer Metco (2013/2014)
— Paragon Partners, Munich, in the acquisition of KADI AG, an important player in the Swiss Food Service and one of the leading brands in the convenience market, from ECM Equity Capital Management, Frankfurt, as well as in the reparticipation of the management (2013)
— Invision Group, a leading Swiss private equity firm, in the acquisition of a majority stake in HSO Bildungsorganisation Schweiz AG, one of the major providers of practice-oriented business education in the Swiss education market (2013)
— OC Oerlikon Corporation AG (SIX: OERL) in the sale of its Solar Business to Tokyo Stock Exchange listed company Tokyo Electron Limited (2012)
— Lienhardt & Partner Privatbank Zürich AG in its acquisition of Pioneer Investments AG, Bern (renamed into Lienhardt & Partner Investments AG) (2012)
— The selling shareholders of Pago Group, a group of companies active in the business of manufacturing self-adhesive labels and the accompanying labelling technology, in the sale to Tokyo Stock Exchange listed company Fuji Seal Group (2012)

In addition, over the past years, Roman Sturzenegger has acted as counsel in numerous non-public large corporate reorganisations, start-up equity financing transactions, complex shareholder disputes, as well as in various insolvency cases.

Publications & Speaking Engagements

The following is a selection of Roman Sturzenegger's recent publications and speaking engagements:

— Roman Sturzenegger, Pre-Pack Transactions under Swiss Law, Speaker at the 13th Conference on Restructuring and Insolvency of Business Ventures of the European Institute of the University of Zurich, Zurich, 16 June 2022
— Roman Sturzenegger, The Revision of the Swiss Stock Corporation Law, what has been archived, what opportunities were missed; Speaker at the ExpertSuisse conferences on the revised Swiss stock corporation law, Zurich, 10 May and 29 November 2022
— Marco Häusermann, Thomas Sprecher, Roman Sturzenegger, Chambers Insolvency 2022 Practice Guide.
— Roman Sturzenegger, Gan-Ayush, Binderiya, Revision of the Swiss Debt Enforcement and Bankruptcy Act: the segregation of crypto-based assets and data in bankruptcy proceedings, in: Insolvency & Restructuring International, April 2022, Vol. 16 Issue 1, p. 48 et seq.
— Roman Sturzenegger, Discontinuation of Bankruptcy Proceeding due to a Lack of Assets: The End of all Rights? (Die Einstellung des Konkursverfahrens mangels Aktiven: Das Ende aller Rechte?), Speaker at the 12th Conference on Restructuring and Insolvency of Business Ventures of the European Institute of the University of Zurich, Zurich, 2 June 2021

- Marco Häusermann, Thomas Sprecher, Roman Sturzenegger, Chambers Insolvency 2021 Practice Guide.
- Andreas Casutt, Patrik Peyer, Ulysses von Salis, Manuel Werder, Elga Reana Tozzi, Luca Bianchi and Roman Sturzenegger, Private equity in Switzerland: market and regulatory overview, in: Practical Law/ Thomson Reuters, 1 March 2020
- Thomas Sprecher, Roman Sturzenegger, Bankruptcy of a Factoring Company from a Practitioner's Perspective (Jusletter 26/2019)
- Patrik Peyer, Roman Sturzenegger, International Redomiciliation of LLC, in: Theus Simoni/Hauser/Bärtschi (Hrsg.), Handbuch Schweizer GmbH-Recht, Basel 2019
- Andreas Casutt, Patrik Peyer, Ulysses von Salis, Manuel Werder, Elga Tozzi, Luca Bianchi, Roman Sturzenegger, Private equity in Switzerland - market and regulatory overview, in: Practical Law/ Thomson Reuters, February 2019
- Roman Sturzenegger, René Fischer, Crucial Civil Law Matters of Joint Venture Structures, in: schulthess manager handbuch 2017, Zurich/Basel/Geneva 2017
- Andreas Casutt, Patrik Peyer, Ulysses von Salis, Manuel Werder, Luca Bianchi, Rachid Ghazi, Roman Sturzenegger, Private equity in Switzerland: market and regulatory overview, in: Practical Law Multi-jurisdictional Guide 2016/17 Private Equity and Venture Capital, Thomson Reuters, February 2017