

PRESS RELEASE

## Prof. Peter G. Picht joins Schellenberg Wittmer's Competition and IP practice



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The Swiss law firm Schellenberg Wittmer is delighted to announce that competition and IP law professor Peter G. Picht has joined the firm as of 1 November 2018. Peter G. Picht is a Professor for Business and Commercial Law at the University of Zurich, the Chair of the University's Center for Intellectual Property & Competition Law (CIPCO), as well as a Research Fellow with the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition. Peter G. Picht joins Schellenberg Wittmer as an Of Counsel with a focus on competition and IP law. In this capacity, he will be part of Schellenberg Wittmer's competition and IP teams and will be involved in advising and representing clients, where he will be able to draw on his knowledge of Swiss and European competition and IP law, as well as his experience as an attorney in various international law firms.

Schellenberg Wittmer's new Of Counsel Prof. Peter G. Picht says: "I am looking forward to contributing to Schellenberg Wittmer's excellent practice in competition and IP law. In particular, I am interested in further developing cases at the interface between competition and IP law, as well as in advising clients in all types of procedures."

Schellenberg Wittmer's Competition Group head David Mamane notes: "We are very happy that Peter decided to join our firm. He is one of the most important competition law academics in Switzerland and his contribution will be very valuable for our clients and our team. Given, in particular, the relevance of European competition law for the application of Swiss competition law, Peter's knowledge and experience will give our team an additional boost."

Philipp Groz, the head of Schellenberg Wittmer's IP and Life Sciences Groups, adds: "Apart from his broad expertise in Swiss and European IP law, Peter also has a strong background in IP-related arbitration, in FRAND disputes, and in matters relating to the life sciences sector. This will further enhance our capabilities to serve clients in these areas."

The addition of Prof. Peter G. Picht shows an on-going growth of Schellenberg Wittmer's competition and IP law teams.

The Schellenberg Wittmer Competition Group offers a full portfolio of services of all competition law aspects, including Swiss and international merger control, investigations by the Swiss Competition Authority, general competition law advice on distribution and cooperation agreements, dawn raid assistance, compliance trainings, internal investigations, and support in private litigation and arbitration. The team is ranked first-tier by Chambers, Legal 500, Who's Who Legal and Global Competition Review.

The Schellenberg Wittmer IP Group advises on contentious and transactional matters in all areas of IP and unfair competition law. The team is particularly renowned for its experience in handling complex international IP and licensing disputes, both in front of Swiss courts and in international arbitration. The group and its practitioners are recognized in Chambers, Legal 500, Who's Who Legal, World's Leading Patent Practitioners (IAM1000) and World's Leading Trademark Professionals (WTR1000).

Schellenberg Wittmer is a leading Swiss business law firm with over 150 highly skilled lawyers providing in-depth expertise in a variety of legal areas, with offices in Zurich, Geneva and Singapore. The firm provides a full range of services to private individuals, domestic companies as well as international enterprises across the globe.

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