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Recognitions

- Chambers & Partners Europe: Restructuring and Insolvency since 2014
- The Legal 500: Leading Partner in Insolvency and Corporate Recovery since 2024
- Lexology Index: Recommended in Commercial Litigation since 2021; Thought Leader in Restructuring & Insolvency since 2022
- IFLR 1000: Notable practitioner, Restructuring and Insolvency
- Leaders League: Restructuring & Insolvency

Languages

English, French, German, Italian (basic knowledge)

Selected Publications

- Published by Helbing Lichtenhahn, commentary ad art. 163-171bis.
- Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT): Academic Overview of the Technical and Legal Framework and Challenges for Lawyers
- Assainissement d'un débiteur : le sursis provisoire et le rôle du commissaire
- Le squeeze-out d'actionnaires lors d'une fusion et d'une offre publique d'acquisition
- Simplifying foreign insolvency and restructuring decisions' recognition regime in Switzerland

Olivier Hari is Of Counsel in our Corporate & Commercial, Mergers & Acquisitions, Capital Markets and Restructuring & Insolvency Groups. He specializes in general corporate law, transactional matters, finance transactions and private fundraising, companies restructuring, distressed refinancing, and complex national and cross-border insolvency and restructuring proceedings, and related litigation proceedings.

Expertise

- Banking & Finance
- Capital Markets
- Corporate & Commercial
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Blockchain-Technologies & FinTech

Experience

- Advised a secured creditor (enforcement of a pledge with cross-border aspects)
- Swiss counsel in the framework of a financial reorganization of a group of companies
- Advised creditors of Alevo (restructuring and distressed M&A)
- Advised a distressed watch making company (restructuring and sale)
- Advised creditors in bankruptcy proceedings (Ethical Coffee Company, Privatair etc.)
- Advised minority shareholders (post-closing litigation)
- FINMA appointed liquidator of Zenith Vie SA, Compagnie d'assurance sur la Vie
- Court-appointed trustee of several distressed businesses

Career

- 2013 Of Counsel at Schellenberg Wittmer
- 2013 Professor, University of Neuchâtel (Corporate Law)
- 2011 Lecturer, University of Geneva (Insolvency law)
- 2008 Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer
- 2005 Trainee Lawyer at Schellenberg Wittmer

Education

- 2010 Dr. iur., University of Neuchâtel
- 2007 Bar Admission in Switzerland
- 2003 lic. iur., University of Neuchâtel

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Additional Professional Activities

- Autor, co-author and editor of many publications in the fields of corporate and commercial law, insolvency law and financial markets law
- Chairman of the Geneva Bar forum for insolvency law
- Member of several practitioners' association (Geneva Bar Association, Swiss Bar Association, ISADE – Institut Suisse des Administrateurs, Swiss Board Institute, AIJA, SchKG-Vereinigung, and INSOL Europe)