Telecommunication





Schellenberg Wittmer's telecommunication Industry group unites all legal expertise relevant for the telecoms sector. Our specialists from information technology, regulatory, competition, contract law and M&A provide the full scope of legal services and advice required for the telecoms industry, including application for the necessary registrations, assessment of compliance with regulatory requirements, and determination of the scope of applicability and the prerequisites of the legislation on lawful intercept.

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Expertise

- Filing of notifications, registrations and submissions for licenses for telecoms service providers
- Drafting and negotiation of contracts relevant for the telecoms industry (e.g. roaming agreements, service agreements)
- Review of telecoms-related contracts from a competition law perspective
- Merger control proceedings in the telecoms industry
- Legal advice on all aspects of lawful intercept legislation (e.g. scope of application, specific requirements)
- Support in M&A transactions

Deals and Cases

- Advice to a large European telecom and network company in its acquisition of the shares of a large network infrastructure provider, in particular support in all questions related to the Swiss entities, assets, facilities, properties, etc
- Retention by an international provider of call analytics and value-added services in establishment of its business in Switzerland; application for the necessary registrations and compliance with telecoms legislation
- Legal advice to a Swiss tourist organisation in setting up a free WLAN network for its customers, including in particular regulatory advice (e.g. need for registration) and legal issues related to lawful intercept
- Legal support to global telecoms service provider Vodafone in review and negotiation of international roaming agreements
- Retention by a global provider of voice, image, video and message conferencing services in setting up business in Switzerland, analysis of the regulatory framework and preparation of the necessary notifications and registrations
- Representation of a European telecoms provider in proceedings conducted by the Federal Office of Communications related to telecoms licensing procedures concerning unfair business operations

- Representation of Husqvarna in telecoms regulatory proceedings regarding the use of radio devices for lawn mowers
- Legal advice to a telecoms operator related to competition law aspects of fibre optic network construction cooperation agreements

Recognitions

The group and leading practitioners are highly ranked and recognised among leading law firms in global directories and publications:

- Chambers Europe in TMT
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- WWL Switzerland and WWL Data and Communications International Guide
- Expert Guides

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