

TMT LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR - SWITZERLAND

Winner: **THOUVENIN** rechtsanwälte

Thouvenin rechtsanwälte is a partner driven Swiss law firm which has continuously built up its expertise and reputation in the telecommunication sector already prior to the liberalisation of the market in Switzerland in 1998. The firm's TMT practice is headed by David Känzig and Hansjörg Stutzer.

Thouvenin rechtsanwälte maintain close contacts with the Swiss regulator and the telecommunication industry on all levels in order to promote their interests and to influence the legislative process in order to meet the challenges of the new generation network.

The firm's unique expertise encompasses fixed line, mobile, VOIP and satellite providers. The firm assists clients in the day to day business such as the negotiation of contracts, as well as in all licensing and notification issues with the Swiss regulator and all other regulatory issues such as data protection, lawful interception and caller location identification in the new technological environment. In addition, the firm's TMT team has a long standing experience with outsourcing deals in the technology sector and assists their clients in the negotiation of such deals.

The firm is also often and successfully engaged in regulatory proceedings for and on behalf of its clients against the incumbent operator on all regulatory issues, such as the determination of cost oriented prices for interconnection and for the unbundling of the local loop as well as for the determination of the respective contractual arrangements by the regulator. Unlike in other countries, the Swiss regulator determines cost oriented prices and the access conditions only at the request of the party seeking access.

The firm's profound industry expertise and international practice make it a first choice also for arbitration and litigation in telecommunication related matters as well as for telecommunication related acquisitions. Hansjörg Stutzer can rely on his extensive expertise in arbitration and litigation and David Känzig can look back at over two decades of experience in the mergers and acquisition business and successful transactions in the telecommunication industry. **ACQ**