



PROF. DR. PETER PICTH LL.M. (YALE)

MAIN FIELDS

Competition Law, Intellectual Property Law, Private International Law, General Commercial Law

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Since 2016

Zurich, Switzerland

Professor of Law, University of Zurich.

Chair for Business, Competition, and Intellectual Property Law. Head of Business Law Department.

Since 2016

Munich, Germany

Affiliated Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition.

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2013–2016

Munich, Germany

Habilitation (Qualification as a Professor), Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition.

Granted *venia legendi* for Civil Law, Business Law (in particular Intellectual Property and Competition Law), Private International Law, Civil Procedure and General Procedural Law.

2012–2013

New Haven, USA

LL.M., Yale Law School.

Research and teaching focus: Competition Law, Intellectual Property Law, Corporate and Trust Law.

2008–2012

Munich, Germany

Doctor of Law (*summa cum laude*), Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition.

2008

Munich, Germany

Second State Examination in Law (Bar Examination).

Admitted to the Bar in Germany and Switzerland.

2000–2008

Munich, Germany

Law Studies and Legal Clerkship.

INTERNATIONAL TEACHING

Since 2025

Strasbourg, France

Guest Faculty, Centre for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI), Strassburg.

Since 2022

Florence, Italy

Guest Faculty, European University Institute, Florence.

2022

Kyoto, Japan

Visiting Professor, Kyoto University.

Since 2019

Lausanne, Switzerland

Guest Faculty, University of Lausanne.

2018–2024

London, UK

Visiting Professor, Guest Faculty, King's College London.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 2018 Zurich, Switzerland	Of Counsel , Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd, co-lead competition team; IP and Life Sciences teams.
2008–2016 Munich, Germany	Senior Research Fellow , Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition (formerly Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property and Competition Law).
2008–2015	Consultancy and Arbitration , inter alia in cooperation with Linklaters, Hengeler Mueller, and Allen & Overy.
2005–2006 Brussels, Belgium	European Commission , Directorate-General for Competition.

POLICY ADVICE AND EXPERT REPORTS

Provision of policy advice to, inter alia, the European Commission, the Swiss and German Ministries of Justice, the Swiss Competition Commission (ComCo), the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI), the OECD, WIPO, and the WTO.

Selected Projects

- Study on copyright and AI (Centre on Regulation in Europe, European Parliament).
- Study on copyright and AI (Swiss Government).
- Study on algorithmic pricing and competition law (European Commission).
- Expert report on data licensing and technology transfer (European Commission).
- Expert, revision of the institutional design of the Swiss competition authorities (Swiss Government).
- Study on the implementation of the SEP Regulation (European Commission, pending).
- Study on AI and software protection (Swiss IP Office).
- Expert group on the Unified Patent Court (European Commission).
- Advisory group on SEP and FRAND licensing (German Ministry of Justice).

CHAIRS, MEMBERSHIPS, AND EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

- **President**, Academic Society for Competition Law (ASCOLA); head working group on frontier technology and competition law.
- **Chairman**, Center for Intellectual Property and Competition Law (CIPCO), Zurich.
- **President**, Munich IP Dispute Resolution Forum.

Board Memberships

- Association Internationale de Droit Economique (A.I.D.E.).
- Wissenschaftliche Vereinigung für das gesamte Regulierungsrecht.

Editorial Activities

- **Lead Editor**, *sic! – Zeitschrift für Immaterialgüter-, Informations- und Wettbewerbsrecht*.
- **Editor**, *ZWeR – Zeitschrift für Wettbewerbsrecht*.
- **Review Board Member**, *GRUR*, *GRUR International*, *IIC – International Review of Intellectual Property and Competition Law*, *Journal of Intellectual Property Law & Practice (JIPLP)*, *Journal of European Competition Law & Practice (JECLAP)*.

Committees and Institutional Initiatives

- Competition, Patent, and Data Committees, GRUR (German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property), Cologne.
- UZH Blockchain Center, Zurich.
- UZH Digital Society Initiative, Zurich.

- Centre on Regulation in Europe, CERRE.
- Institut für Gewerblichen Rechtsschutz (INGRES), Zurich.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2022	Visiting Research Scholarship of the Japanese Ministry of Justice.
2012–2013	Scholarship of Yale Law School for the LL.M. program.
2012–2013	ERP Scholarship of the German Government for the LL.M. program at Yale Law School.
2012	Munich Law Faculty Prize for outstanding doctoral thesis.
2010–2012	Doctoral Scholarship of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.
2008	Doctoral Scholarship of the Max Planck Society.
2005–2006	Carlo Schmid Scholarship of the German Government for delegation to the European Commission.
2005	Munich Law Faculty Prize for outstanding success in the First State Examination in Law.
2000–2005	Scholarship of the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German National Academic Foundation).
1999	Arthur Schnabel Prize for extraordinary results in the final secondary school examinations (<i>Abitur</i>).

LANGUAGES

Modern	English, French, Italian, Spanish.
Classical	Latin (<i>Großes Latinum</i> , advanced certificate), Ancient Greek (<i>Graecum</i>).