**CV\_Simon Winkler\_2025**

13.04.1989

**CONTACT DETAILS**

**PERSONAL STRENGTHS**

* out-of-the-box thinking
* communicative
* precise
* reliable

**PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

* in-depth knowledge in the field of corporate law combined with a strong business understanding
* ability to drive change in operational processes
* business development experience with international clients

**LANGUAGES**

* German (mother tongue)
* English (business fluent)

**INTERESTS**

* racing bicycle and soccer
* architecture
* artificial intelligence

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**10/2023 - now Pestalozzi Attorneys at Law Ltd | Zurich | Associate Corporate / M&A (100%)**

* Advising on domestic and international acquisitions: conducting comprehensive due diligence, drafting and negotiating transaction documents
* Supporting private equity and venture capital transactions
* Guiding companies through restructuring processes
* Providing general corporate law advice, in particular on ESG reporting obligations
* Part of the internal AI Task Force and co-author of Pestalozzi’s legal guide on AI

**05/2021 - 03/2022 District Court See-Gaster | Uznach (St. Gallen) | Court Clerk (100%)**

* Legal assessments in civil, criminal, debt collection and bankruptcy law
* Assisting court hearings and acting in an advisory capacity
* Drafting court decisions

**02/2020 - 03/2021 Pestalozzi Attorneys at Law Ltd | Zurich | Junior Associate (100%)**

**06/2019 - 09/2019 Credit Suisse AG | Zurich | Legal Support NTIP & Funds Execution (40%)**

* Reviewing hedge fund contracts

**09/2016 - 07/2018 University of St. Gallen | St. Gallen | Research Assistant to Prof. van Aaken (30%)**

* Chair of Law & Economics, Legal Theory, Public International Law and European Law

**08/2016 Pestalozzi Attorneys at Law Ltd | Zurich | Summer Internship (100%)**

**08/2008 - 07/2011 UBS Group AG | Zurich | Commercial Apprenticeship (100%)**

* Working in the department for structured products, Swiss and German private clients and e-banking for business clients

**EDUCATION**

**03/2023 Bar Admission (Canton St. Gallen)**

**02/2017 - 05/2020 University of St. Gallen | St. Gallen | M.A. in Law & Economics | Grade 5.6**

* Master thesis on «Trustworthy AI qua Trustworthy Regulation»

**09/2018 - 12/2018 University of Geneva | Geneva | Exchange Semester**

**09/2013 - 02/2018 University of St. Gallen | St. Gallen | B.A. in Law & Economics | Grade 5.1**

**09/2015 - 12/2015 King’s College London | London | Exchange Semester**

**08/2012 - 08/2013 Cantonal Baccalaureate School for Adults | Zurich | Swiss Matura**

**08/2011 - 05/2012 Northwest State Community College & Santa Barbara City College | USA | Study Abroad**

**08/2008 - 07/2011 KV Zurich Business School | Zurich | Commercial Vocational Baccalaureate**

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**10/2024 - now «Inspire Next» | Zurich | Initiator of an event for young professionals (in planning)**

* Featuring inspiring talks by entrepreneurs and thought leaders

**02/2021 - 12/2023 prioFix GmbH | Zurich | Co-founder of a sanitary company with 4 employees**

* Building up the company and managing a conversion project in Zurich

**10/2017 Swiss Legal Tech Hackathon | Zurich | Winner of the 1st prize**

* Development of the mobile app «Solvee» (prototype)
* Enables simple and fair inheritance distribution and the automatic creation of a contract

**07/2014 - 07/2015 AISEC St. Gallen | St. Gallen | Board member of the student association**

* Enables international internships and promotes development of leadership skills

Simon Winkler  
M.A. in Law & Economics (HSG)  
  
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