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Andreas Fankhauser is committed to achieving the best possible outcome for each of his clients, no matter the challenge. With over 20 years of experience, he advises and represents companies and private individuals in international and national disputes before state courts and arbitral tribunals.

His areas of practice include corporate and commercial law, aviation law, insurance law, banking law, sanctions law, and white-collar crime.

He also serves as an arbitrator.

Andreas Fankhauser is widely recognized as a leading lawyer in all areas of aviation law, including contentious, financial, and regulatory matters, as well as in insurance and reinsurance law. He is also an officer of the International Bar Association's Aviation Law Committee.

PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation and Arbitration | Alternative Dispute Resolution | Corporate and Commercial Law | Aviation | Insurance and Reinsurance | Banking | Sanctions | Asset Tracing and Recovery | White-Collar Crime

CAREER

- Since 2025: Partner at Lustenberger + Partners KLG
- 2021 – 2025: Partner at Bellpark Legal Ltd.
- 2018 – 2021: Managing Attorney at Proton Legal LLC
- 2012 – 2018: Partner at Baumgartner Mächler Attorneys-at-Law Ltd.
- 2007 – 2012: Partner at gbf Attorneys-at-Law
- 2001 – 2007: Associate and Senior Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd.
- 2000 – 2001: Judge at the District Court of Zurich
- 1998 – 2001: Law Clerk at the District Court of Zurich
- 1997 – 1998: Trainee at the District Court of Zurich

LANGUAGES

- German
- English
- French

MEMBERSHIPS

- Zurich and Swiss Bar Associations
- International Bar Association
- Swiss Arbitration Association
- Shanghai International Arbitration Center
- Shanghai International Aviation Court of Arbitration
- Swiss-Chinese Chamber of Commerce

EDUCATION

- Admitted to the Bar of the Canton of Zurich, Switzerland (since 2000)
- University of Zurich Law School, Master of Laws degree (“Lizentiat”, “magna cum laude”, 1992-1997)

SELECTION OF WORK

- Served as an expert witness before the High Court of Justice of England and Wales on the question whether Swiss courts would enforce an English court’s third-party debt order.
- Advising companies and private individuals on Swiss and European sanctions.
- Served as an expert witness on certain aspects of Swiss arbitration and procedural laws in a corporate liability dispute in the Netherlands.
- Advising a leading Chinese investor on investments in the hotel industry in Central Switzerland.
- Sole arbitrator in a Swiss Rules arbitration between a company in the United Arab Emirates, an airline, and a company in Turkey concerning the wet lease of an Airbus A320 aircraft.
- M&A transactions between Chinese and European companies.
- Arbitration at the International Chamber of Commerce between a Chinese aircraft manufacturer and a French aircraft systems supplier.
- Swiss enforcement proceedings between a Ukrainian state-owned and controlled company and a U.S. corporation concerning an investment arbitration award under the rules of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce.
- Multi-jurisdictional litigation between a Russian airline and various parties alleging fraud.

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- Served as an expert witness for a U.S. court on Swiss insurance law and practices in an insurance coverage dispute involving a football (soccer) governing body.
 - Advising on the recognition and enforcement in Switzerland of an arbitral award rendered against a sovereign state under the auspices of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague.
 - Arbitration at the International Chamber of Commerce between two private individuals concerning the ownership of Dutch and Kazakh companies in the phosphorus industry.
 - Swiss Rules arbitration between a Luxembourg company and a Turkish party regarding share purchase agreements for Latvian, Lithuanian and Romanian companies.
 - Criminal defense in a major investment fraud investigation and trial.
 - Litigation between a victim's family and a regional airport in Switzerland following an accident involving a Raytheon (Hawker Beechcraft) 390 aircraft near St. Moritz.
 - Litigation between a regional airport in Switzerland and a helicopter operator arising from a helicopter accident.
 - Litigation between a liability insurer and the Swiss government arising from an aircraft accident in the city of Basel.
 - Regulatory and contractual advice to a U.S. Airline.
 - Multi-jurisdictional litigation arising from a mid-air collision between a Bashkirian Tupolev Tu-154 passenger aircraft and a DHL Boeing B757 cargo aircraft over southern Germany.
 - Various Swiss court proceedings under the New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards.
 - Various Swiss court proceedings relating to asset tracing and attachment/freezing orders.
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CREDENTIALS

- Recommended by the Lexology Index for transport (contentious, financial, and regulatory matters in aviation law) as well as insurance and reinsurance law.
 - "An excellent lawyer and great litigator with specific expertise in aviation accidents." (Who's Who Legal)
 - "Andreas Fankhauser is a top-notch advocate who wins high praise for his strong expertise handling complex aviation and transportation disputes in both litigation and arbitration proceedings." (Who's Who Legal)
 - "Andreas Fankhauser stands out as 'a strong player' in the Swiss insurance and reinsurance market, an area in which he is considered 'very knowledgeable'." (Who's Who Legal)
 - "Andreas Fankhauser is a widely recognized figure in the Swiss market, commended for his strong expertise handling disputes across the aviation sector in both litigation and arbitration proceedings." (Who's Who Legal).
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PUBLICATIONS

- Regular contributions to the Aviation Newsletter of International Law Office
 - "Air Transport" (Swiss Chapter, Law Business Research)
 - "Aviation Liability" (Swiss Chapter, Law Business Research)
 - "A Structured Guide to Insurance & Reinsurance in Switzerland"
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