LALIVE

Thomas Widmer
Counsel, Geneva



Thomas specialises in domestic litigation, international arbitration, data privacy and intellectual property and is praised for his “extensive knowledge on the subject” in *Chambers Europe, Intellectual Property, 2021*.

Thomas teaches the “Legal and regulatory approach” module of the “Business Communication, Web expertise and Social Media” course at the University of Geneva (Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences). This module mainly covers the legal framework surrounding e-commerce, intellectual property and data protection. Thomas also leads a course on the introduction to commercial law and to corporate law at the Institut Capacité en droit. This Institute, based in Geneva, awards the certificate of Capacité en droit.

Current professional memberships

- Member of the Board of AIPPI (International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property) Switzerland
- Member of the Copyright Standing Committee of AIPPI
- Member of the International Trademark Association (INTA)
- Member of Association Romande de Propriété Intellectuelle (AROPI)
- Special Coach in licensing, alliances and M&A at Innosuisse, the Swiss Innovation Agency

Career history

- Counsel, LALIVE, Geneva, 2014 – present
- Associate, LALIVE, Geneva, 2007 – 2013

Academic qualifications

- Data Protection Officer (DPO) certificate, University of Geneva, 2023
- Law degree, University of Geneva, 2003
- Erasmus exchange University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, 2002
- Various certificates of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)

Contact

Counsel, Geneva

+41 58 105 2000

twidmer@lalive.law

LinkedIn

Practices

- Commercial Litigation
- Intellectual Property

Sectors

- Pharma

Languages

- English
- French
- Spanish

Nationality

- Swiss

Admission

- Switzerland, 2007

“... an unparalleled understanding of intellectual property, Swiss law and a keen ability to navigate the complexities of the arbitration process.”

Chambers Europe, Intellectual Property, 2024

Recognition

Thomas Widmer is a very dedicated and excellent lawyer.
Chambers Europe, Intellectual Property, 2026

The “excellent” Thomas Widmer operates at the forefront of the IP offering at LALIVE, which is highly experienced in a varied litany of trade mark, design, domain name and copyright disputes, providing substantive advice to corporates, NGOs and individual clients operating in the sectors of tech, luxury goods and entertainment. Widmer excels across the full gamut of IP issues.
Legal 500, Switzerland, Intellectual Property, 2025

Thomas Widmer leads with experience and a calm demeanour. His advice is practical and business oriented.
Legal 500, Switzerland, Intellectual Property, 2025

Recent publications

Case summary and analysis – Federal Supreme Court 4A_666/2024 of 22 April 2025
THOMAS WIDMER, ILANA HALPÉRIN
In: Lexology online, LALIVE Insights, 8 August 2025

E-commerce and data protection: Swiss law prohibits mandatory customer accounts for online purchases
THOMAS WIDMER, ILANA HALPÉRIN
In: Lexology online, LALIVE Insights, 18 November 2024

Cautio judicatum solvi : Une partie demanderesse confrontée à des difficultés financières peut-elle être astreinte à fournir des sûretés en garantie des dépens ? Brèves réflexions au sujet d’un récent arrêt de la Cour d’appel civile vaudoise
THOMAS WIDMER
LALIVE Insights, 23 August 2024

Recent conferences

CEDIDAC - Demi-journée de droit de la propriété intellectuelle: La protection de la célébrité comme bien immatériel
THOMAS WIDMER, Role: Speaker, Aperçu de jurisprudence
Lausanne, 12 May 2026

International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) - Swiss Group Webinar 2025
THOMAS WIDMER, Role: Moderator, Study Questions and Resolutions
Webinar, 27 November 2025

International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) - Swiss Group Webinar 2024
THOMAS WIDMER, Role: Moderator, Study Questions and Resolutions
Zurich, 28 November 2024