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Thierry Burnens is an associate in the firm’s IP/TMT department. He has a strong knowledge of intellectual property and information technology law, with an emphasis on matters in the digital economy and data protection. His practice entails advice and litigation for national and international clients. Prior to joining BianchiSchwald, he worked for a major global consulting firm as well as for boutique law firms in Zurich and Zug. He holds a Master Degree in Law and Economics from the University of St. Gallen and is a certified information privacy professional (CIPP/E).

**EXPERTISE**

Litigation and Arbitration | Intellectual Property |  
Information Technology, Media and Data Protection |  
Commercial and Contracts

**LANGUAGES**

German, English, Italian, French

**MEMBERSHIPS**

- German Society for Law and Informatics (DGRI)
- INGRES (Swiss IP Association)
- International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)
- International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA)
- International Technology Law Association (ITechLaw)
- Swiss Bar Association
- SF/FS (Swiss Forum for Communications Law)
- Swiss LegalTech Association
- Zurich Bar Association

**CAREER**

- SINCE 2019** ● Associate at BianchiSchwald
- 2018 - 2019** ● Senior Consultant at a leading international audit and consulting firm, Zurich
- 2017** ● Admitted to the Bar, Zurich
- 2015** ● Legal employee at an IP/TMT law firm, Zug
- 2012 - 2014** ● Trainee lawyer at a business law firm, Zurich
- 2011** ● Università degli Studi di Torino, Italy
- 2010 - 2012** ● Student employee at the Institute for Business Informatics of the University of St. Gallen
- 2010 - 2015** ● M.A. in Law & Economics, University of St. Gallen
- 2007 - 2010** ● B.A. in Law & Economics, University of St. Gallen

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

*January 2021*

- **New Swiss data protection act vs GDPR - What's new and how to implement it**  
with Christoph Gasser, webinar organized with Bird&Bird

*November 2020*

- **Regionalgericht Emmental-Oberaargau, case translation**  
in Digital Evidence and Electronic Signature Law, Vol. 17, 2020, p. 97-111

*October 2020*

- **New federal data protection act for Switzerland**  
with Christoph Gasser and Stephanie Volz, Newsletter BianchiSchwald

*September 2020*

- **Erweiterte Kollektivlizenzen (Art. 43a URG)**  
with Christoph Gasser, in: Peter Mosimann (Hg.), Das revidierte Urheberrecht, Basel 2020, 129 ff.

*September 2020*

- **New challenges for international data transfers**  
with Christoph Gasser, Newsletter BianchiSchwald

*April 2020*

- **Cybersecurity and COVID-19**  
with Christoph Gasser and Adrian Trutmann, Newsletter BianchiSchwald