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Christophe Berclaz is a counsel and member of Pestalozzi's Litigation & Arbitration group in Geneva. He has built a strong practice in complex, cross-border litigation with a particular focus on multi-jurisdictional disputes. His expertise lies in white-collar crime, including asset tracing, recovery, and international mutual assistance in criminal matters.

In addition, Christophe Berclaz has extensive experience in private banking, internal investigations, civil liability, enforcement of foreign judgments and employment law.

After earning his law degree from the University of Geneva, he was admitted to the Geneva Bar in 2005. He later obtained a Master of Science in Shipping, Trade & Finance from Bayes Business School (formerly Sir John Cass Business School) in London in 2007. He began his career as an associate in both the litigation and corporate departments of a leading Swiss business law firm, where he worked for four years before joining the legal department of the Swiss subsidiary of an English private bank. He became an associate at Pestalozzi in June 2013.

Christophe Berclaz is actively engaged in several professional associations, including the International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA). He currently serves on the Law & Digital Innovation Commission of the Geneva International Legal Association (GILA).

In the past, he was a member of the Committee of Geneva Young Bar (2014–2018), the Financial & Tax Committee of the Geneva Bar Association (2014–2025), and the Committee of the Geneva Bar Personality Protection Scheme (2020–2024), where he supported members facing workplace conflicts, inappropriate conduct, or sexual harassment in their professional environment.

Market Perception

Christophe Berclaz is a very knowledgeable lawyer. (The Legal 500 Client Feedback, 2022)

Career

2022	Counsel at Pestalozzi
2014	Geneva Young Bar Association Executive Committee (until 2018)
2013	Senior Associate at Pestalozzi
2011	Legal Counsel at Barclays Bank (Suisse) SA
2007	Bayes Business School: MSc in Shipping Trade & Finance Associate at a leading Swiss business law firm
2005	Bar admission: Switzerland
2002	University of Geneva: Master of Law
1998	Institut Florimont

Languages

- French
- English

Practice Areas

- Restructuring & Insolvency
- Litigation & Arbitration
- Blockchain & Crypto Assets
- Employment & Pensions
- Financial Services
- White-Collar Crime

Membership

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Geneva Bar Association (ODA)
- Law & Digital Innovation Commission of the Geneva International Legal Association (GILA)
- International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA)