

Adam El-Hakim

Counsel, Zurich



Adam specialises in white collar crime, compliance, international mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and internal investigations.

Adam represents clients before authorities and courts at all stages of criminal proceedings. He has extensive experience in issues related to complex criminal litigation, cross-border anti-fraud and anti-money laundering, as well as anti-bribery matters.

Adam is ranked as a key lawyer for regulatory, compliance and investigations in *Legal 500 EMEA, 2022*.

Current professional memberships

- + Founding member and Chairman of the Private Claimants Network (PCN)
- + Member of the Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- + Member of the Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- + Member of the Criminalistic Society of Switzerland (CSS)
- + Member of the European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA)
- + Member of the European Fraud and Compliance Lawyers (EFCL)

Career history

- + Counsel, LALIVE, Zurich, 2023 – present
- + Associate, LALIVE, Zurich 2019 – 2022
- + Federal Assistant Prosecutor, Office of the Attorney General (section for white collar crime), Zurich, 2017 – 2019
- + Attorney, Bär & Karrer, Zurich, 2017

Academic qualifications

- + PhD, University of Basel (Dr Gadiant Engi Scholar), 2017
- + Admitted to the Swiss Bar, 2014
- + LLM, University College London (Dr Gadiant Engi Scholar), 2011
- + Master of Laws, University of Basel, 2010
- + Bachelors of Laws, University of Basel, 2008

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Practices

- + Asset Recovery & Insolvency
- + Investigations, Regulatory & Compliance
- + White Collar Crime

Languages

- + Arabic
- + English
- + French
- + German

Nationality

- + Egyptian
- + Swiss

Admission

- + Switzerland, 2014

Recognition

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Recent publications

Increase in corporate and senior management criminal liability enforcement in Switzerland

Daniel L. Bühr, Benoît A Mauron, Adam El-Hakim, Alexandre Schwab
In: Lexology online, LALIVE Insights, 26 March 2025

No absolute veto right for private claimants in accelerated criminal proceedings

Benoît A Mauron, Adam El-Hakim, Vivien Altwegg
In: Lexology online, LALIVE Insights, 14 March 2025

Entscheidbesprechung BGer 4A_368/2023 (applicability of criminal procedure law in internal investigations)

Adam El-Hakim, Veena Manikulam
In: ForumPoenale 1/2025, 12 February 2025

Recent conferences

Netzwerk Privatkügerschaft NPK – Jahrestagung 2024

ADAM EL HAKIM, Speaker and Chair: Einvernahmen aus Sicht der Privatkügerschaft
Karl der Grosse, Zurich, 23 August 2024

Fire&Ice Circle Europe – ThoughtLeaders4

ADAM EL HAKIM, Speaker and Co-Chair: Obtaining evidence in aid of foreign proceedings
Le Mirador, Vevey, Switzerland, 12-13 March 2024

Netzwerk Privatkügerschaft NPK – Jahrestagung 2023

ADAM EL HAKIM, Speaker and Chair: Vermögenseinziehung aus Sicht der Privatkügerschaft
Karl der Grosse, Zurich, 1 September 2023