

Sébastien Zulian

Partner, Geneva



Sébastien specialises in private clients and commercial law. He advises and represents clients in domestic and cross-border litigation and transactional cases, with a focus on inheritance and family business matters.

He is SBA Certified Specialist in inheritance law (Avocat spécialiste FSA droit des successions).

Current professional memberships

- ✚ Member of the Geneva Bar Association and the Swiss Bar Association
- ✚ STEP Affiliate Member
- ✚ Member of the Geneva Bar Association's Forum on Inheritance Law
- ✚ Member of the Geneva Business Law Association
- ✚ Member of the Société romande des avocats spécialistes en successions (SASS)

Career history

- ✚ Partner, LALIVE, Geneva, 2026 – present
- ✚ Counsel, LALIVE, Geneva, 2024 – 2025
- ✚ Associate, LALIVE, Geneva, 2017 – 2023
- ✚ Associate, Lenz & Staehelin, Geneva, 2016
- ✚ Trainee, Lenz & Staehelin, Geneva, 2014 – 2016
- ✚ Research Assistant, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva, 2013 – 2014

Academic qualifications

- ✚ LLM, Columbia Law School, 2017
- ✚ Certificate of Advanced Studies in Legal Professions, University of Geneva, 2014
- ✚ Bilingual Master of Laws, University of Basel and University of Geneva, 2014
- ✚ Certificate in Transnational Law, University of Geneva, 2013
- ✚ Bachelor of Laws, University of Geneva, 2012

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Practices

- ✚ Corporate Commercial Advisory
- ✚ Commercial Litigation
- ✚ Private Client

Languages

- ✚ English
- ✚ French

Nationality

- ✚ Italian
- ✚ Swiss

Admission

- ✚ Switzerland, 2016

Recognition

“Sébastien Zulian [is] truly outstanding.”

Legal 500 EMEA, Private Client, 2025

Recent publications

Contrat de gestion d'hôtel: Modèles en français et en anglais commentés selon le droit suisse

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In: Recueil de contrats commerciaux, 2e édition, Sylvain Marchand, Christine Chappuis, Laurent Hirsch (Editeurs)

Recent conferences

LALIVE - Inheritance at Risk: Defending Art and Reputation Across Borders

SÉBASTIEN ZULIAN, Role: Speaker, Inheritance at Risk: Defending Art and Reputation Across Borders

London, 8 November 2024

STEP - Supervisory Jurisdiction and Arbitration in Trusts: Support for Administration and Dispute Resolution

SÉBASTIEN ZULIAN, Role: Speaker, Trust and Estate Arbitration in Switzerland: Update and Recent Experiences

Lugano, 17 October 2024

Private Client NextGen - English Trusts, Liechtenstein Foundations and Trusts & Swiss Disputes

SÉBASTIEN ZULIAN, Role: Moderator, English Trusts, Liechtenstein Foundations and Trusts & Swiss Disputes

Zurich, 18 April 2024