

Anton Vallélian

Counsel, Geneva



Anton specialises in cross-border disputes, with a focus on asset recovery, enforcement of foreign judgments and awards, and international mutual legal assistance. He also regularly advises States and international organisations in matters of public international law, including international responsibility, privileges and immunities, and governance.

Anton further has extensive expertise in assisting companies to navigate global and local sustainability regulations. This allows him to provide tailored guidance on governance, due diligence and reporting obligations, enabling clients to best capitalise on the opportunities created by the fast-evolving sustainability landscape.

He is one of the coordinators of LALIVE's Public International Law and ESG Focus Groups.

Current professional memberships

- + Member of the International Bar Association
- + Member of the Geneva Bar Association
- + Member of the Human Rights Commission of the Geneva Bar Association
- + Member of the Business and Human Rights Lawyers Association
- + Member and auditor of the Swiss Society of International Law
- + Coordinator of the Business and Human Rights' Committee of the Human Rights Commission of the Geneva Bar Association
- + Co-Chair of the Training Committee of the Business and Human Rights Lawyers Association

Career history

- + Counsel, LALIVE, Geneva, 2024 – present
- + Associate, LALIVE, Geneva, 2018 – 2023
- + Trainee, LALIVE, Geneva, 2016 – 2018
- + Visiting Researcher, Harvard Law School, 2015 – 2016
- + Teaching and Research Assistant, University of Geneva, 2012 – 2016
- + Paralegal and Assistant Editor, Patocchi & Marzolini, Geneva, 2014 – 2016
- + Instructor, Coursera "Introduction to Human Rights" MOOC, Geneva, 2014 – 2015
- + Paralegal and Assistant Editor, Lenz & Staehelin, Geneva, 2010 – 2013

Academic qualifications

- + Doctor of Law in public international law and human rights law, University of Geneva (Swiss National Science Foundation Fellow; Harvard Law School

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Practices

- + Asset Recovery & Insolvency
- + Commercial Litigation
- + ESG
- + Public International Law
- + White Collar Crime

Languages

- + English
- + French
- + German

Nationality

- + Swiss

Admission

- + Switzerland, 2018

- + Visiting Researcher), 2021
- + Certificate of Advanced Studies in Legal Professions, University of Geneva, 2015
- + Master of Laws, University of Geneva (Prize for Best Master's Thesis 2013; top 2% of the class), 2013
- + Bachelor of Laws, University of Geneva (*major de promotion*: highest grades in the class; Schellenberg Wittmer Prize), 2011
- + Certificate in Transnational Law, University of Geneva in collaboration with the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (*major de promotion*: highest grades in the class), 2011

Recognition

“Premier brevet“

Highest grade on the Geneva Bar Exam 2018

Recent publications

You Won! Now What? How to Enforce Awards Against States in Switzerland

LAURA AZARIA, CHRISTIAN EXNER, ANTON VALLÉLIAN

In: ASA – Swiss Arbitration Association Bulletin 2/2025, published by Wolters

Kluwer: International Arbitration & Mediation, June 2025

ESG Update: The new Swiss National Action Plan on BHR, two constitutional initiatives, and the revision of the Swiss non-financial reporting regime

SANDRINE GIROUD, DANIEL LUCIEN BÜHR, ANTON VALLÉLIAN, CHRISTELLE COMECHE

In: Lexology online, LALIVE insight, 2025

Quick Answers on State Immunity – Switzerland

SANDRINE GIROUD, ANTON VALLÉLIAN

In: Quick Answers on State Immunity, Kluwer Law International (online), 2024

Recent conferences

BHRLA and the International Bar Association BHR Committee - Evolving Professional Legal Standards

ANTON VALLÉLIAN , Role: Speaker, The IBA Updated Guidance Note on Business and Human Rights

Geneva, 27 November 2024

Thought Leaders 4 Fire (TL4) - Enforcement of Awards Against Sovereigns

ANTON VALLÉLIAN , Role: Speaker, Enforcement of Awards Against Sovereigns: Latest Developments

Virtual, 21 May 2024

University of Lausanne - International Conference – Business and Human Rights

ANTON VALLÉLIAN , Role: Panellist/ Commentator, Swiss Legislation on Business and Human Rights: A Reform needed toward Harmonization” by Prof. Damiano Canapa, Prof. Giulia Neri-Castracane and Teymour Brander

University of Lausanne, 31 May 2023