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# 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 on matters of public international law, including international responsibility, privileges and immunities, and governance.

Recognised as one of the "*40 most impressive ESG and sustainability lawyers worldwide under the age of 40*" in *Forward Law Review, 2025*, Anton further brings unique insight into the intersection of law and sustainability. He has extensive expertise in helping companies navigate global and local sustainability regulations, providing tailored guidance on governance, due diligence and reporting obligations. This enables clients to capitalise on 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


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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

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

*“Recognised as one of the 40 most impressive ESG and sustainability lawyers worldwide under the age of 40.”*
**Forward Law Review, 2025**

“*Premier brevet*“
***Highest grade on the Geneva Bar Exam 2018***

## Recent publications

**Switzerland charts a pragmatic course on sustainability regulation**
ANTON VALLÉLIAN – Interview-based article
*In: Forward Law review, August 2026*

**AI governance: directors’ duties**
DANIEL LUCIEN BÜHR, SANDRINE GIROUD, ANTON VALLÉLIAN, ANGELINA SGIER
In: Lexology online, LALIVE insight, July 2026

**Durabilité : la Suisse veut s’aligner avec l’Union européenne**
ANTON VALLÉLIAN – Interview-based article
*In: RSEDATANEWS, May 2026*

## Recent conferences

**GILW - From boardrooms to public institutions and international organisations, navigating the new era of internal investigations: reducing cost, managing risk, and enhancing defensibility**
ANTON VALLÉLIAN , Role: Speaker
*Geneva, 10 March 2026*

**FER Genève - Forum Economie & Durabilité - vers un monde fragmenté ?**
ANTON VALLÉLIAN , Role: Speaker, Clauses contractuelles ESG : que peut-on imposer, que doit-on accepter ?
*Geneva, 9 December 2025*

**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*