

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

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 Visiting Researcher), 2021
- + Certificate of Advanced Studies in Legal Professions, University of Geneva, 2015

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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

- + 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

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

The revised Swiss data protection act and international organizations

SANDRINE GIROUD, THOMAS WIDMER, VINCENT REYNAUD, ANTON
VALLÉLIAN

In: *Lexology online, LALIVE blog*, 2023

Recent conferences

**Enforcement of Awards Against Sovereigns: Latest Developments –
Thought Leaders 4 Fire**

ANTON VALLÉLIAN, Speaker

Virtual, 21 May 2024

International Conference – Business and Human Rights

ANTON VALLÉLIAN, 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 – CEDIDAC / LL.M. International Business Law, 31
May – 1 June 2023*

**Colloque du droit de la responsabilité civile – La RC en arrêts et une
nouveau législatif de taille**

SANDRINE GIROUD, ANTON VALLÉLIAN, Speakers: La responsabilité civile
pour blanchiment d'argent: du mythe à la réalité ? (ATF 129 IV 322 et
ACJC/1202/2020)

University of Fribourg – Faculty of law, 7 April 2022