

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

ESG reporting and liability risks: companies between a rock and a hard place

DANIEL LUCIEN BÜHR, BENOÎT A. MAURON, ANGELINA SGIER, ANTON VALLÉLIAN

In: Lexology (online), LALIVE Insights, January 2026

Quick Answers on State Immunity – Switzerland

SANDRINE GIROUD, ANTON VALLÉLIAN

In: Quick Answers on State Immunity, Kluwer Law International (online), 2025

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

Recent conferences

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

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