

Sandrine Giroud Partner, Geneva



Sandrine specialises in domestic and international litigation, with a focus on complex commercial and financial disputes, private client matters, fraud and asset recovery, white collar crime, mutual legal assistance in civil and criminal matters and international sanctions.

Sandrine routinely acts for companies and individuals in safeguarding their interests and recovering their assets through freezing orders, protective briefs or the enforcement of foreign judgements and awards. She is particularly sought after for high-stakes and sensitive matters involving reputational risk and media exposure.

In addition, Sandrine has strong expertise in public international law, notably in matters involving immunity issues, as well as in business and human rights and ESG matters. She regularly advises international organisations and companies on these issues.

Her practice also encompasses art and cultural property law. She acts as trusted counsel to collectors, art market professionals and museums on both contentious and transactional matters, including sale and loan agreements, museum lending arrangements, authenticity disputes, fraud, and restitution claims.

Sandrine is the immediate past President of the Geneva Bar Association (ODA). She holds a number of leadership roles reflecting her commitment to governance and institutional dialogue.

Current professional memberships

- + Past President of the Geneva Bar Association (ODA)
- + Member of the Swiss Bar Association (FSA/SAV)
- + President of the Geneva International Legal Association (GILA)
- + Co-chair of the IBA Litigation Committee
- + Member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)
- + Member of the board of the Art Law Foundation
- + Vice-President of the board of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum
- + Member of the Professional Advisors to the International Art Market
- + Member of the Court of Arbitration for Art (CAfA)

Career history

- + Partner, LALIVE, 2017 – present
- + Associate, LALIVE, 2009 – 2017
- + Legal Adviser, Swiss Federal Office of Justice, 2006 – 2008

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Practices

- + Asset Recovery & Insolvency
- + Commercial Litigation
- + Employment
- + ESG
- + Investigations, Regulatory & Compliance
- + Private Client
- + Public International Law
- + White Collar Crime

Sectors

- + Art & Cultural Property
- + Banking & Finance

Languages

- + English
- + French
- + German

Nationality

- + Swiss

Admission

- + Switzerland, 2008

“A master of negotiation”

Legal 500 EMEA, Banking & Finance, 2023

Academic qualifications

+ LLM International Dispute Resolution, University of Geneva, 2009

+ MLaw University of Fribourg, 2003

Recognition

Recognised Among InspiraLaw's 30 Swiss Female Role Models 2026

Legal Community, 2026

Ranked "Thought Leaders GIR"

Lexology Index, 2026

Ranked "Leading Individual"

Legal 500 EMEA, Disputes Resolution, Litigation and Regulatory, Compliance and Investigations, 2025

Recent publications

L'Ordre des avocats est utile !

SANDRINE GIROUD

In : La Semaine Judiciaire, Novembre-Décembre 2025

Quick Answers on State Immunity – Switzerland

SANDRINE GIROUD, ANTON VALLÉLIAN, 2025

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

Interdiction de conseils juridiques au titre des sanctions contre la Russie: impact sur les garanties d'un État de droit et sur le droit à un conseil par des avocats indépendants et dans le respect du secret professionnel

SANDRINE GIROUD, ADAM ZAKIŁ

In: ZSR Band 144 (2025) II – Schweizerischer Juristentag 2025 / Congrès de la Société suisse des Juristes 2025

Recent conferences

ECAV - La profession d'avocat : le rôle et les règles de l'Ordre des avocats

SANDRINE GIROUD, Role: Co-lecturer

Geneva, 8 May 2026

STEP Alpine Conference - Resilient succession planning for private wealth

SANDRINE GIROUD, Role: Moderator, Reputation on the line: Fighting fires, shielding advisers, and making the best of 'bad'

Interlaken, 7 May 2026

Réseau Partie Plaignante - La partie plaignante face aux infractions liées aux cryptomonnaies

SANDRINE GIROUD, Role: Keynote Speaker

Geneva, 30 April 2026