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EXPERTISE

Cécile Berger Meyer is a partner based at our Geneva office, where she heads up the Real Estate practice group. She advises both private and institutional clients on real estate law, civil matters (purchases, sales, structuring and financing) and administrative law matters (planning, construction licenses, restrictions on acquisitions, public procurements). Cécile is also vice-chair of the SVIT Romandie, a member of various committees of real estate actors / organisations, and has been a judge with the Geneva lease Conciliation Commission and Lease Court for many years. Cécile also sits at the investment committee of a Swiss German based pension fund, and on other boards of directors of real estate companies.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

2013	Partner at Lenz & Staehelin
2004	Joined Lenz & Staehelin
2020	Swiss Board School Corporate Governance best practice certification
2010	Certified Specialist SBA Construction and Real Estate Law
2006	University of Chicago Law School (LL.M.)
2004	Admission to Geneva Bar
2000	University of Fribourg (lic. iur.)

SPECIALIST AREAS

Real Estate, Corporate and M&A, Commercial and Contracts

LANGUAGES

French, English, German, Italian

MEMBERSHIPS

Swiss Bar Association (SAV), Geneva Bar Association (OdA), Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA), Swiss Advocates' Chamber of Certified Specialists SBA Construction and Real Estate Law (board member), CVI - Chambre Vaudoise Immobilière (board member), SVIT Schweiz (Vice-

chairman).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Kühni B., Berger Meyer C., Menghini F., The Real Estate M&A and Private Equity Review 2021 - Switzerland, in: The Law Reviews, 6th edition, September 2021, 178-188
- Berger Meyer C., Kühni B., Menghini F., Construction 2020 - Switzerland, in: The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides, April 2020
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- Rötheli A., Berger Meyer C., Dematerialised mortgage certificates: new regulations, in: Real Estate Newsletter of the International Bar Association Legal Practice Division, vol 16 no 1, April 2012
- Rötheli A., Kühni B., Berger Meyer C., Investing in Swiss real estate: key legal issues in a difficult market, in: Cross-border Corporate Real Estate Handbook 2009/10, November 2009
- Rötheli A., Berger Meyer C., Untouched by sub-prime fallout, in: IFLR, the 2008 guide to Real Estate, a special IFLR supplement, 2008

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Judge (landlord side) at the Geneva Lease Court
- Vice-chairman of SVIT Schweiz
- Member of the Examination Commission of the Swiss Bar Association for real estate and construction practitioners
- Member of the Committee of the Chambre vaudoise immobilière (CVI)

REFERENCES

Cécile Berger Meyer has a lot of practical experience. She knows Swiss law by heart, has excellent knowledge of legal techniques in the sector and knows what to bring to the table.

Chambers & Partners, 2025

I've often had the chance to work with Cécile Berger Meyer and her team and have always appreciated the quality of our discussions and the intelligent solutions they come up with for our customers. She and her team have a very high level of knowledge of the real estate business.

The Legal 500, 2025

Cecile Berger is an outstanding business partner able to understand the commercial issues, to share her deep knowledge of the markets and to explain clearly the legal stakes to the business. Her commitment to the project and her sound advice have been key to our project.

Legal 500, 2024

Me Berger has a deep level of understanding of people and subjects. Her



ability to identify problems and suggest approaches to handle them is outstanding. She is very available and always finds the time answer in person when needed. Behind her is an impressive team of associates which she built during the last years starting from scratch. I enjoyed the responsiveness of the team as well as the dedication to the tasks they were assigned. All the deadlines have systematically been met with a high quality of the deliverables.

Legal 500, 2024

Cécile cuts through to the heart of the issue, focuses on the key points and finds solutions

Chambers and Partners, 2023

Cécile Berger Meyer is clearly an expert in her field. She is particularly pragmatic and gets to the point, providing helpful solutions to issues. She is not only a technical expert but commercially very aware.

Chambers and Partners, 2023

The “extremely precise and hard-working” Cécile Berger Meyer is praised as “a leading practitioner”, commended for her deep knowledge of real estate law.

Who's Who Legal, 2022

Very competent and knowledgeable lawyer with great experience in construction law.

Chambers and Partners, 2021

Great negotiation skills

Chambers and Partners, 2021

She has surrounded herself with a competent, reactive, but also human team allowing confidence.

Legal 500, 2021

She is renowned for her profound ability to deliver effective counsel to clients on financings acquisitions and regulation.

Who's Who Legal, 2020