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EXPERTISE

Sara Rousselle-Ruffieux is a counsel at our Geneva and Lausanne offices, where she heads the Employment group. She is an accredited labour law expert (SBA-certified) and advises national and multinational companies, and international organisations, on employment, immigration and social security matters. Sara's expertise encompasses both individual employment relationships (contract, company regulation, participation or bonus plan, non-competition clause, termination agreement, secondment, etc.) and collective labour relations (hiring of services, mass-dismissals, social plans, or business transfers, etc.). She also regularly assists clients in administrative and judicial matters and represents them before administrations and courts. Sara shows a particular interest for cross-border cases especially the coordination of social security systems. She served for 12 years as secretary and then vice-chair of the Association of Accredited Labour Law Experts of Western Switzerland.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

2023	Head of Employment law
2019	Counsel at Lenz & Staehelin
2017	Associate at Lenz & Staehelin
2013-16	Managing Associate in a prominent Swiss business law firm, Co-head of Employment law
2004-13	Senior Associate in a prominent Swiss business law firm
2004	In-house Legal Attorney in an international Bank
1998-04	Associate in a prominent Swiss business law firm
2011	Certified Specialist SBA Labour Law
1998	Admission to Geneva Bar
1995	University of Fribourg (lic. iur.) (Summa cum laude, Frilex-Award)

SPECIALIST AREAS

Employment and Executives' Transfers, Data Protection and Privacy, Commercial and Contracts, Litigation

LANGUAGES	French, English
MEMBERSHIPS	Ordre des Avocats de Genève (ODA), Swiss Bar Association (SBA)
SELECTED PUBLICATIONS	- Affolter Marino A., Rousselle-Ruffieux S., Employment and Labour Law Switzerland - 2025, in: The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides, April 2025 - Oertle M., Rousselle-Ruffieux S., Employment and Labour Law Switzerland - 2024, in: The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides, 2024 - Oertle M., Rousselle-Ruffieux S., Employment and Labour Law Switzerland - 2023, in: The legal 500 country Comparative Guides, 2023 - Rousselle-Ruffieux S., Michel P., L'indemnisation de la perte de gain maladie à la fin des rapports de travail, in: Panorama IV en droit du travail, Série: Institut du droit des assurances et du travail, Remy Wyler, Stämpfli Verlag AG, 2023, pp. 683-710. - Rousselle-Ruffieux S., Restellini J., Transfers of Undertakings in Civil Aviation, in: Restellini J., Labour Relations in Aviation (book), Aerospace Law and Policy Series, Volume 23, Wolters Kluwer, 2022 - Oertle M., Rousselle-Ruffieux S., The Corporate Immigration Review 2022 - Switzerland, in: The Law Reviews, 12th edition, May 2022, 176-185 - Oertle M., Rousselle-Ruffieux S., Employment & Labour Law 2022 - Switzerland, in: The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides, April 2022 - Rousselle-Ruffieux S., Equal pay principle - New measures to reduce the gender pay gap - the example of Switzerland, in: European Employment Law Cases (EELC), 2019/4, 244-247 - Rousselle-Ruffieux S., Bettex ., Protéger aussi le dénoncé lors d'une enquête interne, in: Plaidoyer, 3/2019, 6-9 - Rousselle-Ruffieux S., La sanction des infractions à la Loi sur les travailleurs détachés (LDét); analyse de l'arrêt du Tribunal fédéral 2C_150/2016, in: Newsletter DroitDuTravail.ch, August 2017 - Rousselle-Ruffieux S., Cumul emploi en Suisse-chômage en France, du nouveau, in: Avis d'expert - Chronique trimestrielle dans le Monde Economique, Revue des entrepreneurs, October-December 2016 - Rousselle-Ruffieux S., Paiement des charges sociales d'un collaborateur domicilié en France, in: Avis d'expert - Chronique trimestrielle dans le Monde Economique, Revue des entrepreneurs, April-June 2016, 94 - Rousselle-Ruffieux S., Enregistrement du temps de travail des collaborateurs, in: Avis d'expert - Chronique trimestrielle dans le Monde Economique, Revue des entrepreneurs, January-March 2016, 91 - Rousselle-Ruffieux S., Caractère accessoire du bonus et hauts revenus, in: Avis d'expert - Chronique trimestrielle dans le Monde Economique, Revue des entrepreneurs, October-November 2015, 79 - Rousselle-Ruffieux S., Véhicule d'entreprise pour les salariés frontaliers, in: Avis d'expert - Chronique trimestrielle dans le Monde Economique, Revue des entrepreneurs, June-August 2015, 79 - Rousselle-Ruffieux S., Puis-je payer mes employés en Euro ?, in: Avis d'expert - Chronique trimestrielle dans le Monde Economique, Revue des entrepreneurs, March-May 2015, 90 - Rousselle-Ruffieux S., Prime de fin d'année, in: Avis d'expert - Chronique trimestrielle dans le Monde Economique, Revue des entrepreneurs, December 2014, 82 - Rousselle-Ruffieux S., Obligation d'information de l'employeur, in: Avis

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- Rousselle-Ruffieux S., Le licenciement pour motifs économiques peut être abusif, in: Agefi Magazine, May 2010

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Former Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Association romande des spécialistes de droit du travail (AROSDT).
- Trainer and Member of the Exam Jury for the judges of the Geneva Labour Courts since 2014.

REFERENCES

Sara Rousselle-Ruffieux is the height of vision and experience, allowing for precise and simple responses to complex problems.

Chambers and Partners, 2025

She has contributed her remarkable legal expertise to the many and diverse challenges we have been confronted with and helped us improve our managerial decisions and capabilities through her discretion, emotional intelligence, and tact.

The Legal 500, 2024

Her know-how and pragmatic approach are a real asset

The Legal 500, 2024

I have been working with [her] for more than 12 years and have uniformly been extremely satisfied with the technical quality of legal work done.

Legal 500, 2021

She is a brilliant employment law specialist who notably excels at handling social plans, transfers and contracts.

Who's Who Legal, 2020