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EXPERTISE

Dr. Valérie Menoud is a partner and a leading practitioner in our Banking and Finance group. She co-leads the Investigations practice and heads the ESG practice in Geneva. Valérie specializes in banking, financial services, and corporate law, with deep experience in regulatory enforcement cases, regulatory licensing, compliance, governance, and contractual matters. She is also highly skilled in incident management, assisting clients in navigating complex, high-stakes situations with clarity and precision. Her practice includes advising on sanctions compliance as well as business and human rights matters, such as sustainability reporting and supply chain due diligence. Valérie regularly speaks at professional conferences and has contributed to numerous academic publications on banking, financial, and corporate law.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

2021	Partner at Lenz & Staehelin
2016	Secondment at Mayer Brown, New York
2012	Secondment at FINMA
2011	Joined Lenz & Staehelin
2005-08	University of Zurich (research and teaching assistant)
2015	Stanford Law School (LL.M. in Corporate Governance & Practice)
2011	Admission to Geneva Bar
2010	University of Zurich (Dr. iur., Issekutz Award)
2005	Universities of Lausanne and Zurich (lic. iur.)

SPECIALIST AREAS

Banking and Finance, Capital Markets, Collective Investment Schemes, Commercial and Contracts, Corporate and M&A, Investigations

LANGUAGES

French, English, German, Italian

MEMBERSHIPS

International Bar Association (IBA), Swiss Bar Association (FSA), Geneva Bar

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Committee of the Société Académique de Genève
- Part-time Lecturer, Business Law, University of Lausanne (HEC) (2015-2017)

REFERENCES

A go-to lawyer practitioner for complex matters in the banking sector
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Valérie consistently demonstrates an impressive ability to address both immediate concerns and long-term strategic considerations.
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Valérie Menoud excels in navigating intricate regulatory and compliance issues.
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