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Expertise

Dr. François Rayroux is the head of the Asset Management group of Lenz & Staehelin in Geneva. He advises a number of Swiss and international financial institutions in all banking, asset management and regulatory matters, with a particular focus on fund management and distribution as well as all types of financial products, in particular derivative instruments. Considered as a leading lawyer in banking and asset management law in Switzerland, Dr. François Rayroux has been consistently nominated by major directories as an expert in these fields.

“Stellar lawyer” François Rayroux is praised for being “an outstanding figure” (Chambers, 2018); commentators enthuse: “He’s seen it all and done it all” (Chambers, 2017). Sources laud him as “one of the top stars in Switzerland” on both the formation and regulation of investment funds (Who’s Who Legal, 2018). François Rayroux has been named Lawyer of the year 2018 by Best Lawyers for the Investment Management law sector in Geneva.

Practice Areas

Banks & Securities Dealers, Regulatory Issues, Investment Funds and other Collective Investment Schemes, Derivatives, Capital Markets, Asset Securitization, Securities Offerings, Corporate and M&A, Commercial and Contracts, Investigations

Education and Professional Experience

1986 University of Zurich (lic. iur.)
1989 Admission to Zurich Bar
1990 University of Chicago Law School (LL.M.)
1992 Joined Lenz & Staehelin
1993 University of Zurich (Dr. iur.)
1998 Partner at Lenz & Staehelin

Memberships

International Bar Association (IBA)

Other Activities

Co-Chairman of the Investment Funds Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA).
Admitted as an expert to the SIX Swiss Exchange for Listing Purposes.
Member of the Legal and Compliance Committee of the Swiss Funds Association.
Co-author of the ISDA Netting and Collateral Opinions.
Legal advisor in the context of the creation and launch of the first Swiss SICAV.

Publications (Selection)

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- > Rayroux, F., Federal law on the collective placement of capital: new opportunities for the Swiss investment funds market, in: Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Wirtschaftsrecht, Zurich, volume 79 (2007), 1, 42-58