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Languages

French, English, German

Expertise

Phidias Ferrari advises Swiss and international clients on corporate and M&A transactions, whether domestic or cross-border, including private equity and venture capital transactions, public takeovers, joint ventures, business transfers, restructurings and relocations. In addition to transactional work, he assists private and listed companies, family offices, entrepreneurs and start-ups/scale-ups in dealing with a wide range of corporate, commercial, contractual and regulatory matters in a variety of industries, striving to offer comprehensive and practical legal advice.

As part of NKF's banking & finance practice, he regularly advises banks, securities traders, asset and investment managers and fintech companies on financial market laws and regulations.

He also acts for arrangers, underwriters, lenders, borrowers and sponsors in domestic and multijurisdictional financing transactions (including acquisition, leveraged and syndicated financings).

Banking, Finance & Regulatory

Commercial

Corporate / M&A

Private Equity

Career

- 2023 Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey, Geneva
- 2011 Partner, Swiss law firm, Geneva
- 2004 Associate, Swiss law firm, Geneva
- 2001 Trainee, Swiss law firm, Geneva
- 2000 Clerk for civil matters, District Court of Lausanne
- 1998 Assistant for commercial law, CEDIDAC (Center for Business Law), University of Lausanne

Education

- 2007 LL.M. in Corporate and Commercial Law, UNSW, Sydney
- 2003 Admitted to the Swiss Bar
- 1997 Master of Law, Lausanne, awarded two prizes

Professional Memberships

Geneva Bar Associations

Swiss Bar Associations

Publications

- Phidias Ferrari, Fundraising and Investing, Switzerland, in: Private Equity Review, Eleventh Edition, 2022
- Phidias Ferrari, Fundraising and Investing, Switzerland, in: Private Equity Review, Tenth Edition, 2021
- Phidias Ferrari, La loi sur les services financiers, un changement de paradigme pour les établissements étrangers, in: Le Temps, February 2019 (with Vaïk Müller)
- Phidias Ferrari, Les accords de coopération en droit des cartels, in: Coopération et fusion d'entreprises, Lausanne 2005 (with Silvio Venturi)
- Phidias Ferrari, Le contrat de prêt, in: Recueil de contrats commerciaux, Basel 2013 (with Marie-Noëlle Zen-Ruffinen)
- Phidias Ferrari, Etudes de procédure et d'arbitrage en l'honneur du Professeur Jean-François Poudret, in: Lausanne 2001 (co-editor)
- Phidias Ferrari, Les projets de Sàrl révisée et de SA privée, in: Lausanne 1998 (co-editor)

Market Perception

"As M&A advisers we had the opportunity to collaborate with many lawyers across Switzerland but we consider Phidias Ferrari as the very best in the sector. He has outstanding capabilities to unlock complex situations and benefits from a great recognition from his peers as he always acts with respect and ethics to reach a fair common ground." (Legal 500 2024)

"Phidias Ferrari is an outstanding legal business partner able to understand the commercial issues and the business strategy and consider these in a complex negotiation or a contract. His sound advice and sense of negotiation have been instrumental in the closing of various transactions. He is able to join a team of experts in different matters and play his role with intelligence and calm. Phidias' commitment is also very appreciated." (Legal 500 2024)

"Throughout our extensive collaboration spanning many years, Phidias has successfully cultivated what is truly invaluable: an exceptionally trustworthy relationship. This trust has steadily flourished thanks to his unwavering dedication, responsiveness, profound expertise, and consistent display of empathy." (Legal 500 2024)

