



Nicolas Kuonen

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Languages

French, English, German

Expertise

Nicolas is an expert in litigation and dispute resolution, handling cases relating typically to banking and asset management, distribution agreements, construction, employment and service agreements, debt and judgement enforcement, asset recovery, bankruptcy and white-collar crime. Besides, he often acts as expert on all kinds of contractual and procedural matters in Swiss and foreign proceedings.

Banking, Finance & Regulatory

Dispute Resolution

Employment

Investigations & White Collar

Career

- 2023 Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey, Geneva
- 2019 Professor, University of Fribourg
- 2015 Partner, Swiss law firm, Geneva
- 2007 Lecturer, University of Fribourg
- 2011 Senior Associate, Swiss law firm, Geneva
- 2010 Associate, Swiss law firm, Geneva
- 2007 Trainee, Swiss law firm, Geneva

Education

- 2009 Admitted to the Swiss Bar
- 2007 PhD in Law, Fribourg, summa cum laude
- 2007 Admitted to the New York Bar
- 2006 LL.M., Yale Law School (New Haven CT, USA)
- 2003 Master of Law, University of Fribourg, summa cum laude

Experience

Nicolas has broad expertise in all aspects of complex domestic and cross-border litigation, including party representation in civil, criminal and administrative matters before all state-court instances and all authorities in Switzerland. Nicolas is also a Professor at the University of Fribourg (Prof. tit.) and Swiss Distance University, teaching Contracts and Roman Law. He has regularly published and is regularly invited to speak on a wide range of contracts topics and is frequently solicited by clients as expert to provide legal opinions on contractual and procedural matters.

Recent experience highlights include advising:

- a maritime tonnage provider in over half bio debt enforcement proceedings in Switzerland
- a company and its beneficial owner in criminal proceedings for alleged over USD 100 million money laundering
- a major insurance company in a construction dispute relating to building of a company's international HQ
- a French broadcasting company in debt enforcement proceedings relating to license fees
- high net worth Middle East individuals as claimants in anti-money laundering tort proceedings against a financial institution
- represented a worldwide leading German access control and security company in dispute with an exclusive distributor in Turkey

Professional Memberships

Geneva and Swiss Bar Associations

New York State Bar Association

International Bar Association

DRI, For the Defense

Publications

- Swiss Law of Contracts, Zurich 2022
- La responsabilité précontractuelle et le lutteur déçu (ATF 121 III 350)
by Nicolas Kuonen
in: Werro/Pichonnaz (edit.), La responsabilité civile en arrêts et une nouveauté législative de taille, Zurich 2022, pp. 91 ff
- La renonciation à invoquer la prescription : le temps d'y renoncer?
by Nicolas Kuonen
in: Werro/Pichonnaz (edit.), Le nouveau droit de la prescription, Zurich 2019, pp. 49 ff
- Droit suisse de la faillite internationale : quoi de neuf ?
by Nicolas Kuonen
in: Revue Suisse de Jurisprudence 16/17 2019, pp. 499 ff (with Simon Bianchi)
- La pratique des locations Airbnb et la sous-location
by: Nicolas Kuonen
In: Pichonnaz/Werro (edit.), La pratique contractuelle 6, pp. 57 ff, Geneva et al. 2018
- La responsabilité du propriétaire d'immeuble dans le temps
by Nicolas Kuonen
in: Foëx/Hottelier (edit.), Imprescriptibilité, contrôle et responsabilité, Les effets du droit de propriété dans le temps, pp. 113 ff, Geneva et al. 2018
- Loi contre la concurrence déloyale, Commentaire des art. 3 al. 1 let. a à i LCD
by Nicolas Kuonen
Martenet/Pichonnaz (edit.), Commentaire romand, Loi contre la concurrence déloyale, Basel 2017
- 30 ans de législation contre la concurrence déloyale : brève étude d'impact sur la construction
by Nicolas Kuonen
In: Baurecht-Droit de la construction 2016, pp. 203 ff
- La propriété commune (art. 652-654a CC)
by Nicolas Kuonen
In: Foëx/Pichonnaz/Piotet (edit.), Commentaire romand, Code civil II, Basel 2016
- Exercices en droit de la famille
by Nicolas Kuonen
in: 2nd ed., Geneva et al. 2010 (co-editor with Pascal Pichonnaz)
- La responsabilité précontractuelle
by Nicolas Kuonen
In: Zurich 2007

