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Marina Castelli Partner

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About -

Marina Castelli has in-depth expertise in corporate and commercial law, including in handling Mergers & Acquisitions, exits, business transfers, private equity, as well as venture capital deals, but also in advising clients in corporate restructurings, commercial legal matters as well as corporate governance matters.

She advises clients, ranging from multinational companies, large family offices, venture capital funds and SMEs to start-ups and seasoned entrepreneurs. Marina Castelli has been involved in several Swiss landmark corporate acquisitions throughout her career and has extensive experience working in various economic sectors.

Practice Areas

Mergers & Acquisitions, Business Transfers
Venture Capital & Private Equity
Corporate Finance
Corporate Governance
Commercial Contracts
Insolvency, Corporate Recovery & Restructuring

Experience & Career -

- 2021 Partner at id est avocats
- 2020 Senior associate at id est avocats
- 2016 Senior associate at Kellerhals Carrard
- 2015 Associate at Kellerhals Carrard
- 2012 Associate at Lalive
- 2009 Legal trainee at Lenz & Staehelin
- 2006 Summer legal trainee at Lenz & Staehelin

Education -

- 2009 MLaw, University of Geneva (valedictorian and summa cum laude)
- 2008 Merit-based academic exchange program at Harvard Law School
- 2009 Certificate of Transnational law, University of Geneva (summa cum laude)
- 2007 Academic exchange program at University of Lucerne
- 2007 BLaw, University of Geneva (magna cum laude)

Selected Publications & Presentations -

Speaker at the ExpertSuisse seminar of June 6, 2018, presentation on Investment agreements and convertible loans



Révision et modernisation du droit de la société anonyme suisse, in collaboration with Jean-Luc Chenaux, in Revue pratique des sociétés - Tijdschrift voor Rechtspersoon en Vennootschap (TRV-RPS), n. 2017/6 of October 1, 2017, p. 677

Speaker at the EPFL start-up seminar of June 12, 2016 "Chunhui Cup Competition Introduction Seminar", presentation on "Financing Rounds: Do's and Don'ts for First Time Entrepreneurs" publication dated June 12, 2016

World Bank Doing Business Report 2015, local legal expert to the World Bank and primary contributor to the Swiss Chapters on Starting a Business, Protecting Minority Investors and Enforcing Contracts, 12th Edition, December 2015

Switzerland is reviewing its judicial system in relation to mass claims, in: IBA International Litigation News, May 2014, pp. 59-62

Vers une "class action" helvétique?, in Revue de l'avocat 11-12/2013 (SAV/FSA), pp. 487-493

The Protection of Financial Investors: the Road to a Collective Redress Mechanism in Switzerland?, in collaboration with Sandrine Giroud, in Terralex Newsletter of July 2013