

# KELLERHALS CARRARD WELCOMES THREE NEW PARTNERS AND EIGHT COUNSELS

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**Kellerhals Carrard [welcomes three new partners and eight counsels](#). Luca Bianchi, Oliver Brupbacher, Alexandre Kirschmann will become partner and Omar Abo Youssef, Philipp A. d'Hondt, Kathrin Enderli, Karin Friedli, Estelle Keller Leuthardt, Anita Miescher, Lea Ruckstuhl and Sabine Wyss are the new counsels.**

**Luca Bianchi** (pictured centered) advises clients in the areas of Capital Markets, Banking, Finance & Fintech, Regulatory and Corporate/M&A. His practice focuses on capital market transactions and the regulation of financial services, financial institutions and financial market infrastructure. He specializes in complex debt issues as well as financial products and collective investment schemes. Luca frequently represents Swiss and international clients in large and complex transactions and regularly advises listed companies on how to successfully deal with key strategic issues.

**Oliver Brupbacher** (pictured left) advises and represents parties in proceedings before state courts and arbitration tribunals in all areas of commercial law as well as in internal investigations. He specializes in healthcare and life sciences, cross-border proceedings, international legal assistance, and data protection and information governance. As a former Senior Litigation Counsel, Head Global Discovery and globally responsible lawyer at Novartis, Oliver Brupbacher combines technical

expertise with in-depth knowledge of the healthcare sector and the corporate world at all levels and in national and international relationships.

**Alexandre Kirschmann's** (pictured right) main areas of activity are building law, disputes in real estate sales, tenancy law and public building law. He also advises clients in general on contract and administrative law. He is also active in the fields of information technology, criminal law, debt collection and bankruptcy law. Clients appreciate his commitment and his efforts to always find creative solutions and to achieve good negotiation results in the interests of the client.

**Omar Abo Youssef** has extensive experience in criminal law and criminal procedure law, with a focus on white collar crime, anti-money laundering and international legal assistance in criminal matters. He also advises and represents clients in national and international court and arbitration proceedings.

**Philipp A. d'Hondt** advises and represents preferably property owners / landlords as well as smaller and larger business tenants in all areas of real estate and tenancy law. He is also active in the areas of company law and labor law. The elaboration of complex files and documents, which are required for land registry transactions, company founding and restructuring, wills as well as marriage and inheritance contracts, is an essential part of his practical work - in cooperation with the notaries of our law firm.

**Kathrin Enderli** has many years of experience in the field of company acquisitions and mergers (M&A), with a focus on private M&A, as well as in corporate and contract law. In addition, her focus is on advising and representing her clients on labor and inheritance law. She also accompanies notarial transactions of all kinds (including real estate transactions) and, as a member of the Kellerhals Carrard startup desk, knows the needs of companies in the start-up and development phase as well as their shareholders.

**Karin Friedli** advises and represents companies and private individuals in civil and commercial law proceedings, with a focus on contract law, labor law and debt enforcement and bankruptcy law. She also supports clients in settling disputes out of court, drafting contracts and in the area of inheritance law.

**Estelle Keller Leuthardt** has broad experience in drafting and negotiating contracts in the national and international environment as well as in commercial law. She advises clients in all areas of contract law, commercial and business law, corporate law, labor law and intellectual property and technology law. She is also very active in liability and insurance law, including occupational pension law. She also represents the interests of her clients in court and is also involved in the preparation of notarial business and M&A transactions.

**Anita Miescher works in** both an advisory and forensic way. Her main areas of activity include general contract and commercial law, national and international civil procedural law, general administrative law, construction and planning law and public procurement law.

**Lea Ruckstuhl** has **extensive** experience in the field of leasing and financing due to her work as head of the specialist department of the self-regulatory organization of the Swiss Leasing Association (SRO / SLV). Her main areas of activity include financial market supervisory law (non-banks and insurance companies), in particular in the area of anti-money laundering as well as general contract, commercial and corporate law. She is both advisory and forensic and is valued by clients for her efficient and solution-oriented way of working with a strong focus on economic aspects and business processes.

**Sabine Wyss** advises and works as a litigator in family law, IP law (especially trademark law) and

contract law. She also advises clients on public and private employment law and tenancy law.