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EXPERTISE

Partner at Borel & Barbey, Paul Hanna specialises in real estate law, arbitration, and civil and commercial litigation. He advises and represents our clients before courts in French-speaking Swiss cantons, as well as before arbitration tribunals in Geneva, Zurich, and Paris.

With expertise in property and construction law, he supports clients at every stage of their projects, from acquisition to property management. He appears before administrative courts in disputes concerning building permits, neighbourhood plans, infringements, or classification issues, and before civil courts in matters involving legal mortgages, construction defects, overcharging disputes, or project delays.

Before civil arbitration and state courts, he regularly handles complex disputes, particularly in contractual contentious matters, personal rights, and debt recovery.

Before criminal courts, he represents both plaintiffs and defendants in the handling of cases involving alleged financial offences.

Deeply convinced that success in litigation depends on a deep understanding of procedural rules and with a constant will to help refine the practices of qualified lawyers and trainee solicitors, he has been co-leading civil procedure workshops since 2019 at the invitation of the Young Bar Association.

EXPERIENCE

- Since 2019: Co-presenter at the civil procedure workshops, Geneva Bar Association
- Since 2017: Partner at Borel & Barbey
- 2014-2016: Associate at Borel & Barbey
- 2006-2013: Associate at a law Firm in Geneva
- 2006: Geneva Bar
- 2004-2005: Trainee lawyer at a law Firm in Geneva
- 2003: Master of Law (MLaw), University of Geneva

PRACTICE AREAS

Real Estate

construction & land-use planning · leases · developers · public authorities · public domain use · administrative law · environmental law

Litigation & Arbitration

civil & commercial litigation · arbitration · insolvency & debt enforcement · white collar crime

Corporate - M&A

reorganization & restructuring · businesses · data protection

Banking & Finance

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RECOGNITIONS

WWL 2024: Switzerland - Construction & Real Estate



MEMBERSHIPS

- Geneva Bar Association (ODAGE)
- Swiss Bar Association (FSA)
- Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- Bar Examination Committee (ECAV)

PUBLICATIONS

2023: *La Conduite de la Procédure civile par le Tribunal*, Revue de l'Avocat, 02.2023 (with Aude Longet-Cornuz)

2016: *Crédit à la consommation: nouveautés et précautions d'usage*, Le Temps, 18.05.2016 (with Luca Bozzo)

2015: *The right thing at the wrong time is the wrong thing* - Illustration du propos à la lumière de l'Article 82 du Code des obligations, Lettre du Conseil de l'Ordre des Avocats de Genève N° 60, 03.2015

2014: *Incertitudes dans la mise en oeuvre du Code de procédure civile*, Geneva Young Bar Association Conference Series, 17.03.2014

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2025: *4th cycle of Civil procedure workshop*, Geneva Young Bar Association, 03.2024-03.2025 (with Aude Longet-Cornuz)

2024: *4th cycle of Civil procedure workshop*, Geneva Young Bar Association, 03.2023-03.2024 (with Aude Longet-Cornuz)

2023: *3rd cycle of Civil procedure workshop*, Geneva Young Bar Association, 03.2022-03.2023 (with Aude Longet-Cornuz)

2022: *Discussion of a series of decisions illustrating the issue of good faith in civil procedure, First Tuesday*, Geneva Bar Association, 11.2022, (animator)

2021: *2nd cycle of Civil procedure workshop*, Geneva Young Bar Association, 03.2021-03.2022 (with Aude Longet-Cornuz)

2020: *1st cycle of Civil procedure workshop*, Geneva Young Bar Association, 09.2019-10.2020 (with Aude Longet-Cornuz)

2014: *Incertitudes dans la mise en oeuvre du Code de procédure civile*, Geneva Young Bar Association Conference Series, 03.2014 (animator)