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EXPERTISE

Partner at Borel & Barbey, Jean-René Oettli has solid experience in civil and criminal litigation, with a strong specialization in business law. He assists private and institutional clients in key areas such as economic crime, contract and company law, asset recovery and employment law.

Jean-René Oettli represents our clients in complex judicial proceedings, including multi-jurisdictional disputes, arbitrations, and employment law cases. His expertise also extends to debt collection and bankruptcy proceedings.

EXPERIENCE

- Since 2023: Partner at Borel & Barbey
- 2021-2022: Associate at Borel & Barbey
- 2014-2020: Senior Associate at a law Firm in Geneva & Zurich
- 2013-2014: Legal advisor at TRIAL International, Geneva
- 2013: Geneva Bar
- 2011-2013: Trainee lawyer at a law Firm in Geneva
- 2009-2011: Legal advisor at TRIAL International, Geneva
- 2009: Master in International Law (LL.M.), IHEID & University of Michigan
- 2008: Master in Economic Law, University of Geneva
- 2007: Master of Law (MLaw), Universities of Geneva and Humboldt

PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation & Arbitration

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

Employment

employment law

Banking & Finance

investigations

MEMBERSHIPS

- Geneva Bar Association (ODAGE, civil law commission)
- Swiss Bar Association (FSA)
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- Geneva International Legal Association (GILA, co-chairman of the In-house counsel commission)
- White Collar Crime Young Practitioners (WCCYP)



PUBLICATIONS

2025: *Un Tribunal de commerce pour Genève?*, *Entreprise Romande*, 19.09.2025 (with Sandrine Giroud)

2021:

- *La responsabilité des entreprises en matière de violations des droits de l'homme*, *La revue de l'avocat* 6/7, 2021, p. 217.
- *Traitement des données par les autorités pénales : de l'accès aux données à la procédure de tri*, *RPS* 139/2021 p. 209 (with Prof. Yaniv Benhamou)
- *L'obtention de moyens de preuve dans le contentieux bancaire*, *Bilan, Focus Droit* 2021, 30.03.2021 (with Vincent Guignet)

2018: *The Asset Tracing and Recovery Review 2018 – Switzerland*, *The Law Review*, 6th ed., p. 375-388 (with Mark Barnes et Miguel Oural)

2017: *Le recouvrement de l'amende pénale en droit civil, Quelques réflexions autour de l'action récursoire d'une banque contre ses clients*, *SJZ* 15.04.2017, 113, N. 8, p. 173 (with Arnaud Nussbaumer)

2015: *La protection des victimes et des témoins*, *Le droit suisse contre l'impunité*, *TRIAL*

2011: *Measuring the Challenge: The Most Favoured Treatment Clause in the Economic Partnership Agreements between the European Community and African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries*, *Journal of World Trade*, 06.2011, vol. 45, p. 549 (with Christopher Hovius)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2025:

- *The Role of In-House Counsel in Internal Investigation*, VSUJ/ASJE Conference & Networking event, Borel & Barbey, 17.06.2025 (with Marine Geisler)
- *The Cross-Over Between Civil and Criminal Matters: Recovering Assets in Fraud Investigations Where Criminal Enforcement Authorities Are Involved*, C5 Fraud, Asset Tracing & Recovery Geneva, 13.03.2025
- *Navigating Turbulent Times: Advice for High-Net-Worth Families on Relocation, Structuring, and Asset Protection*, Geneva International Legal Week, Geneva International Legal Association, 12.03.2025 (moderator)
- *Inhouse Counsel Forum*, Geneva International Legal Week, Geneva International Legal Association, 11.03.2025

2020: *Les contentieux de droit de l'Homme impliquant des entreprises: exemples concrets*, *Entreprises et droits de l'Homme – Enjeux pratiques pour l'avocat*, Geneva Bar Association, 19.11.2020

2018: *Role of lawyers and judges in tackling corruption to help build peace in a turbulent world*, The Law Society & Transparency International, United Nations, Week of Peace, 7.11.2018