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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.

PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation & Arbitration

Civil & commercial litigation · White collar crime · Arbitration · Insolvency & debt enforcement

Employment

Employment law

Banking & Finance

Investigations

EXPERIENCES

- 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
- 2011 - 2013: Trainee lawyer at a law Firm in Geneva
- 2009 - 2011: Legal advisor at TRIAL International, Geneva

EDUCATION

- 2013: Geneva Bar
- 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



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 September 2025 (interview by Steven Kakon, with Sandrine Giroud)
- “Enquête internes : entre confidentialité et transparence dans le domaine financier”, in: Stéphane Grodecki / Miguel Oural / Grégoire Chappuis (Eds.), *La profession d’avocat en 2025 : quo vadis?, Réflexions en l’honneur de Benoît Chappuis*, Genève / Zurich / Bâle, 2025, pp. 283-293

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 March 2021 (with Vincent Guignet)

2018:

- “The Asset Tracing and Recovery Review 2018 – Switzerland”, *The Law Review*, 6e éd., p. 375-388 (with Mark Barmes and 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*, June 2011, vol. 45, p. 549 (with Christopher Hovius)



SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS _____

2025:

- “Sanctioning corruption or corrupting sanctions?”, 21st Annual IBA Anti-Corruption Conference, Paris, 25 June 2025 (with Thomas Best, Vincenzo Dell’Osso and Oliver Hirst)
- “The Role of In-House Counsel in Internal Investigation”, VSUJ / ASJE Conference & Networking event, Borel & Barbey, 17 June 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 March 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 March 2025 (moderator)
- Inhouse Counsel Forum, Geneva International Legal Week, Geneva International Legal Association, 11 March 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”, Ordre des avocats de Genève, 19 November 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, peace week, 7 November 2018