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EXPERTISE —————

Partner at Borel & Barbey, Nicolas Piérard advises private and institutional clients primarily in the fields of commercial and financial law. He regularly represents Swiss and foreign financial institutions and borrowers in complex financing arrangements, including trade and commodity finance and acquisition finance backed by traditional assets, as well as bond issues and syndicated loans.

His corporate law practice encompasses a broad range of areas (corporate governance, shareholders' agreements, profit-sharing plans, etc.) and focuses particularly on mergers and acquisitions (M&A), especially within the financial services sector, as well as private equity transactions (providing assistance to investors, sellers, or management; venture capital).

He also provides legal counsel on art law for private collections and serves on the boards of various charitable foundations.

PRACTICE AREAS —————

Banking & Finance

Corporate Financing · Financial Institutions

Corporate Law & M&A

Private Equity & Venture Capital · Mergers & Acquisitions · Corporate Restructuring · Commercial Contracts · Startup Legal Services · Corporate Law for SMEs · Board Governance Counsel · Corporate Counsel for Entrepreneurs

EXPERIENCES —————

- Since 1990: Partner at Borel & Barbey
- 1985 - 1989: Associate at Borel & Barbey
- 1984: Associate at Dentons, London, United Kingdom
- 1983: Associate at Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP, New York, United States

EDUCATION —————

- 1982: Geneva Bar
- 1979: Master of Law (MLaw), University of Geneva



MEMBERSHIPS _____

- Geneva Bar Association (ODAGE)
- Swiss Bar Association (FSA)
- Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- International Bar Association (IBA, Finance Committee)
- New York Bar Association (Co-chairman of the Swiss section of international law)

PUBLICATIONS _____

2025:

- “The Swiss Federal Administrative Court has annulled FINMA’s Decision on Credit Suisse AT1 Bonds (B-2334/2023)”, 14 October 2025 (with Maria Oberlin-Chiriaeva and Julien Dayer)
- “Equitable Subordination under Swiss Law: The Federal Supreme Court Draws a Clear Line”, 28 May 2025 (with Clément Bouvier and Jérôme-Edouard de Vergnies)

2023:

- “Testing the mettle”, Legal Business, 11/12.2023, p 29-33

2014:

- “Do we need a global regulator ? The Swiss response”, International Financial Law Review, London

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS _____

2002:

- “Corporate Governance”, International Business Lawyer, Colchester

2000:

- “Securitization : Asset – Backed Financing Developments” Switzerland, a Legal Guide, London

1997:

- “Mergers and Acquisitions”, International Financial Law Review, London

1996:

- “Competing jurisdictions according to the Lugano Convention”, European Lawyers Association, Greece
- “Legal and regulatory aspects of M&A in Switzerland”, The European M&A Handbook 1996 – 97, United-Kingdom

1991:

- “Some Issues related to the Situation of Trust in Switzerland”, International Business Lawyer, United-Kingdom