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EXPERTISE

Partner at Borel & Barbey, Paul Hanna specialises in real estate law, arbitration, and civil and criminal 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.

PRACTICE AREAS

Real estate

Construction & land-use planning · Leases · Developers · Public domain use · Public authorities · Administrative law · Environmental law

Litigation & Arbitration

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

Corporate - M&A

Reorganization & restructuring · Businesses · Data protection

EXPERIENCES

- 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
- 2004 - 2005: Trainee lawyer at a law Firm in Geneva



EDUCATION —————

- 2006: Geneva Bar
- 2003: Master of Law (MLaw), University of Geneva

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, February 2023 (with Aude Longet-Cornuz)

2016: “Crédit à la consommation : nouveautés et précautions d’usage”, Le Temps, 18 May 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, March 2015

2014: “Incertitudes dans la mise en oeuvre du Code de procédure civile”, Cycle de conférences du Jeune Barreau, Geneva, 17 March 2014

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS —————

Since 2019: “Ateliers de procédure civile”, Jeune Barreau de Genève (with Aude Longet-Cornuz)

2022: “Discussion d’une série d’arrêts illustrant la question de la bonne foi en procédure civile”, First Tuesday, Ordre des Avocats de Genève, November 2022 (animator)

2014: “Incertitudes dans la mise en oeuvre du Code de procédure civile”, Cycle de conférences du Jeune Barreau de Genève, March 2014 (animator)