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Member of the Geneva Bar and foreign lawyer at the Tokyo Bar II since 1998. Of counsel at Kellerhals-Carrard since 2019.

Charles Ochsner, an attorney at the Geneva Bar, is the first Swiss lawyer to be admitted in Japan as foreign attorney-at-law in 1998. He is a member of the Tokyo Bar II (Daini Tokyo Bengoshikai). He advises Japanese companies and private clients on Swiss and international law. He lives in Tokyo.

He also advises CH Projects Management Ltd., a Japanese consulting company he established in 1988. CHPM has founded a large number of Japanese subsidiaries of Swiss companies and supports their commercial activities in Japan. CHPM especially provides services related to human resources, accounting, tax, protection of intellectual property and corporate compliance.

In particular, Charles Ochsner's experience allows him to advise his foreign clients who are already represented in Japan by local partners when their business is taken over by a newly established subsidiary.

Expertise

Employment and Social Security Law

White-collar crime, mutual legal assistance, internal investigations, crisis management, and compliance

Company & Corporate Law / M&A

Insolvency and Restructuring

Taxes

Private Clients

Board of Directors

2002–2005: Chairman, Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan

1985–2002: Vice-Chairman, Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan

Career

Since 2019: Consultant, Kellerhals Carrard law firm, Tokyo

Since 1988: Consultant, CH Projects Management Ltd, Tokyo

1988-2018: Partner in the law firm Python Geneva, head of the Tokyo office

1986-1988: Associate, law firm Baker & Mckenzie, Tokyo

1984-1986: Associate with the law firm Yusa & Hara, Tokyo

1982: Associate with the law firm of Kirlin, Campbell & Keating, New York

1980-1984: Consulting lawyer within the International Maritime Group, Geneva

2002-2005: President of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan

1985-2002: Vice President of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan

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Memberships

Geneva Bar Association

Swiss Bar Association

Daini Tokyo Bar Association, Tokyo

Education

1977: Admitted to the bar, Geneva

1974-1976: Traineeship at the law firm Martin-Achard, Haissly, Vodoz, Geneva.

1973: MLaw, University of Geneva.

Languages

English, French, German, Japanese
