

Christoph Frey

Attorney at Law, Certified Specialist SBA Torts and Insurance Law, lic. iur., LL.M., Of Counsel

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He has extensive experience in advising and representing clients in claims handling and in complex proceedings concerning contentious liability issues and controversial insurance cover in financial lines, D&O, professional indemnity, including lawyer's liability and medical malpractice.

Christoph Frey and his team provide an enhanced level of legal support for insurance companies, brokers and insured parties advising on policy wording and coverage issues. Christoph Frey has a wealth of expertise in claims handling arising from all classes of liability policies, including financial lines, D&O, and professional negligence. Recent instructions include the successful defense of a D&O insurer in proceedings on coverage and the initiation of proceedings against a cyber insurer under an international program.

He regularly represents insurers and insured professionals in high-profile disputes. His qualification as a specialized attorney in torts and insurance law gives him a very comprehensive and notable experience in a variety of private insurance matters including the coordination with all sorts of liability and social insurance.

Christoph Frey is a member of Insuralex, a worldwide network of independent lawyers practicing insurance and reinsurance law. He is also the author and responsible editor of ius.focus for torts and private insurance law.

Expertise

Insurance and Liability

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Dispute Resolution and Litigation

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Career

- Since 2025: Of Counsel at Kellerhals Carrard
- 2010 – 2024: Partner at Kellerhals Attorneys, now Kellerhals Carrard
- 1998–2010: Partner at two Zurich law firms
- 1993–1998: Associate at a Zurich law firm
- 1996: Staff attorney in a major law firm in Richmond, Virginia
- 1991–1993: Legal counsel at an international insurance company
- 1989–1990
  Court secretary, Uster District Court

Memberships

- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Association for Insurance Law
- Association of Specialist Lawyers SAV Liability and Insurance Law
- American Association for International Law
- Insuralex (www.insuralex.com), a global network of independent lawyers working in the field of insurance and reinsurance law

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Education

- 2008
  Certified Specialist SBA in Liability and Insurance Law, Universities of Lucerne/Zurich,
- 1996
  LL.M., George Washington University, Law School, Washington D.C.
- 1988
  lic.iur., University of Zurich

Other Activities

- Editor-in-charge of ius.focus for liability law and private insurance law

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Languages

German, English, French

Publications & Presentations

Kommentierung von Art. 59, 60 und 95a VVG, in: Grolimund, Loacker, Schnyder (Hrsg.), Basler Kommentar Versicherungsvertragsgesetz, 2. Auflage, Basel 2023. Co-Autoren: Anna Menzi, Karin Friedli und Matthias Spinner.	Christoph Frey	2023
Voraussetzungen einer Organverantwortlichkeit, in: HAVE 3/2022, pp. 321 ff.	Christoph Frey	2022
Versicherungsvertragsgesetz VVG: Was wird neu? KC Newsletter Kurz & Bündig	Christoph Frey	2020
Cyber Insurance in Switzerland – Update and Development Speech on the occasion of Insuralex Regional Meeting Frankfurt a.M. and at the International Cyber-Insurance Conference & European member meeting	Christoph Frey	2019
Rechtliche Rahmenbedingungen der Transaktionsversicherungen Referat / KC Info-Event, Durchblick im Versicherungsrecht vom 2. Oktober 2017 in Zürich	Christoph Frey	2017
Reinsurance Contracts in Switzerland - Introductory Remarks Speech at the LATCAM - Business Round-Table on "The Argentinian Insurance and Re-Insurance Market", hosted by KC Zurich	Christoph Frey	2017
Arbeitsrecht und Mitarbeiterbeteiligungen in: Handelszeitung N. 39, 31	Christoph Frey	2001
Wie stark beeinflusst das neue Produktehaftpflichtgesetz Schweizer Unternehmen? Gerling Magazin	Christoph Frey	1994
Die Haftung für Umweltschäden Gerling Magazin	Christoph Frey	1993

Rankings & Awards

Legal 500 2026: A year of work with our clients reflected in the rankings	March 30, 2026
Trusted by Clients, Acknowledged for Excellence - Legal500 2025	March 27, 2025
Kellerhals Carrard Shines in The Legal 500 2024 Rankings	March 27, 2024
Kellerhals Carrard Ranked as a Top Tier Firm by The Legal 500 2023	April 18, 2023