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

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.

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Languages

- German
- English
- French

Expertise

Insurance and Liability

Dispute Resolution and Litigation

Sectors

Financial Services and Insurance

Ranking & Awards

- Ranked as "Leading Individual" by Legal500 EMEA 2023
- Recommended by Legal500 EMEA 2022

Career

- Since 2010: 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

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

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

Commentaries

- Kommentierung von Art. 33 VAG, Elementarschadenversicherung, in: Hsu, Peter Ch. / Stupp, Eric (Hrsg.), Basler Kommentar zum Versicherungsaufsichtsgesetz, Basel 2013, 478–512
- Kommentierung von Art. 15 und 16 ATSG, in: Frésard-Fellay, Klett, Leuzinger (Hrsg.), Basler Kommentar Allgemeiner Teil des Sozialversicherungsrechts, Basel 2020. Co-Autorin: Nathalie Lang

Conferences

- Cyber Insurance in Switzerland – Update and Development; Speech on the occasion of Insuralex Regional Meeting Frankfurt a. Main and at the International Cyber-Insurance Conference & European member meeting on November 29, 2019 in Frankfurt a. Main
- Rechtliche Rahmenbedingungen der Transaktionsversicherungen; Referat / KC Info-Event, Durchblick im Versicherungsrecht vom 2. Oktober 2017 in Zürich
- 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, on 5 September 2017
- Cyber Risks: Haftung und Versicherbarkeit; Referat / KC Info-Event, Durchblick im Versicherungsrecht vom 21. September 2016 in Zürich
- Natural Perils Insurance in Switzerland; Referat, SCG Legal Conference Zurich, 18. Mai 2016
- Directors' and Officers' Liability (D&O)
- Neue Schweizerische Zivilprozessordnung - Anpassungsbedarf und Chancen für Versicherungen; Referat, Info-Event SS&P of 25 March 2010
- Wie haftet der Schweizer Unternehmer für Umweltschäden in der Schweiz? Vortrag, Gerling Konzern, Zürich und Köln, Umwelthaftpflicht Tagung in Zürich

vom 1. Juli 1993

- Bundesgesetz über die Produkthaftpflicht (PrHG), Vorträge, Gerling Konzern, Zürich und Köln, Vortragsreihe unter dem Titel "Das neue Produkthaftpflichtgesetz - eine Herausforderung für Schweizer Unternehmen", März 1994

Further publications

- Voraussetzungen einer Organverantwortlichkeit, in: HAVE 3/2022, pp. 321 ff.
- Arbeitsrecht und Mitarbeiterbeteiligungen, in: Handelszeitung N. 39, 26. September 2001, p. 31
- Versicherungsbetrug immer noch ein Kavaliersdelikt, in: Handelszeitung Nr. 21, 24. Mai 2000, p. 29
- Vorzeitige Rückgabe von Leasingfahrzeugen, in: Handelszeitung Nr. 28, 14. Juli 1999, S. 20
- Wenn Manager zur Kasse gebeten werden, in: Handelszeitung Nr. 47, 18. November 1998, S. 26
- Wie haftet der Schweizer Unternehmer für Umweltschäden in der Schweiz? in: Management-Information 93 - 08, Institut für Versicherungswirtschaft an der Hochschule St. Gallen
- Haftungsrisiken beim Leasing, in: Technik Sicherheit Recht, TSR 2/98, S. 12
- Neuerungen im Schweizer Versicherungsrecht, in: Handelskammer-Zeitschrift Deutschland-Schweiz, Mai 2006, p. 2
- Important amendments to Swiss insurance law, in: the European Lawyer, Mai 2006, S.60
- Loss mitigation pursuant to the current and the totally revised Swiss Insurance Contract Statute, in: ANWALTS REVUE, Edition 9/2012
- Loss mitigation in D&O insurance, in: HAVE 3/2013, pp. 208–220

- Teilrevidiertes VVG – Mammut-Aufgabe für Versicherungen, in Rechtsguide 21 vom 21. Januar 2021; Beilage im Tages Anzeiger. Co-Autor: Pascal Grolimund
- Nachführung oder Neukommentierung von Art. 59, 60 und 87 VVG, in: Honsell/Vogt/Schnyder/Grolimund (Hrsg.), Nachführungsband zum Basler Kommentar VVG, Basel u.a. 2012. Co-Autorinnen: Silvia Eggenschwiler und Nathalie Lang

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