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Dr. Christoph Zimmerli is your experienced and innovative point of contact for corporate and contract law issues and is a recognized expert in labor and personnel law as well as health law / life sciences.

Dr. Christoph Zimmerli has made a name for himself as a business-oriented and innovative attorney in corporate law (M&A transactions, succession planning, structuring, corporate governance) and in contract law (cooperations, investments, joint ventures, business developments at home and abroad).

As a recognized expert in employment and personnel law (certified specialist in labor law (SAV), co-head of the Labor Law Group and managing director of BERNER ARBEITGEBER (Bern Employers), including collective labor law, permit law and occupational benefits, he also advises and represents our clients in an international context.

Due to his proven specialist knowledge in health law / life sciences and his broad network (as a member of the board of directors of hospitals, member of the cantonal health commission), he is a sought-after point of contact in the healthcare sector.

In addition to his legal activities, he also assists with the development and implementation of new strategies and takes on project management (such as post-merger integration, and implementation of new governance).

Expertise

Employment and Social Security Law →

Company & Corporate Law / M&A →

Insolvency and Restructuring →

Life Sciences, Healthcare, Pharmaceuticals, and Biotechnology →

Board of Directors

- Securitas AG, secretary of the board of directors
- Kantonsspital Baden AG, Baden, board of directors
- Emch + Berger AG Bern, Bern, board of directors
- Zaugg Group companies, Rohrbach, board of directors
- CP (CartPrint) International Trading AG, Worb, board of directors
- International School of Berne Foundation, Gümligen, board of trustees
- Bern Association of Lawyers (BJV), president
- Association of Employers, Bern region, managing director
- Swiss Army, Colonel in the General Staff

Career

- Since 2021
  Member of the Executive Board / HR Officer Kellerhals Carrard Bern
- Since 2014
  Partner at Kellerhals Carrard
- 2003 – 2014
  Associate/partner/member of the Executive Board of Wenger Plattner, Basel Zurich Bern Geneva
- 2001 – 2003
  Associate at Pestalozzi Attorneys AG, Zurich Geneva
- 1996 – 1998
  Internships at court and law practices in Bern and Basel

Memberships

- International Bar Association (IBA)
- German-Swiss Lawyers Association (DSJV)
- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Swiss Lawyers Association (SJV)
- Bern Bar Association (BAV), specialist groups Corporate Law M&A and Labor Law
- Bern Association of Lawyers (BJV, President)
- Pro Jure, Alumni Association of Faculty of Law of the University of Basel
- HR Bern, Specialist Association for Human Resources

Education

- 2017
  Certified Specialist in Labor Law (SAV) and CAS Labor Law, University of Zurich
- 2002
  Dissertation “Accounting in litigation and arbitration,” University of Basel
- 2001
  LL.M. in International and European Law (degree with distinction, 3rd place), Free University of Brussels, Institute of European Studies (IES)
- 1998
  Admitted to the bar, Cantonal Supreme Court of the Canton of Basel-Landschaft
- 1995
  lic. iur., University of Basel

Other Activities

- Canton of Bern, cantonal parliament, member of the Health and Social Commission

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Languages

German, English, French

Publications & Presentations

Blockchain-Anwendungen und rechtliche Herausforderungen in der Praxis in: Focus, Bern	Christoph P. Zimmerli	2017