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Recognized for his particular experience in the legal and economic aspects of business relations between Switzerland and the EU

Christophe Rapin is a business law attorney who practices in particular in the areas of public economic law (regulatory law), including competition law, international trade and distribution, financial services and data protection. Admitted to the Geneva and Brussels Bars, he practices Swiss and European law. He is recognized as an experienced specialist in the legal and economic aspects of business relations between Switzerland and the EU.

In particular, he assists Swiss and foreign companies in their cross-border activities, more specifically in regulated areas. Christophe Rapin is also active in mergers and acquisitions law, again more specifically in regulated areas (financial services, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, foodstuffs, waste management, energy, etc.).

Christophe Rapin practices as independent attorney affiliated with Kellerhals Carrard Lausanne/Sion SA as senior counsel. Christophe Rapin Sàrl, c/o Kellerhals Carrard Lausanne/Sion SA.

Expertise

Banking, Finance and Fintech →

Data and Privacy →

Company & Corporate Law / M&A →

Antitrust and Competition Law →

Board of Directors

- Vilebrequin & TRB International SA
- Lion Rock
- Adison & Partners Switzerland (AISTS)
- Foundation Marie de la Providence
- Naiman GmbH
- Riley SA
- Sonia Rykiel International SA
- Sonia R. Properties SA
- JOTT Just Over the Top
- Swiss Chamber of Commerce for Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

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Career

- 2002–2019
  Partner at a major Swiss law firm in Geneva
- 2000–2005
  Practicing European law in Brussels for a major Swiss law firm
- 2000–2002
  Associate at a major Swiss law firm in Geneva
- 1997–1999
  Legal internship
- 1994–1997
  Assistant at the University of Geneva

Memberships

- International Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- International League of Competition Law
- Swiss Association for Competition Law
- Swiss Mutual Fund Association
- European Business Aviation Association
- Swiss China Association
- Swiss Chamber of Commerce for Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
- Swiss-European Union Committee

Education

- 2020
  Certified Corporate Coach (Coach & Team)
- 2003
  Admitted to the Brussels Bar
- 2002
  Mediation program at Pepperdine University
- 1999
  Admitted to the Geneva Bar
- 1997
  DEA in European Law (University of Geneva & Aix-Marseille)
- 1994
  Law degree (University of Geneva)

Other Activities

President of the International League of Competition Law (LIDC)

Languages

French, English

Publications & Presentations

Sustainable Finance in Switzerland: Digital Book	Jean-Luc Chenaux, Christophe Rapin, Thomas Bauer, Nicolas Mosimann, Shima Gennari, Roman Aus der Au, Christoph Bauer, Luca Bianchi, Armin Kühne, Daniel Lengauer, Karim Maizar, Sarah Mostafa, Dominik Oberholzer, Ines Pöschel, Isabelle Romy, Lea Ruckstuhl, Reto Schumacher, Jessica Sommer, Cornelia Stengel, Denise Wohlwend, Roman Huber, Manuel Brogli, Gaspare Loderer	2025
Sustainable Finance in Switzerland – Adoption of a New Paradigm through Regulatory Change and Innovation	Roman Aus der Au, Christoph Bauer, Thomas Bauer, Luca Bianchi, Manuel Brogli, Jean-Luc Chenaux, Shima Gennari, Roman Huber, Barbara Fritschi, Armin Kühne, Daniel Lengauer, Gaspare Loderer, Karim Maizar, Nicolas Mosimann, Sarah Mostafa, Dominik Oberholzer, Ines Pöschel, Christophe Rapin, Isabelle Romy, Lea Ruckstuhl, Reto Schumacher, Jessica Sommer, Cornelia Stengel, Denise Wohlwend	2024
Lexology Panoramic : Luxury & Fashion 2024 Switzerland	Andrea Fioravanti Stefano Perucchi Christophe Rapin Virginie A. Rodieux	2024
Franchise Law Review - Switzerland	Christophe Rapin Vincent Jäggi David Ginolin	2023
Getting The Deal Through Luxury & Fashion, Switzerland	Christophe Rapin	2022
Getting the Deal Through Franchise 2022, Switzerland	Christophe Rapin	2021

Franchise 2022 – Switzerland | Getting the Deal Through, July 2021 in: Lexology	Vincent Jäggi Maëva Mégane Jeanrenaud Christophe Rapin	2021
Umsetzung der Fair-Preis-Initiative auf dem Gesetzesweg: Ausdehnung der Missbrauchsaufsicht auf relativ marktmächtige Unternehmen und Einführung des Geoblocking-Verbots Newsletter 3/2020	Daniel Emch Umberto Milano Christophe Rapin	2021
L'application extraterritoriale du RGPD Jusletter, 03/2021	Christophe Rapin Matteo Betti Virginie A. Rodieux	2021
The Franchise Law Review: Switzerland, Edition 8, January 2021	Christophe Rapin Vincent Jäggi	2021
Corona-Kredite für KMU, Vor Art. 1, Kellerhals-Carrard/Bürgschaftsgenossenschaften Schweiz (Hrsg.), art. 2 et 22 Schulthess, Zürich Basel Genf, 2021	Christophe Rapin Maëva Mégane Jeanrenaud Jean-Luc Chenaux	2021
Franchise 2021 – Switzerland | Getting the Deal Through in: Lexology	Vincent Jäggi Maëva Mégane Jeanrenaud Christophe Rapin	2020
Dominance 2019 – Switzerland Getting The Deal Through	Christophe Rapin	2019
Cartel Regulation 2019 – Switzerland Getting The Deal Through, January 2019	Christophe Rapin	2019
Switzerland and the United Kingdom sign post-Brexit trade	Christophe Rapin	2019
Franchise 2020 – Switzerland Getting The Deal Through	Christophe Rapin	2019
Agreement: it is time for businesses to get ready! MLL News	Christophe Rapin	2019
Alors que des banques s'établissent à Francfort, certains instituts misent sur Londres pour croître Article par Rachel Richterich dans La Liberté	Christophe Rapin	2018

Dominance 2018 – Switzerland Getting The Deal Through, April 2018	Christophe Rapin	2018
Le tiers et le droit public (rapport général à l'Association Capitant des amis de la culture juridique française) Rapports Suisse aux journées panaméennes de l'Association Capitant, Berne	Christophe Rapin	2018
Cartel Regulation 2018 – Switzerland Getting The Deal Through	Christophe Rapin	2017
Thomson Reuters, trading as Sweet & Maxwell, August 2017	Christophe Rapin	2017
Merger Control: International Series – Switzerland	Christophe Rapin	2017
Dominance 2017 - Switzerland in Getting The Deal Through, May 2017	Christophe Rapin	2017
Franchise 2018 - Switzerland in Getting in Deal Through	Christophe Rapin	2017
Franchise 2015 - Switzerland in Getting the Deal Through (ed.) in: Lexology	Christophe Rapin	2015
Franchise 2016 - Switzerland in Getting the Deal Through (ed.) in: Lexology	Christophe Rapin	2015
Aborted Lex USA and its consequences in ILO International Law Office August 2013	Christophe Rapin	2013
Franchise 2014 - Switzerland in Getting the Deal Through (ed.) in: Lexology	Christophe Rapin	2013
Franchise 2013 - Switzerland in Getting the Deal Through (ed.) in: Lexology	Christophe Rapin	2012

Rankings & Awards

Kellerhals Carrard recognised in Benchmark Litigation 2025	December 19, 2025
Trusted Expertise, Recognised Excellence – IFLR1000 2025	October 9, 2025