

Cristina Ess

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An enthusiastic criminal lawyer who represents the interests of her clients with a great sense of responsibility and high commitment and who is always aware of the confidence placed in her.

Cristina Ess has been an associate at Kellerhals Carrard since 2022 and primarily represents and advises clients in all areas of white-collar crime, particularly in relation to fraud, misappropriation and money laundering, as well as in international legal assistance and administrative assistance proceedings. Furthermore, she assists clients in internal and regulatory investigations.

Coming from a law firm in Zurich specialised in criminal law, she brings broad practical experience in criminal law and criminal procedure law, in particular in criminal defence and in proceedings regarding coercive measures especially in connection with account freezing and sealing of evidence.

Cristina Ess represents clients before all judicial, criminal and administrative authorities.

Expertise

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

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IT Security and Cybercrime

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Dispute Resolution and Litigation

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Career

- Since 2025
  Senior Associate, Kellerhals Carrard Zürich KIG, Zurich
- 2022-2024
  Associate, Kellerhals Carrard Zürich KIG, Zurich
- 2019-2022
  Trainee attorney, taormina law AG (formerly AMT Rechtsanwälte), Zurich

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Memberships

- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- Swiss Bar Association (SAV/FSA)

Education

- 2022
  Admitted to the bar of the canton of Zurich
- 2019
  Master of Law, University of Zurich
- 2017
  Bachelor of Law, University of Zurich

Languages

German, English

Publications & Presentations

Business Crime 2026 in: ICLG	François Micheli Cristina Ess Roman Huber Nadja Majid	2026
Essential Intelligence: Fraud, Asset Tracing & Recovery 2026 CDR	Michael Daphinoff Dominik Tschudi Nadja Majid Cristina Ess	2026
Covid-19-Kreditbetrug vor Bundesgericht Jusletter	Nadja Majid Cristina Ess	2026
Anti-Corruption 2026 - Switerland: Law and Practice in: Chambers Global Practice Guides	François Micheli Roman Huber Cristina Ess Lea Ruckstuhl	2026
Corporate Investigations 2026 in: ICLG	Michael Daphinoff Daniel Lengauer Roman Huber Cristina Ess	2026
Business Crime 2025 in: ICLG	François Micheli Cristina Ess Roman Huber	2025
Erste Bundesgerichtsentscheide zur Missbrauchsbekämpfung im Zusammenhang mit Covid-19-Krediten Jusletter	Nadja Majid Cristina Ess	2025
Corporate Investigations 2025 in: ICLG	Michael Daphinoff Daniel Lengauer Roman Huber Cristina Ess	2025
Essential Intelligence: Fraud, Asset Tracing & Recovery 2024 in:CDR	Florian Baumann Cristina Ess	2024

Anti-Corruption 2024 - Switzerland: Law & Practice in: Chambers Global Practice Guides	Florian Baumann Lea Ruckstuhl Roman Huber Cristina Ess	2024
Business Crime Laws and Regulations Switzerland 2024 in: ICLG	Florian Baumann Roman Huber Cristina Ess	2024
Anti-Corruption 2025 - Switzerland: Law & Practice in: Chambers Global Practice Guides	Florian Baumann Lea Ruckstuhl Roman Huber Cristina Ess	2024
Die wichtigsten Änderungen der Strafprozessordnung per 1. Januar 2024 Newsletter Strafprozessrecht	Florian Baumann Cristina Ess	2024
Geldwäscherei durch Barbezüge von Covid-19-Kreditmitteln AJP/PJA	Nadja Majid Cristina Ess	2023