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He is nationally and internationally renowned in the field of insolvency law, but also practices commercial law and inheritance law in general.

Prof. Dr. Daniel Staehelin is an experienced litigation lawyer specializing in banking law and, as a notary, advises companies and private individuals on contracts, restructuring, corporate acquisitions, real estate transactions, estate planning and the execution of wills. He is also a leading attorney and professor in the field of insolvency law. He has represented major creditors in all major insolvency proceedings of the last 25 years, has acted as trustee in bankruptcy proceedings, and has been appointed bankruptcy trustee in bank liquidations by FINMA on several occasions. In addition, he is regularly commissioned to prepare expert opinions.

1986 Licentiate (summa cum laude)
1988 Doctorate under Prof. Dr. Frank Vischer (summa cum laude, awarded the Walther Hug Prize)
1991 Attorney exam
1993 Notary exam

Since 1993 he has worked as an attorney and notary at the law firm Gfeller Christen Hentz (renamed Christen Rickli Partner in 2001, which merged with Kellerhals Attorneys in 2009 and expanded to Kellerhals Carrard in 2015) in Basel. He became a partner in 1997, temporarily on the steering committee, former head of the litigation/arbitration/insolvency group.

He has written numerous publications which you can find under this link.

Expertise

Banking, Finance and Fintech →

Company & Corporate Law / M&A →

Insolvency and Restructuring →

Notary →

Private Clients →

Dispute Resolution and Litigation →

Career

- Since 2005
  Titular professor at the University of Basel
- Since 1999
  Lecturer at the University of Basel
- since 1993
  Practicing attorney and notary
- Since 2007
  Bankruptcy liquidator of the INTER CAPITAL Group appointed by FINMA
- Since 2011
  Bankruptcy liquidator of swiss pb AG appointed by FINMA
- Since 2016
  Bankruptcy liquidator of Banque Privée Espírito Santo SA appointed by FINMA
- Since 2021
  Administrator of iQ International AG

Memberships

- INSOL Europe
- INSOL International
- International Insolvency Institute (invitee)
- SchKG Association
- Academic Association for International Procedural Law
- Member of the ZPO/Court of Arbitration/SchKG working group of the Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Swiss Bar Association (SAV/FSA)

Education

- 1993
  Notary public
- 1991
  Admitted to the bar
- 1988
  Dr. iur. (summa cum laude), University of Basel
- 1986
  Licentiate (summa cum laude), University of Basel
- Studies in Basel and Neuchâtel

Other Activities

- Member of the expert group on restructuring proceedings for private individuals appointed by the Federal Office of Justice (2020)
- 2005–2015 Member of the Council of INSOL Europe; 2012/2013 (first Swiss) president.
- Director of INSOL International (2005–2008)
- Co-founder and president (1998–2012) of the SchKG Association
- Member of the Federal Commission for Debt Enforcement and Bankruptcy (2007–2019)
- Recorder (2004–2007) and president of the Basel Notarial Chamber (2007–2010)
- Member of the expert commission on restructuring law appointed by the Federal Office of Justice (2003–2008)
- Member of the ZPO/Court of Arbitration/SchKG working group of the Swiss Bar Association (SAV) since approx. 1998
- Publication of numerous articles in specialist journals and participation in several commentaries
- Co-publisher of the leading commentary on the Debt Enforcement and Bankruptcy Act
- Co-author of a textbook on the Swiss Code of Civil Procedure
- Lecturer at the University of Basel since 1999
- Regular presentations at continuing education events
- Dissertation supervisor

Languages

German, English, French, Italian

Publications & Presentations

Referat: Update Summarverfahren und Vollstreckung Basler ZPO-Tag 2026	Daniel Staehelin	2026
Fachkräftemangel in der juristischen Praxis (in ZZZ 64/2023)	Daniel Staehelin	2023
ZZZ-Bookshelf - Die Handelsregistersperre nach Art. 261 ff. ZPO	Daniel Staehelin	2023
Les pouvoirs de l'administration étrangère en cas de renonciation à la faillite ancillaire (art. 174a al. 4 LDIP) [zusammen mit Dr. Elodie Kleider], AJP 2021, S. 361 ff.	Daniel Staehelin	2021
Überblick über die Neuerungen im Sanierungsrecht, AJP 2013, S. 1735 ff. = ST 2014, S. 61 ff.	Daniel Staehelin	2013
Der Ausschluss aus einer Personengesellschaft ohne wichtige Gründe, AJP 2011, S. 27 ff. [zusammen mit Dr. Ralf Michael Straub].	Daniel Staehelin	2011
Sondervermögen und Haftung, in: Thomas Sutter-Somm/Anton K. Schnyder (Hrsg.), Festgabe für Franz Hasenböhler, Zürich 2004, S. 87 ff.	Daniel Staehelin	2004
Bedingte Verfügungen, Zürich 1993.	Daniel Staehelin	1993

Rankings & Awards

Legal 500 2026: A year of work with our clients reflected in the rankings	March 30, 2026
Chambers Europe 2026: Recognition that reflects our clients' trust	March 19, 2026
Trusted Expertise, Recognised Excellence – IFLR1000 2025	October 9, 2025
Trusted by Clients, Acknowledged for Excellence - Legal500 2025	March 27, 2025
Committed to Clients, Recognised for Excellence – Chambers Europe 2025	March 20, 2025
Kellerhals Carrard Shines in The Legal 500 2024 Rankings	March 27, 2024
Kellerhals Carrard Earns Top Honors in Chambers Europe 2024	March 14, 2024
Kellerhals Carrard recognised in Chambers Europe 2023	March 20, 2023