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An enthusiastic practitioner in commercial and business law at the point where technology, law and entrepreneurship intersect, with a particular focus on (technology) start-ups, venture capital and M&A.

Dario is a lawyer specializing in general contract law, corporate law and M&A transactions. As a member of the Startup Desk, he has in-depth expertise in advising founders and technology companies in all sectors and in all phases of the life cycle, from incorporation, financing rounds, employee participation programs and licensing agreements all the way to exit strategies. He also regularly advises venture capital investors (business angels, VCs, CVCs) on all aspects of investments.

Dario is also involved in several initiatives for the Swiss start-up landscape, e.g., as an expert in Innosuisse courses for start-up founders, and through editorial contributions to public contract standards for venture capital investments.

Expertise

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

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Company & Corporate Law / M&A

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Capital markets and listed companies

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Startup & Venture Capital Desk

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Career

- Since 2024: Partner, Kellerhals Carrard Zurich
- 2022–2023: Senior Associate, Kellerhals Carrard Zurich
- 2019–2021
  Associate, Kellerhals Carrard Zurich
- 2015–2018
  Clerk (general division for civil law, criminal law, and criminal law relating to young offenders), Zurich District Court
- 2014
  Trainee, Zurich District Court
- 2013
  Diplomatic Trainee as an Adviser in Public International Law, Permanent Mission of the Swiss Confederation to the United Nations, New York City, USA
- 2013
  Legal internship, Department of Justice of the State of Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia
- 2012
  Legal internship, Homburger AG, Zurich
- 2010
  Legal internship, Lenz & Staehelin AG, Zurich

Memberships

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV/FSA)
- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA)
- Young SECA

Education

- 2019
  Admitted to the bar, Canton Zurich
- 2012–2013
  MLaw, University of Bern and University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
- 2007–2010
  BLaw, University of Lucerne and University of Lausanne

Other Activities

- Legal expert for Innosuisse courses (Business Creation)
- Lecturer at UZH (Minor in BioMed Entrepreneurship)

Languages

German, English, French, Spanish
