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Lawyers love to talk about issues – I prefer to provide solutions.

An experienced M&A and corporate lawyer, Emanuel Dettwiler advises clients on a wide range of international and domestic, public and private, transactions. His particular focus lies on distressed M&A transactions and restructurings, where he regularly supports clients in challenging situations. His clients are active in various industries, mainly in life sciences, technology, and IT. He also advises on demanding corporate law topics and assists clients in both equity and debt financing matters as well as selected contract law issues. He regularly publishes and lectures in his areas of expertise. An active member in a number of international associations and alliances, Emanuel enjoys a strong international network. As a former management consultant, Emanuel has an in-depth understanding of the commercial aspects of problems presented to him and honors the real needs of demanding corporate clients.

Expertise

Banking, Finance and Fintech



Construction and real estate



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



Company & Corporate Law / M&A



Insolvency and Restructuring



Capital markets and listed companies



Startup & Venture Capital Desk



Board of Directors

- Chairman of the Board of Directors of Crocodil AG
 - Board of Directors of trustwise.io ag
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Career

- Since 2013
Partner at Kellerhals Carrard, Basel
 - 2006–2013
Associate at Homburger AG
 - 2004–2005
Junior associate at Homburger AG
 - 2001–2003
Associate at PwC Strategy& (formerly Booz Allen Hamilton)
 - 1997
Summer associate at Borden Ladner Gervais (formerly Ladner Downs) in Vancouver, Canada
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Memberships

- International Association of Lawyers UIA
 - TAGLaw
 - SAV Swiss Bar Association
 - ZAV Zurich Bar Association
 - Association Internationale des Jeunes Avocats (AIJA)
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Education

- 2024
CAS Management in Life Sciences, EPFL
 - 2010
LL.M., Columbia University, Law School, New York
 - 2006
Admitted to the bar, Canton Zurich
 - 2002
Dr. iur., University of St. Gallen (Doctoral thesis “Equal treatment of shareholders in information”)
 - 1998
lic. iur., University of Basel
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Languages

German, English, French, Spanish

Publications & Presentations

Kaufvertrag (Purchase Agreement) in: Jörg/Gnos/Olgiati (Hrsg.), Mergers & Acquisitions, Basel	Emanuel Dettwiler Reto Schumacher	2022
Distressed M&A in Switzerland in: Practice Guides Swiss M&A 2020	Lukas Bopp Emanuel Dettwiler	2020
Distressed M&A in: Switzerland in Swiss M&A Practice Guide, 2nd ed., London	Lukas Bopp Emanuel Dettwiler	2020
Aktienrechtsrevision – Vorschlag des Bundesrates in: Schulthess manager Handbuch	Beat Brechbühl Emanuel Dettwiler	2017
Aktienrechtsrevision / Vorschlag des Bundesrates: Gründungs- und Kapitalvorschriften in: Kurz & Bündig 8a	Emanuel Dettwiler	2016
Finale Minder-Verordnung "VegüV" - Erste Übersicht k&b November 2013	Ines Pöschel, Beat Brechbühl, Daniel Lengauer, Florian Baumann, Emanuel Dettwiler, Karim Maizar	2013

Rankings & Awards

Trusted Expertise, Recognised Excellence – IFLR1000 2025

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