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Litigation as an art

Brainstorms, research, strategy and a razor-sharp writing style – Jean-Cédric Michel and his team take a direct rhetorical approach to the law. A man for high stakes and policy matters, he has represented clients before the Federal Tribunal more than fifty times, and obtained numerous favorable decisions in areas as varied as sports law, forfeiture, bond liability, attachments and non-competition clauses. A specialist in financial litigation, Jean-Cédric Michel obtained in Ireland the first settlement with a major bank for its liability as custodian of a Madoff fund. He has appeared before the Court of Arbitration for Sport and the European Court of Human Rights – where he has achieved two landmark victories against UN Security Council sanction regimes.

Expertise

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

Antitrust and Competition Law →

Dispute Resolution and Litigation →

Arbitration →

Sports Law →

Career

- Since 2026
  Of Counsel, Kellerhals Carrard, Geneva
- Since 2019
  Partner, Kellerhals Carrard, Geneva
- 1985–2018
  de Pfyffer|Avocats, Geneva
- Since 2007
  Author of the blog Revolawtion
- 2016–2019
  President of the Bar Association's Commission for Innovation and Modernization
- 1995–2013
  Member of the Geneva Bar Exams Commission
- 2003–2013
  Member of the Anti-Doping Commission of Swiss Olympic
- 2002–2006
  Member of the Board of the Geneva Bar Association (2002-2006)

Memberships

- Geneva Bar Association
- Swiss Bar Association (SBA)
- Swiss Association of Sports Law
- Swiss Arbitration Association
- Group in favor of Switzerland without an Army

Education

- 1987
  Admission to the Bar, Geneva
- 1987
  1st prize in the Oral Argument Contest of the Bar Association
- 1985
  Law degree, University of Geneva
- 1980
  High school diploma, International School

Other Activities

- Writer

- Blogger

Languages

French, English