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Your pragmatic Swiss international construction lawyer.

Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter is a multilingual (French/German/English/Italian) specialist construction and real estate lawyer with over 15 years' experience in Switzerland and abroad (including Singapore and New York). He has a solid experience in cross-border construction and real estate advice and dispute resolution, acting as arbitrator or as mediator (RICS Accredited Mediator) and representing domestic and foreign clients (architects, engineers, developers, and facility managers) before Swiss courts, mediators, and arbitral tribunals (including FIDIC DAB and SIA 150). He has advised on a wide range of Swiss and international projects (incl. FIDIC), comprising pharmaceutical plants, hydropower plants, hotels and convention centers, airports and railway stations, industrial buildings, an opera house, and luxury chalets in the Swiss Alps. Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter is a lecturer at the Bern University of Applied Sciences and at the School of Engineering and Architecture of Fribourg, and a regular speaker on real estate and construction topics, and on legal aspects of Building Information Modeling (BIM).

Expertise

Construction and real estate →

Dispute Resolution and Litigation →

Arbitration →

Career

- Since 2018
  Partner at Kellerhals Carrard
- 2006 – 2018
  Attorney at Kellerhals Carrard
- 2010
  Foreign legal intern at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP, New York
- 2005
  Internship at a bilingual commercial law firm in Biel-Bienne
- 2004
  Internship at the Department of Construction, Transport and Energy of the Canton of Bern
- 2003
  Internship at Biel-Bienne Court District II

Memberships

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV/FSA)
- Bern Bar Association (BAV)
- Association Internationale des Jeunes Avocats (AIJA), Honorary Member
- International Bar Association, International Construction Projects Committee

Education

- 2017 – 2018
  Certified specialist in construction and real estate law (SAV)
- 2010
  LL.M. in Law and the Global Economy, New York University and National University of Singapore
- 2006
  Admitted to the bar, Canton of Bern
- 2003
  Lic. iur., Universities of Geneva, Bern and Bologna (Erasmus, 2000)

Other Activities

- Lecturer at Bern University of Applied Sciences (Higher Technical College Holz Biel/Bienne)
- Lecturer at the Fribourg School of Engineering and Architecture
- Leist der Untern of the Municipality of Bern, vice-president (since 2020)
- NETWORK, Regional board member, Bern Region (since 2021)
- AIJA: Co-chair of the Forum of Commissions (Extended Bureau) (2018-2021); vice-president of the SCILL Commission (2016-2018); member of the executive committee (2012-2015); co-chair Singapore Congress (2022)

Languages

German, English, French, Italian

Publications & Presentations

Le contrat d'alliance en Suisse: vers une nouvelle culture de la construction Espazium Revue, octobre 2025	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter	2025
Integrated Project Delivery (IPD, Contrat d'alliance) Travail collaboratif du point de vue juridique Bâtir digital Suisse / buildingSMART, suisse.ing	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter	2023
Nachhaltigkeit im Gleisbau - die juristische Perspektive Basler Gleisbau-Tag	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter	2023
FIDIC Contracts in Europe	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter	2022
Die besondere Verjährungsregel für vertragliche Ersatzansprüche gegenüber Architekten und Ingenieure[n] Besprechung des Urteils ACJC/804/2022 des Obergerichts des Kantons Genf; Newsletter immodroit.ch, Dezember 2022	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter	2022
Comment prouver ou contester correctement le prix de l'ouvrage Analyse de l'arrêt du Tribunal fédéral 4A_377/2021; Newsletter immodroit.ch, septembre 2022	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter	2022
BIM & Droit: collaboration et droits liés à la maquette	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter	2021
Marchés publics – Tour d'horizon du nouveau droit Webinaire KC, 2021	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter	2021
Le cadre juridique du BIM et les droits liés à la maquette Bâtir digital Suisse, Journée BIM 2020	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter	2020
COVID-19 et immobilier: Enjeux juridiques liés aux retards pris sur les chantiers Chambre Vaudoise Immobilière, séminaire de rentrée 2020	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter	2020
Neues Verjährungsrecht ab dem 1. Januar 2020 Kurz & Bündig 3/2019	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter Alexandre Kirschmann	2019
Nouveau droit de la prescription dès le 1er janvier 2020 L'essentiel en bref 3/2019	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter Alexandre Kirschmann	2019

New law on the statute of limitations from January 1, 2020 In a nutshell 3/2019	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter Alexandre Kirschmann	2019
Nuovo diritto in materia di prescrizione a partire dal 1° gennaio 2020 In due parole 3/2019	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter Alexandre Kirschmann	2019
La prescription en droit privé de la construction Tour d'horizon et révision du droit de la prescription du 15 juin 2018	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter	2019
The Application of Swiss Law to FIDIC Contracts in: Donald Charrett (ed.), The International Application of FIDIC Contracts: A Practical Guide, Informa Law, London, 2019 co-authored with Sam Moss and Tino Schneider	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter	2019
Swiss Private Banking, US Tax Enforcement and Mutual Assistance after UBS, Panel Presentation at the Swiss-American Lawyers Association, New York New York, October 27, 2010	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter	2010
Sovereign Wealth Funds: The French Strategic Investment Fund: A Creative Approach to Complement SWF Regulation or Mere Protectionism? The Journal of Applied Economy, Volume 3 (2010): p. 59-77	Jean-Rodolphe Fiechter	2010