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Financial market law is characterized by high regulatory density. In my dealings with you, I maintain the overview and, with my many years of experience, support you in a way that is both solution-oriented and focused.

Lea Ruckstuhl, an attorney specializing in financial market law with a strong focus on combating money laundering and terrorist financing, is a counsel at Kellerhals Carrard. She has many years of experience in the field of financial market supervisory law and advises financial intermediaries, in particular, on issues surrounding tax liability, AMLA, and compliance.

She combines her legal expertise with experience in the field of supervision, which she gained as a result of spending many years as head of the Office of the Self-Regulatory Organization of the Swiss Leasing Association.

Lea Ruckstuhl regularly publishes articles in her fields and gives talks and presentations. She keeps a close eye on the legislative process in the field of financial market regulation and assumes a policy role in consultations and working groups. Her clients appreciate her efficient, dedicated, and solution-oriented approach. Her recommendations place a strong focus on the business processes at hand.

Expertise

Banking, Finance and Fintech



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



Career

- Since January 2026
Partner at Kellerhals Carrard, Zurich
 - Since January 2021
Counsel at Kellerhals Carrard, Zurich
 - 2011–2020
Attorney (associate and senior associate) at Kellerhals Carrard, Zurich
 - 2009–2010
Consultant at a legal advice center while preparing for the bar examination
 - 2009
Research assistant to the lecturer delivering the course “Introduction to the Law for Economists” at the University of Freiburg
 - 2007–2009
Legal internships
 - 1999–2004
Founding member and editor of the youth channel SRF Virus
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Memberships

- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
 - Swiss Bar Association (SAV/FSA)
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Education

- 2010
Admitted to the bar of Canton Bern
 - 2007
Master of Law at the University of Fribourg with the supplement European Law (“summa cum laude” + Frilex Prize for the best university degree in the university’s Faculty of Law 2007 fall session)
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Other Activities

- Vice President Forum SRO
 - 2013–2020 Head of the office of the Self-Regulatory Organization of the Swiss Leasing Association (SRO/SLV)
 - Lecturer for the one-day course on compliance, part of the CAS in Leasing program at the FHNW University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland
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Languages

German, English, French

Publications

Anti-Corruption 2026 - Switzerland: Law and Practice Chambers Global Practice Guides	François Micheli Dr. Roman Huber Cristina Ess Lea Ruckstuhl	2026
Geldwäschereirechtliche Aspekte der Herausgabe und Distribution von Guthaben- und Geschenkkarten Jusletter vom 1. Dezember 2025	Prof. Dr. Cornelia Stengel Lea Ruckstuhl Dr. Jessica Sommer	2025
International Comparative Legal Guide - Anti Money Laundering 2025 ICLG	Lea Ruckstuhl Prof. Dr. Cornelia Stengel	2025
Untersuchung von Fällen sexueller Belästigung	Dr. Michael Daphinoff Lea Ruckstuhl	2024
Digitale und mobile Zahlungssysteme – Kredit- und Debitkarten, Wallets, virtuelle Währungen und Kryptowerte Schulthess Verlag, Zürich	Prof. Dr. Cornelia Stengel, Thomas Weber, Manuel Brogli, Benjamin Bürgi, Dr. Daniel Emch, Michael Kremer, Gaspard Loderer, Ramin Paydar, Lea Ruckstuhl, Elena Rüegg	2024
Anti-Corruption 2024 - Switzerland: Law & Practice Chambers Global Practice Guides	Dr. Florian Baumann Lea Ruckstuhl Dr. Roman Huber Cristina Ess	2024
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Kommentierung von Art. 9a und Art. 10 GwG im Basler Kommentar Geldwäschereigesetz	Lea Ruckstuhl	2021
Chambers and Partners Global Practice Guide: Anti-Corruption 2019	Lea Ruckstuhl	2019

Riskmanagement und Compliance des FI Referat anlässlich der Weiterbildungsveranstaltungen der SRO SAV/SNV	Lea Ruckstuhl	2019
Compliance, Recht für die Praxis Autoren: Daniel Lengauer/Lea Ruckstuhl, Zürich/Basel/Genf 2017	Dr. Daniel Lengauer Lea Ruckstuhl	2017
Compliance, Recht für die Praxis	Lea Ruckstuhl Dr. Daniel Lengauer	2017
AGB-Kontrolle nach dem neuen Art. 8 UWG - eine kritische Auslegeordnung AJP 9/2012	Lea Ruckstuhl	2012