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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

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

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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

Memberships

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

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)

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

Languages

German, English, French

Publications & Presentations

Anti-Money Laundering 2026 - A practical cross-border resource to inform legal minds - Switzerland International Comparative Legal Guides.	Cornelia Stengel Lea Ruckstuhl	2026
Anti-Corruption 2026 - Switerland: Law and Practice in: Chambers Global Practice Guides	François Micheli Roman Huber Cristina Ess Lea Ruckstuhl	2026
Geldwäschereirechtliche Aspekte der Herausgabe und Distribution von Guthaben- und Geschenkkarten Jusletter vom 1. Dezember 2025	Cornelia Stengel Jessica Sommer Lea Ruckstuhl	2025
Anti Money Laundering (Switzerland) International Comparative Legal Guide - 2025	Cornelia Stengel Lea Ruckstuhl	2025
Sustainable Finance in Switzerland: Digital Book	Jean-Luc Chenaux, Christophe Rapin, Thomas Bauer, Nicolas Mosimann, Shima Gennari, Roman Aus der Au, Christoph Bauer, Luca Bianchi, Armin Kühne, Daniel Lengauer, Karim Maizar, Sarah Mostafa, Dominik Oberholzer, Ines Pöschel, Isabelle Romy, Lea Ruckstuhl, Reto Schumacher, Jessica Sommer, Cornelia Stengel, Denise Wohlwend, Roman Huber, Manuel Brogli, Gaspare Loderer	2025
Untersuchung von Fällen sexueller Belästigung	Michael Daphinoff Lea Ruckstuhl	2024

Sustainable Finance in Switzerland – Adoption of a New Paradigm through Regulatory Change and Innovation	Roman Aus der Au, Christoph Bauer, Thomas Bauer, Luca Bianchi, Manuel Brogli, Jean-Luc Chenaux, Shima Gennari, Roman Huber, Barbara Fritschi, Armin Kühne, Daniel Lengauer, Gaspare Loderer, Karim Maizar, Nicolas Mosimann, Sarah Mostafa, Dominik Oberholzer, Ines Pöschel, Christophe Rapin, Isabelle Romy, Lea Ruckstuhl, Reto Schumacher, Jessica Sommer, Cornelia Stengel, Denise Wohlwend	2024
Digitale und mobile Zahlungssysteme – Kredit- und Debitkarten, Wallets, virtuelle Währungen und Kryptowerte Hrsg. Cornelia Stengel/Thomas Weber, Schulthess Verlag, Zürich 2024	Cornelia Stengel, Thomas Weber, Manuel Brogli, Benjamin Bürgi, Daniel Emch, Michael Kremer, Gaspare Loderer, Ramin Paydar, Lea Ruckstuhl, Elena Rüegg, Jessica Sommer, Luca Stäuble	2024
Anti-Corruption 2024 - Switzerland: Law & Practice in: Chambers Global Practice Guides	Florian Baumann Lea Ruckstuhl Roman Huber Cristina Ess	2024
Anti-Corruption 2025 - Switzerland: Law & Practice in: Chambers Global Practice Guides	Florian Baumann Lea Ruckstuhl Roman Huber Cristina Ess	2024
Drug and Medical Device Litigation 2022 / Switzerland in: ICLG	Florian Baumann Lea Ruckstuhl	2022
Kommentierung von Art. 9a und Art. 10 GwG im Basler Kommentar Geldwäschereigesetz	Lea Ruckstuhl	2021
Global Practice Guide: Anti-Corruption 2019 Chambers and Partners	Florian Baumann Claudia Götz Staehelin Lea Ruckstuhl Omar Abo Youssef	2019
Riskmanagement und Compliance des FI Referat anlässlich der Weiterbildungsveranstaltungen der SRO SAV/SNV	Lea Ruckstuhl	2019

Compliance Recht für die Praxis, Zürich/Basel/Genf 2017	Daniel Lengauer Lea Ruckstuhl	2017
AGB-Kontrolle nach dem neuen Art. 8 UWG – eine kritische Auslegeordnung AJP 9/2012	Lea Ruckstuhl	2012