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Intensity is the price of excellence (Warren Buffet)

Michel Zen-Ruffinen, attorney at law and notary, is a specialist in association law and sports law, known for having organised many of the world's most important sporting events. His experience and network in international relations, his entrepreneurial spirit and his pragmatism make him a sought-after legal advisor for all types of litigation as well as for the design, development and monitoring of all sporting events. He advises all entities and individuals with precision and seriousness and establishes the necessary contacts to fulfil their wishes.

Expertise

Sports Law

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Career

- Of Counsel at Kellerhals Carrard (2025-present)
- Lawyer and notary with own independent law firm (2017-present)
- Lawyer partner and notary in a general law firm (2005-2017)
- Lawyer at an international multi-site law firm specialising in sports law (2003-2005)
- Secretary General of FIFA (1998-2002)
- Deputy Secretary General of FIFA (1995-1998)
- Director of the Legal Division of FIFA (1988-1995)
- Director of FIFA's Refereeing and Disciplinary Department (1986-1988)

Education

- Law degree from the University of Geneva (1983)
- Attorney at law (1985)
- Notary (1985)

Languages

German, English, French, Spanish, Italian