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As an enthusiastic start-up/venture capital and M&A attorney, Nicolai provides national and international clients with dedicated, goal-oriented and high-quality advice.

He co-leads the Zurich Startup and Venture Capital Desk.

Nicolai supports founders and investors primarily from technology and life sciences companies in all phases of their life cycle, from incorporation (including spin-offs) to various rounds of financing and exit transactions. He supports entrepreneurs as a pragmatic sparring partner in corporate and contract law matters.

In addition to venture capital transactions, Nicolai has extensive M&A experience and advises buyers and sellers (individuals, corporates and PE) on local and cross-border M&A deals. Recent work highlights include the sell-side representation of two brokers in the insurtech space, the international expansion (buy-side support) of an automotive spare parts group, and several exits/combinations of Swiss technology startups to international buyers.

Nicolai is involved in various areas for the start-up scene, for example as an expert at Innosuisse courses or via the Swiss Startup Association (part of the Legal Desk), and regularly holds presentations and workshops in his specialist areas.

Expertise

Employment and Social Security Law



Company & Corporate Law / M&A



Capital markets and listed companies



Startup & Venture Capital Desk



Life Sciences, Healthcare, Pharmaceuticals, and Biotechnology



Career

- Since January 2022
  Partner, Kellerhals Carrard Zurich
- 2018
  Foreign legal intern, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP, NYC
- 2014–2021
  Associate / senior associate, Kellerhals Carard, Zurich
- 2013
  Junior associate, Bader Gnehm & Partner, Zurich
- 2012–2013
  Trainee Legal & Compliance with an investment advisor to a Sovereign Wealth Fund, Zug
- 2012
  Legal intern, Reiss&Preuss LLP (now Reiss+Co.), NYC
- 2010
  Scientific assistant, Institute of Business Law of the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW)
- 2008
  Legal trainee, District Court of Andelfingen
- 2006–2009
  Commercial apprenticeship (kaufmännische Lehre), NCR (Switzerland) LLC, Glattzentrum

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Memberships

- AIJA (International Association of Young Lawyers)
- International Bar Association
- Columbia Alumni
- Swiss Bar Association (SAV/FSA)
- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- SECA

Education

- 2018
  LL.M., Columbia University, Law School, NYC (Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar Honors)
- 2014
  Bar exam, Canton of Zug
- 2014
  MLaw, University of Lucerne, Lucerne, with study abroad at John Marshall Law School (now part of UIC Law), Chicago IL, Cum Laude
- 2009
  BSc Business Law, Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW), ECTS Grade A (Top 10%)
- 2006
  Commercial professional baccalaureate (kaufmännische Berufsmatura), KV Business School, Zurich

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Other Activities

- Legal expert for Innosuisse courses (Business Creation and Growth, conducted by Venturelab)
- Part of the Legal Desk of the Swiss Startup Association

Languages

German, English, French

Publications & Presentations

Chambers Global Practice Guide 2025: Venture Capital - Trends & Development	Alexandre Gachet Nicolas Mosimann Karim Maizar Nicolai Nuber	2025