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Philippe Frésard is passionate about giving sound advice to individuals and companies in a national and international context.

Philippe Frésard was Managing Partner of the Bern office of Kellerhals Carrard for almost 10 years and is still a member of the management board. He also sits on the Board of Directors of Kellerhals Carrard Switzerland.

He is an experienced notary public and native speaker of French, but is also able to advise his clients, both private individuals and companies, in German. He provides advice at a regional, inter-cantonal and international level, in the fields of real estate law, matrimonial and estate planning, corporate law (from incorporation to restructuring, including capital increases and decreases), and foundation law.

Philippe Frésard is particularly active in the Franco-Swiss area, especially when it comes to assisting German-speaking Swiss clients in the acquisition, transfer, or sale of real estate in France.

He also frequently practices in the fields of sports law (soccer) and energy law.

Expertise

Construction and real estate →

Energy, Infrastructure, and Environment →

Company & Corporate Law / M&A →

Notary →

Private Clients →

Sports Law →

Startup & Venture Capital Desk →

Board of Directors

- Coordinator of the swisNot notary network
- Chairman of the Board of the Adrian and Simone Frutiger Foundation
- Secretary of the Board of the Swiss Notary Foundation

Career

- Since 2021
  Member of the Management Board, Kellerhals Carrard, Bern
- Since 2019
  Member of the Board of Directors, Kellerhals Carrard Switzerland
- 2012–2021
  Managing Partner, Kellerhals Carrard, Bern
- 2008–2011
  Partner, Kellerhals Anwälte, Bern
- 2000–2008
  Partner, Notter & Frésard, Bern

Memberships

- Member of the Swiss Notary Public Association and the Bernese Notary Public Association
- Member of the Swiss Bar Association (SBA) and the Bernese Bar Association
- Member of the Committee of the Swiss Association of Sports Law
- Member of swisNot and Lexunion – International Legal and Notarial Strategies

Education

- 1999
  Admission to the Bar, Canton Bern
- 1998
  Notary Public exam, Canton Bern
- 1996
  Diploma in Journalism, University of Fribourg
- 1995
  Law degree, University of Fribourg
- 1993
  Magister Legum Europae (MLE), University of Hanover (Germany)

Other Activities

- Former director of Lexunion
- Former disciplinary judge of the Swiss Football League
- Former member of the Swiss Football League License Appeal Authority
- Former ad hoc clerk of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)
- Former information delegate of the Swiss Notary Public Association
- Former member of the Advisory Council of natives of the Jura region domiciled outside of Switzerland

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Languages

German, English, French

Publications & Presentations

Key Insights into Estate Planning Vortrag bei British Swiss Chamber of Commerce	Philippe Frésard Annette Spycher	2025
Kryptowährungen als Kapitaleinlagen, Ein Trend mit Zukunft? Jusletter	Philippe Frésard	2019