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As a dedicated, goal-oriented and competent lawyer, I advise you in the areas of banking and financial market law as well as in corporate and contractual matters.

Sarah Mostafa's practice focuses on banking and financial market law as well as financial market regulation. The focus of her practice is on providing legal advice to asset managers, collective asset managers, collective investment schemes, fund management companies and other financial institutions with respect to their activities in Switzerland, their licensing requirements as well as the offering of financial instruments and financial services in a national and international context. Sarah Mostafa develops optimal solutions for her clients through a strategic, goal-oriented and constructive approach and represents them also in licensing proceedings before the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA.

As a Swiss lawyer with an Egyptian background, Sarah Mostafa also speaks Arabic and regularly advises individuals and companies from the MENA region (Middle East & North Africa) on their activities and transactions with a Swiss connection – in particular on the purchase and sale of real estate, the establishment of companies, the drafting of contracts, applications for work and residence permits, and legal investment and financing issues. Thanks to her bicultural profile, Sarah Mostafa is well qualified to deal with cultural challenges as well as to solve cross-border legal issues in a practice-oriented manner. Sarah Mostafa works closely with leading law firms in the MENA region to ensure efficient support for her clients. With a well-developed local network and interdisciplinary advice, clients' projects are optimally supported.

Expertise

Banking, Finance and Fintech →

Company & Corporate Law / M&A →

Capital markets and listed companies →

Private Clients →

Career

- Since 2025: Counsel, Kellerhals Carrard, Zurich
- 2021 – 2024: Senior Associate, Kellerhals Carrard, Zurich
- 2020: Associate, Kellerhals Carrard, Zurich
- 2018–2020: Legal counsel, Bank Julius Baer, Zurich
- 2017–2018: Associate, Lenz & Staehelin, Geneva
- 2009–2016: Trainee attorney and attorney, Müller & Paparis Attorneys, Zurich
- February 2009 – April 2009: Legal intern, Swiss Embassy in Kuwait
- November 2008 – January 2009
  Legal intern, Sarwat A. Shahid Law Firm, Cairo, Egypt

Memberships

- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- Swiss Bar Association (SAV/FSA)
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- ASA below 40
- Asset Management Association Switzerland (AMAS)
- SwissCham Egypt - The Swiss Egyptian Association for Business and Commerce

Education

- 2025:Executive Master in Art Market Studies (EMAMS), University of Zurich
- 2015: LL.M, Queen Mary University of London, UK
- 2012
  Admitted to the bar of Canton Zurich, High Court of Canton Zurich, Switzerland
- 2008
  lic. iur., University of Zurich
- 2005
  Mobility program, University of Geneva

Languages

German, English, French, Arabic

Publications & Presentations

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
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