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As sustainability expectations broaden from risk management to real‑world impact, Dr. Zukas guides clients through the growing complexity of this evolving landscape.

Dr. Tadas Zukas is a financial markets lawyer specialising in sustainable finance and ESG regulation. He advises financial institutions, corporates, fintech and start‑ups, family offices, foundations and individual investors on the full spectrum of sustainability matters, from strategy development to greenwashing prevention. He also serves as an independent expert.

A recognised voice in the Swiss and European sustainable finance market, Dr. Zukas is a member of the Swiss Bankers Association Working Group on Sustainable Finance, which played a central role in shaping Swiss ESG self‑regulation. His new book on European Sustainable Finance Regulation has earned wide acclaim.

He is a Senior Fellow at the Competence Center of Sustainability at the University of Zurich and at the Center for Sustainable Finance and Private Wealth, where he lectures and speaks regularly at industry events.

Before joining Kellerhals Carrard, Dr. Zukas served as Global Lead Senior Legal Counsel Sustainability/ESG at a major Swiss bank. His in‑house ESG legal work earned him recognition in the Legal500 GC Powerlist Switzerland 2025.

Dr. Zukas is a member of Kellerhals Carrard's Sustainability & ESG Desk and also advises clients on contractual, business law and regulatory compliance matters.

Expertise

Banking, Finance and Fintech

Construction and real estate

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

Data and Privacy

Energy, Infrastructure, and Environment

Intellectual Property Law, Technology Law, Digitalisation, and Communication

Board of Directors

- 2021-2023: Member of the Law School Council, Mykolas Römeris University, Vilnius/Lithuania
- 2016-2018: Member of the Board of Directors, Zuhören Schweiz, Basel
- 2008-2010: Member of the Board of Directors and Secretary General, Swiss-Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce

Career

- Since 2026
  Of Counsel, Kellerhals Carrard, Zurich
- 2022-2026
  Global Lead Senior Legal Counsel Sustainability/ESG, Bank Vontobel, Zurich
- 2020-2021
  Senior Legal Counsel Regulatory Change (Swiss Financial Services Act, Sustainable Finance), Member of the Global Virtual Legal Sustainable Finance Team, UBS, Zurich
- 2013-2020
  Senior Legal Counsel Products & Services, Deputy Head IT & Projects, Bank Julius Baer, Zurich and Hong Kong
- 2012-2013
  Legal & Compliance Counsel, Swiss Life International, Zurich and Schaan
- 2009-2012
  Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey, Zurich and New York City
- 2004-2009
  Director of International Projects, Researcher and Lecturer, University of Lucerne School of Law, Lucerne
- 2003-2004
  Legal Counsel, Siemens, Zurich
- 2002
  Research Associate, Europa Institut at the University of Zurich

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Memberships

SwissDiplomats – ZurichNetwork

Education

- 2022 CAS Sustainable Finance, Department of Finance, University of Zurich (summa cum laude)
- 2011 Dr. iur. (Ph.D.), University of Lucerne, Faculty of Law (summa cum laude)
- 2004 LL.M. in International Business Law with concentration in Banking, Capital Markets and Insurance Law, University of Zurich
- 2002 LL.B., Mykolas Römeris University, Vilnius/Lithuania and University of Kiel, Germany (summa cum laude)

Other Activities

- Since 2026: Senior Fellow, University of Zurich Competence Center of Sustainability: Finance, Law, Sciences, and the Humanities
- Since 2025: Senior Fellow, Center for Sustainable Finance and Private Wealth, Zurich
- 2022-2025: Guest Lecturer and Fellow, Center for Sustainable Finance and Private

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Languages

English, German, Lithuanian, Russian