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As a specialist in public planning law and building regulations, she loves procedures without being procedural.

After qualifying as a lawyer, Vanessa Benitez began her career at the Swiss Confederation, before developing her passion for public planning law and building control in a major Swiss city, where she headed the municipal building control office for many years. In this capacity, she is well acquainted with the issues and challenges faced by municipal authorities in terms of municipal planning. Attentive to her clients' interests and needs, she seeks above all pragmatic, negotiated solutions, and to this end uses out-of-court dispute resolution channels wherever possible.

Expertise

Construction and real estate

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Board of Directors

- Member of the Board of Directors of Lausanne Cooperative Housing Corporation (Société Coopérative d'Habitation Lausanne, SCHL)

Career

- Since July 2022
  Associate attorney at Kellerhals Carrard
- 2011–2022
  Planning Department, Building Regulations Office of the City of Lausanne, initially Head of the Technical Unit (until 2015) and then Manager of the Building Regulations Office (until 2022)
- 2008–2011
  Secretary of Lausanne City Council
- 2002–2007
  Attorney in the Legal Department of the General Secretariat of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs in Bern
- 2000–2004
  Trainee attorney at Spiess Brunoni Pedrazzini Molino in Lugano and clerk at the Locarno Court of First Instance

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Memberships

- Vaud Bar Association (OAV)
- Swiss Bar Association (SBA)
- Register of attorneys at law in the Canton of Vaud

Education

- 2004
  Admission to the Bar, Canton of Vaud
- 2000
  Law degree, University of Fribourg

Languages

French, English, Italian
