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EXPERTISE

Hikmat Maleh is a partner and criminal and commercial litigator who co-leads the Investigations practice in Geneva. He represents clients in complex litigation before Swiss criminal and civil courts, often in multi-jurisdictional proceedings. Hikmat routinely handles white collar crime cases (fraud, money laundering, bribery, insider trading, mutual legal assistance), banking litigation, commercial disputes, and employment litigation, among others. He also advises clients on sanctions compliance and represents them in sanctions-related disputes or enforcement. Hikmat is the hiring partner for our Geneva and Lausanne offices.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

2021	Partner at Lenz & Staehelin
2014	Joined Lenz & Staehelin
2013	Admission to the Geneva Bar
2011	University of Geneva (MLaw)
2010	University of Cambridge (LL.M. in International Law)
2009	University of Geneva (BLaw and Certificate of Transnational Law)

SPECIALIST AREAS

Commercial Litigation, Criminal Litigation, Employment Litigation, Public International Law, International Criminal Law, Investigations, Sanctions

LANGUAGES

French, English, German, Arabic

MEMBERSHIPS

Geneva Bar Association (OdA), Swiss Bar Association (SBA), Swiss Society of International Law (SSDI), Swiss Sports Law Association (ASDS), Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA), European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA), International Bar Association (IBA)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Maleh H., et al. , Introduction aux Art. 264 à 264n, Introduction spécifique aux Art. 264b à 264j, Art. 264b, 264c, 264d, 264i, 264j, 264m et 264n CP, in

- : Macaluso/Moreillon/Quéloz (éd.), Commentaire romand du Code pénal II - Partie spéciale, Bâle 2017
- Maleh H., Jakob ., Prohibere possunt & debeant : réflexions sur les responsabilités pénales de l'entreprise et du supérieur hiérarchique militaire, in : Garibian/Jeanneret (éd.), Dodécaphonie pénale - Liber discipulorum en l'honneur du Professeur Robert Roth, Genève/Zurich 2017
- Maleh H., Les crimes de guerre, in : Meylan (éd.), La lutte contre l'impunité en droit suisse, Genève 2015

REFERENCES

Has a stellar track record advising clients on complex investigations involving allegations of fraud, money laundering and bribery.

Who's Who Legal, 2024

Draws widespread praise for his first-rate business crime defence practice advising individuals on an array of multijurisdictional matters.

Who's Who Legal, 2024

One of the leading Swiss litigators for complex multi-jurisdictional business crime defence matters spanning fraud, money laundering and bribery among others.

Who's Who Legal, 2023

Fiercely intelligent, highly responsive and also extremely pleasant to work with. Clients love him.

Legal 500, 2023

My go-to lawyer whenever I have a client with a Swiss issue.

Legal 500, 2023

A favourite among peers and clients, who laud him as "one of the brightest minds we have come across".

Who's Who Legal, 2022

One of the best minds in the space.

Who's Who Legal, 2022

Profound expertise in commercial and criminal litigation.

Who's Who Legal, 2021

Excellent technical skills and has the ability to turn complex legal analysis into concise practical advice.

Who's Who Legal, 2021

Highly esteemed for his in-depth knowledge of domestic and international criminal law.

Who's Who Legal, 2020