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FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

EXPERTISE

Banking and Finance
Corporate and M&A

Prof. Alexandre Richa advises and represents clients mainly in banking, financial markets and corporate law matters, including mergers and acquisitions. He represents clients before courts, the FINMA and other authorities, notably in international litigation. He is also active in the fields of data protection, trade secrets and new technologies law.

He has been ranked for several years in Chambers Global (Banking & Finance, Regulatory, Switzerland), Chambers Europe (Banking & Finance, Regulatory, Switzerland) and Best Lawyers in Switzerland (Banking & Finance Law, Corporate Law, and Regulatory Practice). He was also named "Lawyer of the Year" 2024 and 2026 in the Regulatory Practice category (Geneva area) by Best Lawyers.

Prof. Alexandre Richa is also an associate Professor at the University of Lausanne, HEC Lausanne. He teaches financial market law, corporate law and M&A transactions. He is recognized by SIX Swiss Exchange AG for the listing of securities (shares, bonds, collective investment schemes). He is also an expert advisor for the Swiss National Science Foundation.

Finally, he sits on the executive or advisory body of several non-profit organizations in the legal field, including the Geneva Law and Legislation Society (of which he was president), the European Association for Banking and Financial Law (AEDBF Switzerland and Europe), and the CEDIDAC Foundation.

EDUCATION

2007 Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Master of Laws (LL.M.), Concentration in international finance

2006 University of Geneva, Law School, Dr. iur.; Honors: Summa cum laude, Professor Walther Hug Prize, François Bellot Prize

2004 University of Geneva, Law School, Diploma of Advanced Studies; Honors: summa cum laude, Ardit Prize (best paper), Etienne Gide Prize (best paper in Private Law)

2002 Admitted to the Geneva Bar

1999 University of Geneva, Law School, lic. iur.; Honors: Geneva Law and Legislation Society Prize (best 1st year results)

EXPERIENCE

Since 2014 Aegis Partners LLC (formerly ABR Avocats), Geneva, Founding partner

Since 2011 **University of Lausanne** (HEC), Associate Professor of business law

2007-2014 **Lenz & Staehelin**, Geneva, Associate/Senior associate

2002-2006 **University of Geneva**, Law School, Center for Banking and Financial Law, Research and Teaching Assistant

2001-2002 **University of Geneva**, Law School, Department of Civil and Commercial Law, Research and Teaching Assistant

2000-2001 **Python Schifferli Peter & Associés**, Geneva, Junior associate

MEMBERSHIPS

Geneva Law and Legislation Society: Member of the committee, previously President (2019-2021)

CEDIDAC: Member of the Foundation board

European Society for Banking and Financial Law (AEDBF Switzerland): Member of the scientific committee, Member of the board

Swiss Bar Association (FSA), Geneva Bar Association (ODAGE), Geneva Association of Business Law (AGDA), Harvard Club of Switzerland

RANKINGS

Best Lawyers in Switzerland 2026: Lawyer of the Year (Regulatory Practice, Geneva area); also ranked in Banking & Finance Law and Corporate Law

Best Lawyers in Switzerland 2025: ranked in Banking & Finance Law, Regulatory Practice and Corporate Law

Best Lawyers in Switzerland 2024: Lawyer of the Year (Regulatory Practice, Geneva area); also ranked in Banking & Finance and Corporate Law

Chambers Global Guide 2020-2025: ranked in Banking & Finance, Switzerland

Chambers Europe Guide 2018-2025: ranked in Banking & Finance, Switzerland

PUBLICATIONS

Commentaire romand de la Loi sur l'Autorité fédérale de surveillance des marchés financiers (LFINMA) / Commentary on the Federal Act on the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMASA)

Richa Alexandre, Lombardini Carlo (editors), *to be published 2026*

Commentaire de l'art. 29 LFINMA (Obligation de renseigner et d'annoncer) / Commentary on art. 29 FINMASA (Duty to provide information and to report)

Richa Alexandre, Vignieu Benjamin, dans *Commentaire romand, Loi sur l'Autorité fédérale de surveillance des marchés financiers / in Commentary on the Federal Act on the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority, to be published 2026*

Commentaire de l'art. 30 LFINMA (Annonce de l'ouverture d'une procédure) / Commentary on art. 30 FINMASA (Notice of the opening of proceedings)

Richa Alexandre, Favrod-Coune Pascal, Gijs Emmy, dans Commentaire romand, Loi sur l'Autorité fédérale de surveillance des marchés financiers / in Commentary on the Federal Act on the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority, to be published 2026

Commentaire des art. 31-32 LFINMA (Rétablissement de l'ordre légal, Décision en constatation et exécution par substitution) / Commentary on art. 31-32 FINMASA (Restoration of compliance with the law, Declaratory ruling and substitute performance)

Richa Alexandre, Gijs Emmy, dans Commentaire romand, Loi sur l'Autorité fédérale de surveillance des marchés financiers / in Commentary on the Federal Act on the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority, to be published 2026

Commentaire des art. 973d ss CO (Droits-valeurs inscrits) / Commentary on art. 973d ff CO (Registered security rights)

Richa Alexandre, Favrod-Coune Pascal, dans Commentaire romand - Code des obligations II / in Commentary on the Swiss Code of Obligations II, Bâle, 2024

Gouvernement d'entreprise: notions et tendances / Corporate governance: concepts and trends

Richa Alexandre, dans Modernisation du droit de la société anonyme / in Modernization of company law, Lausanne, 2024

La coopération dans les procédures étrangères à l'épreuve des contraintes du droit suisse / Cooperation in foreign proceedings tested against the constraints of Swiss law

Richa Alexandre, Fischer Philipp, dans Développements récents en droit pénal de l'entreprise IV / in Recent developments in corporate criminal law IV, pp. 131-157, Lausanne, 2024

Commentaire romand de la Loi sur les services financiers (LSFin) / Commentary on the Financial Services Act (LSFin)

Richa Alexandre, Fischer Philipp (editors), Bâle, 2022

Commentaire des art. 10 à 12 LSFin (Caractère approprié et adéquation des services financiers) / Commentary on art. 10 to 12 LSFin (Appropriateness and Suitability of Financial Services)

Richa Alexandre, Favrod-Coune Pascal, dans Commentaire romand Loi sur les services financiers / in Commentary on the Financial Services Act, Bâle, 2022

Commentaire des art. 13 et 14 LSFin (Caractère approprié et adéquation des services financiers) / Commentary on art. 13 and 14 LSFin (Appropriateness and Suitability of Financial Services)

Richa Alexandre, Fischer Philipp, Favrod-Coune Pascal, dans Commentaire romand Loi sur les services financiers / in Commentary on the Financial Services Act, Bâle, 2022

Droit et économie numérique / Law and the digital economy

Canapa Damiano, Richa Alexandre, Collection Lausannoise (CEDIDAC), Volume 73, Bern, 2021

Commentaire des articles 305 à 318 CO (Du prêt) / Commentary on Articles 305 to 318 of the Swiss Code of Obligations (Loans)

Richa Alexandre, Bovet Christian, dans Commentaire romand du Code des obligations I / in Commentary on the Swiss Code of Obligations I, Bâle, 2021

Les instruments financiers : Aspects juridiques et fiscaux / Financial instruments : legal and tax aspects

Richa Alexandre, Merhai Joseph, Béguin Nicolas, Bâle, 2021

Gouvernance et dirigeants bancaires : pratique et jurisprudence récentes / Governance and bank executives: recent practice and case law

Richa Alexandre, dans Développements récents en droit commercial VI / in Recent developments in commercial law VI, Lausanne, 2018

L'interdiction d'exercer prononcée par la FINMA / FINMA ban on business activities

Richa Alexandre, in Bulletin CEDIDAC nr. 71, Lausanne, 2018

La description du contrat / The contract description

Béguin Nicolas, Richa Alexandre, dans Le mandat de gestion de fortune / in The asset management mandate, Zurich, 2017

La qualification juridique du contrat / The legal qualification of the contract

Richa Alexandre, Bizzozero Alessandro, Haldy Marine, dans Le mandat de gestion de fortune / in The asset management mandate, Zurich, 2017

Protection des données et nouvelles procédures de communication aux autorités fiscales et de surveillance étrangères / Data protection and new procedures for notifying foreign tax and supervisory authorities

Bovet Christian, Richa Alexandre, in RSDA, p. 144-162, Zurich, 2017

Commentaire de l'art. 162 CP / Commentary on art. 162 of the Swiss Criminal Law Code

Fischer Philipp, Richa Alexandre, Raedler David, dans Commentaire romand du Code pénal II / in Commentary on the Criminal Law Code II, Bâle, 2017

Commentaire de l'art. 6 LCD / Commentary on art. 6 LCD

Fischer Philipp, Richa Alexandre, dans Commentaire romand de la Loi sur la concurrence déloyale / in Commentary on the Federal Act on Unfair Competition, Bâle, 2017

Commentaire des art. 271-273 CP / Commentary on art. 271-273 of the Swiss Criminal Law Code

Fischer Philipp, Richa Alexandre, Commentaire romand du Code pénal II / Commentary on the Criminal Law Code II, Bâle, 2017

Gestion des risques transfrontaliers : la Circulaire de la FINMA qui ne dit pas son nom / Cross-border risk management: the FINMA Circular that doesn't say its name

Richa Alexandre dans Regards de marathoniens sur le droit suisse / in View of Swiss law, Geneva, 2015

La qualification du bonus pour les très hauts revenus : suite et fin ? / Qualifying the bonus for ultra-high incomes: continuation and end?

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La contestation des décisions en droit de la SA / Challenging decisions in Limited Company law

Richa Alexandre, Readler David, dans Développements récents en droit commercial III / in Recent developments in commercial law III, p. 1-69, Lausanne, 2014

Le caractère accessoire du bonus / The accessory nature of bonus

Richa Alexandre, Raedler David, dans GesKR Gesellschafts - und Kapitalmarktrecht, pp. 409-415, Zurich, 2013

Le "bonus" soumis à une condition objective / Bonus subject to an objective condition

Richa Alexandre, Raedler David, dans GesKR Gesellschafts- und Kapitalmarktrecht, pp. 524-538, Zurich, 2012

Commentaire des art. 305 à 318 CO (Du prêt à usage) / Commentary on art. 305 to 318 of the Swiss Code of Obligations (Loan for use)

Bovet Christian, Richa Alexandre, dans Commentaire romand du Code des obligations I / in Commentary on the Swiss Code of Obligations I, Bâle, 2012

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Bovet Christian, Richa Alexandre, dans Commentaire romand du Code des obligations I / in Commentary on the Swiss Code of Obligations I, Bâle, 2012

Stronger judicial control of general terms and conditions by Swiss courts

Richa Alexandre, dans International Law Office, Litigation Newsletter, 2010

Chronique de jurisprudence civile / Chronicle of civil case law

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Richa Alexandre, Fischer Philipp, Bâle, 2010

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Richa Alexandre, Centre de droit bancaire et financier / Banking and Finance Law Center, Geneva/Zurich/Bâle, 2008

Credit Derivatives: Settlement and Other Operational Issues

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Règles de conduite, audit, entraide et autres développements de la surveillance bancaire et financière / Rules of conduct, auditing, mutual assistance and other developments in banking and financial supervision

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Chronicle of banking and financial regulation**

Richa Alexandre, Thévenoz Luc, Journée de droit bancaire et financier / Banking and Finance Law Day, Geneva/Zurich/Basel, 2004

**Note sur la notion de garantie dans la convention TIR / Note on
the concept of guarantee in the TIR Convention**

Richa Alexandre, Thévenoz Luc, Avis de droit établi pour l'Association internationale des transporteurs routiers, remis au Comité des transports intérieurs de la Commission économique pour l'Europe / Legal opinion prepared for the International Road Transport Association, submitted to the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe, 2004

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and case law developments**

Demi-journée de droit de la surveillance bancaire: Réglementation et surveillance bancaires deux ans après la crise du Credit Suisse / Half-day on banking supervisory law: Banking regulation and supervision two years after the Credit Suisse crisis, Universities of Lausanne and Zurich, Prilly, 15 may 2025

**La coopération dans les procédures étrangères à l'épreuve des
blocking statutes / Cooperation in foreign proceedings tested
by blocking statutes**

Journée de droit pénal de l'entreprise / Corporate Criminal Law Day, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, 9 Feb. 2023

Gouvernement d'entreprise / Corporate governance

Journée sur la révision du droit de la société anonyme / Conference on the revision of company law, Universities of Geneva, Lausanne, Fribourg and Neuchâtel, Nov. 2022

**Demandes d'autorités étrangères en matière de données / Data
requests from foreign authorities**

Journée droit et économie numérique : la cybersécurité / Digital economy and law day: cybersecurity, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, 8 June 2021

**Les procédures d'enforcement de la FINMA du point de vue de
la défense / FINMA enforcement proceedings from the
Defense's viewpoint**

Association romande des intermédiaires financiers / Swiss French Association of Financial Intermediaries, 30 Sept. 2020 and 12 Nov. 2020

**Stablecoins and central bank digital currency - A Swiss
viewpoint**

Geneva Blockchain Congress, Geneva, 20 Jan. 2020

**Assurances pour les institutions financières, Erreurs
d'exécution: aspects juridiques / Insurance for financial
institutions, Performance errors: legal aspects**

BCDT, Geneva, 6 Feb. 2018

**Sûretés sur les avoirs en espèces et les métaux précieux /
Security interests in cash and precious metals**

Geneva Association of Business Law, Geneva, 4 Oct. 2017

**Jurisprudence et pratique récente en droit bancaire / Recent
case law and practice in banking law**

Journée CEDIDAC de droit de l'entreprise / CEDIDAC Corporate Law Day, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, 23 March 2017

Communication aux autorités fiscales et de surveillance étrangère : Protection des données versus procédure administrative ? / Communication to foreign tax and supervisory authorities: Data protection versus administrative procedure?

Journée de droit bancaire et financier / Banking and Finance Law Day, University of Geneva, Geneva, 6 Oct. 2016

Gouvernance des sociétés cotées ou réglementées / Governance of listed or regulated companies

Marathon de formation continue de l'Ordre des avocats de Genève / Geneva Bar Association, Bank Pictet & Cie SA, Geneva, 30 Apr. 2016

Réorganisations et acquisitions dans le secteur financier / Reorganizations and acquisitions in the financial sector

Geneva Bar Association, Bank Pictet & Cie SA, Geneva, 7 Apr. 2016

Moyens légaux de protection de l'actionnaire (minoritaire) / Legal protection for minority shareholders

Journée CEDIDAC de droit de l'entreprise / CEDIDAC Corporate Law Day, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, 18 March 2016

Cross-border Banking and Legal Risks

Club HEC, Lausanne, and Swissnex, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 7 May 2015

Gouvernance des sociétés cotées ou réglementées / Governance of listed or regulated companies

Geneva Bar Association, University of Geneva, 25 April 2015

Accès au marché intérieur et MIFID2, Groupes de travail: Activités bancaires & Gestion de fortune / Internal Market Access and MIFID2, Workshops: Banking & Asset Management

Jacquemoud & Stanislas law firm, Geneva, 16 & 23 Oct. 2014

The 2004 Merger Act: where do we stand one Decade after

University of Neuchâtel, 7 May 2014

La contestation des décisions en droit de la SA / Challenging decisions in limited company law

CEDIDAC Corporate Law Day, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, 5 Feb. 2013