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Education

- Certificate of Advanced Studies in Financial Regulation, Universities of Geneva and Bern (2017)
- LL.M. in International Trade Law, University Institute of European Studies, Turin, Italy (2015)
- M.B.L.-HSG, Master of European and International Business Law, University of St.Gallen (2007)
- Program of Instruction for Lawyers, Harvard Law School, USA (Program on Negotiation, 2007)
- Admitted to the Geneva Bar (2005)
- Postgraduate degree for Magistrates, Institut de Lutte Contre la Criminalité Économique, Haute École ARC, Neuchâtel and Lausanne (2005)
- Law degree (lic. iur.), Universities of Fribourg and Zurich (2003)

Professional experience

Since 2020	Partner at MANGEAT, Geneva
2016 – 2020	Managing Partner at MANGEAT, Geneva
2011 – 2015	Partner at Eversheds Sutherland Ltd, Geneva
2009 – 2011	Senior associate at Eversheds Sutherland Ltd, Geneva
2006 – 2009	Associate at a Swiss law firm, Geneva
2003 – 2005	Trainee at a Swiss law firm, Geneva
2000 – 2002	Part-time employee at an international industrial company, marketing finance department, Lausanne

Languages

French, English, German

Memberships

- Geneva and Swiss Bar Associations
- British Swiss Chamber of Commerce
- Geneva Association of Corporate Law (AGDA)

Selected Publications or Articles

- 4 thèmes d'actualité auxquels les entreprises nous demandent de prêter attention, with Nurith COHEN, in: FOCUS Droit, Le Temps, 2018
- Smart Contracts simply explained, with Nurith COHEN, Key Insight, 2017
- Retrocessions and statute of limitations: long-awaited clarification, with Nurith COHEN, Key Insights, 2017
- Blockchain, simply explained, with Nurith COHEN, Key Insights, 2017
- Swiss independent asset managers: Major changes in the regulatory environment, in: Risk, Governance & Compliance for Financial Institutions (Financier Worldwide), 2015
- MiFID 2 – what to expect in Switzerland?, with Nurith COHEN, Newsletter, 2014
- Le point sur les rétrocessions, with Sayeh HUNZIKER, in: Market, 2013
- Retrocessions and other commissions received by banks distributing units of investment funds or structured products – Landmark decision of the Swiss Federal Supreme Court of 30 October 2012, with Grégoire MANGEAT and Sayeh HUNZIKER, Newsletter, 2012
- Contrôle abstrait des conditions générales des banques par le juge?, with Grégoire MANGEAT, Newsletter, 2011
- Retrocessions and other Finder's Fees in the Asset Management and Investment Funds' Fields, in: Aktuelle Entwicklungen des Europäischen und Internationalen Wirtschaftsrechts, vol. 10, Basel 2008

Miscellaneous	Member of the Military Justice (since 2003), currently acting as court president (military rank: lieutenant colonel)
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What directories say	<p>Legal 500, EMEA 2020, Banking & Finance: Geneva "Fabien Aepli is a great legal and business partner who consistently pushes to deliver value via actionable insights. He has great knowledge in the banking and finance space with a well-developed network."</p> <p>Legal 500, EMEA 2020, Commercial, Corporate and M&A "Fabien Aepli's administrative and extremely precise skills and mind are very much appreciated. His personal and very committed approach make a huge difference."</p> <p>Legal 500, EMEA 2019, Commercial, Corporate and M&A "The 'thorough and innovative' Fabien Aepli heads the practice [...]."</p> <p>Legal 500, EMEA 2019, Banking & Finance: Geneva "Fabien Aepli, who 'masters banking and finance laws and can explain them in simple terms' [...]."</p>
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What clients say about the team	<p>"We have been using the services of MANGEAT since the launch of our business especially for strategic advice in banking & finance, anti-money laundering and corporate law, and of course for our STOs-related activities, mainly with Fabien Aepli, Nurith Cohen and Diego Leis. Their knowledge of Swiss financial regulations applicable to blockchain and cryptocurrency projects is essential to us. Their professional support and high-quality advice are extremely appreciated by our team. They are responsive, pragmatic and technically skilful. Also, they are very clear and transparent with regard to their fees. For these reasons, they participate in business meetings, understand the ultimate business goals and hence tailor the right legal advice and consultancy to ultimately create value for us and for our clients – I see this as a shift from a 'cost of doing business' to 'business investment yielding returns'."</p> <p>Managing Partner, Geneva-based financial company</p> <p>"As a new client of the firm, I have been immediately impressed by the quality of the services delivered, as well as the pragmatic and client-oriented approach of each member. They have demonstrated consistent professionalism and precision. We used in the past the services of a top-tier international law firm in Zürich, and are now very glad to use the services of MANGEAT. The contacts with the various teams is straightforward and transparent, the level of service and speed is very high. Also, the billing practice and deadlines are clear and fully complied with."</p> <p>Director, multinational industrial group</p> <p>"MANGEAT attorneys have been active in the medical device industry for many years, and they regularly assist us on commercial agreements (distribution agreements, manufacturing agreements, technology transfers, etc.), asset and share deals, corporate governance, regulatory issues and dispute resolution. Our main contacts are Fabien Aepli and Nurith Cohen for commercial and corporate matters, and Grégoire Mangeat and Sara Dousset for regulatory matters and dispute resolution. Their knowledge of the industry, their legal skills and their commitment to deliver excellent work in a consistent manner are highly valuable and appreciated assets for our business. They are efficient, pragmatic and business-oriented."</p> <p>Chairman, Swiss healthcare company</p> <p>"We have been using the services of MANGEAT attorneys for many years. They are very responsive to our needs. We particularly appreciate their ability to ask the right questions, their focus on pragmatic solutions, and their precision. We have always found them to engage with us with the highest standards of integrity."</p> <p>CEO, consumer behaviour insight company</p> <p>"They are on top the most responsive and dedicated law firm I know. Dedication, follow up, rigor and professionalism. The new generation. The billing is always very detailed and fair. They rely on a good network abroad and always have a solution."</p> <p>Founder and CEO, Swiss asset management company</p>
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