

# Des Gouttes & Associés



## Leila Hawa

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### Languages

French, English, German

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## Expertise

### M&A, Private Equity and Venture Capital

Leila Hawa regularly advises on international and domestic transactions, including acquisitions, private equity buy-outs, venture capital investments, mergers, and transactional real estate matters for listed and non-listed companies in all service and industry sectors (e.g., IT, new technologies, oil and gas, luxury goods, banking, insurance, real estate). She leads due diligence teams, advises on the structure of the transactions, negotiates and drafts the transactional documents (share/asset purchase agreements, investment and shareholders' agreements, joint ventures, stock option and purchase plans, non-competition and employment agreements, sale and lease back agreements).

### Banking and Finance

Leila Hawa advises on credit facility (including bonds and convertible facilities), asset securitization, and insolvency matters; she assists clients on debt and equity (re)financing and restructuring. Leila Hawa advises insurance companies and banks on regulatory matters. She also advises clients on the acquisition/sale of banks and other financial institutions.

### Corporate

Leila Hawa advises clients on corporate law matters (best practice, corporate governance, setting up of corporate entities and branches, equity structures, e.g., authorized and conditional capital, preferred shares, preferential voting shares).

### Commercial and Contracts

Leila Hawa advises on the negotiation and drafting of commercial contracts (umbrella and service level agreements, manufacturing, supply, distribution, and licensing, as well as employment and mandate agreements) both in international and domestic matters.

## Education

2018	University of St. Gallen / HEC Lausanne / Swiss Board Institute, Executive Program for Board Members
2002	Columbia University, School of Law, New York, LL.M. <i>Corporate law and M&amp;A, Corporate Finance (Columbia Business School), and Alternative Dispute Resolution</i>
2000	Admission to the Geneva Bar
1998	Universities of Geneva and Basle, Licence en droit

## Career

### Law Firms

Since 2010	Partner, Des Gouttes & Associés, Geneva
2002-2009	Senior Associate, Lenz & Staehelin, Geneva and Zurich

### Independent Board Memberships

Since 2021	Board member and member of the investment committee, La Collective de prévoyance - COPRÉ, Geneva
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## Memberships

Geneva Bar Association (OdA), Swiss Bar Association (SAV), Swiss Institute of Directors (SIoD), Swiss Board Network