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Daniel Kinzer advises and defends businesses and individuals in regards to contentious matters in the areas of criminal law, economic criminal law, administrative criminal law, contractual and financial litigation, real estate law (public and private), employment law (public service and private law), computer law and data protection.

Following his graduation from the University of Oxford (UK) with an MA in Physics and Philosophy, Daniel Kinzer obtained a degree in Swiss law and a Master's degree in French law (Fribourg – Paris) in 2003 with honors. He passed the bar exam in 2005, graduating at the top of his class.

Daniel Kinzer joined the firm in 2006 and has been a Partner since 2012. He regularly participates in conferences as a speaker on legal issues related to criminal procedure and real estate law.

Since April 2024, Daniel Kinzer serves as Vice President of the Geneva Bar Association and assumes the role of President and Chair of the Bar Council since April 2026.

### Publications

- (With Miguel OURAL) *"Originalités salutaires de la procédure de conciliation ordinale genevoise"* in GRODECKI/OURAL/CHAPPUIS (éds.), *La profession d'avocat en 2025 : quo vadis?, Réflexions en l'honneur de Benoît Chappuis*, Geneva/Basel 2025

### Real Estate Law

- *"La surveillance et le contrôle des loyers dans le temps"*, in : Imprescriptibilité, contrôle et responsabilité - Les effets du droit de propriété dans le temps, Foëx/Hottelier (eds.), Collection genevoise, Schulthess Éditions Romandes, 2018

### Criminal Law

- CMS Expert Guide To Mandatory Reporting Of Criminal Offences For Companies And Their

Responsible Persons in Switzerland, September 2025

- Infractions portant sur les titres, in MAZOU/JEANNERET (éds.), *"Le procès pénal, Mode d'emploi et check-lists à l'usage des praticiennes et des praticiens"*, Geneva/Basel 2025
- *"Les no-goes de la défense pénale"*, Revue de l'avocat, June-July 2019
- Code pénal II: Art. 111-392 (Commentaire romand), Helbing & Lichtenhahn (articles 251 and 252 CP), 2017

## Memberships & Roles

- President of the Geneva Bar Association and Chair of the Bar Council (April 2026)
- Deputy Chairman of the Geneva Bar Association (April 2024 to April 2026)
- Moderator of the Criminal Law Forum of the Geneva Bar Association (November 2017 to present)
- Member of the Criminal Law Commission of the Geneva Bar Association (2010 to present)
- Member of the special Criminal Law Commission of the Swiss Bar Association (2017 to present)
- Member of the Training Committee of FSA specialist lawyers in criminal law (2018 to present)
- Geneva Association of Business Law (AGDA)

## Awards & Rankings

- Chambers and Partners | Europe Guide | Recognized in White-Collar Crime, Switzerland 2026 (ranked since 2024)
- Best Lawyers 2026 | Recognized in Best Lawyers in Switzerland 2026 for Criminal Defense and Litigation
- Best Lawyers 2025 | Recognized in Best Lawyers in Switzerland 2025 for Criminal Defense and Litigation
- Best Lawyers | Litigation, Switzerland, 2023 | Lawyer of the Year
- Best Lawyers | Criminal Defense, Switzerland, 2023
- Who's Who Legal | Litigation, 2021 | National Leader
- Who's Who Legal | Construction and Real Estate, 2021 | National Leader

## Lectures list

- *"Music for the Future or the Future of Music? Sustainability and Mass Litigation in the Swiss Legal Framework"* Conference for the Geneva International Legal Week, March 2025
- Lecturer at Geneva Law School ("Ecole d'avocature") (since 2014)
- "Les faux dans les titres", lecture to future FSA specialist lawyers in criminal law, Geneva, June 9th 2018
- "P&P, risques et mesures - aspects juridiques", training about information security, University of Geneva, Geneva, June 20th 2018
- "CMS Talks | 5 perspectives sur le trust" (criminal law aspects), Hotel Mandarin Oriental, Geneva, November 20th 2018
- "La relativité restreinte en matière de hausse et de baisse de loyer", real estate seminar organised by CGI Conseils, Geneva, March 20th 2018
- "Le secteur financier face à l'évolution du droit pénal fiscal", Hotel Mandarin Oriental, Geneva, November 21st 2017
- "Vente d'un appartement au locataire en place : affiner la machine à pronostics", "Les Sprints de l'Immobilier 2017" seminar organised by CGI Conseils, Geneva, June 22nd 2017
- "LDTR, la vente d'appartements", "La pratique de la LDTR - Thèmes choisis d'actualité" seminar organised by Geneva Bar Association, Auditorium FER (Fédération des Entreprises Romandes), Geneva, December 4th 2015

- "Contrat d'entreprise : nouvelles jurisprudences relatives à l'interruption de l'exécution par le maître", "Les Sprints de l'Immobilier 2015" seminar organised by CGI Conseils, Genève, September 17th 2015
- "La responsabilité pour recours abusifs", "Les Sprints de l'Immobilier 2014" seminar organised by CGI Conseils, Geneva, September 25th 2014
- "La hausse de loyer après la période de blocage LDTR", "Travaux et augmentation de loyer" seminar organised by CGI Conseils, Geneva, March 25th 2014
- "La répartition des coûts de rénovation de l'immeuble sur les loyers", "Les Sprints de l'Immobilier 2013" seminar organised by CGI Conseils, Genève, September 26th 2013
- "Les procédures spéciales (ordonnance pénale et procédure simplifiée) et quelques particularités s'agissant de l'indemnisation et du statut de la victime", "Nouveau CPP : Quel bilan deux ans après l'entrée en vigueur ?" seminar organised by the Training Committee of Geneva Bar Association, University of Geneva, Geneva, June 24th 2013
- "Les conséquences judiciaires d'une erreur médicale", "Bien-être au travail dans les hôpitaux : une autre approche de la qualité" seminar organised by Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève (HUG), Geneva, June 21st 2013
- "PLQ, LGZD, Loi sur les surélévations : qu'est-ce qui prime ?", "Les Sprints de l'Immobilier 2011" seminar organised by CGI Conseils, Genève, September 29th 2011
- "Modifications dites mineures dans un PLQ en force", "Les Sprints de l'Immobilier 2010" seminar organised by CGI Conseils, Geneva, September 30th 2010

## Education

- 2005 - Bar exam
- 2000-2002 - Master of Laws, University Paris II (Pantheon-Assas) (France)
- 1998-2002 - Law degree, University of Fribourg (Switzerland)
- 1990-1993 - MA Phys. Phil, University of Oxford (United Kingdom)

## Practice Areas

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & PENSIONS

REAL ESTATE

BANKING & FINANCE

### sectors

TMC - TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

## Languages

French

English

German

Spanish

## Social media

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