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Recognitions
- The Legal 500: Leading Associate in Private Client since 2025
- Lexology Index: Recommended in Private Client since 2025
- STEP award for best exam for Trust Creation: Law and Practice
- Private Client Global Elite List since 2024

Languages
German, English, French, Japanese, Spanish

Selected Publications
- Country Report: Switzerland - Heading towards a Swiss Trust Law?
- Contingency Plans

Caroline Maria López Nagai is a Counsel in our Private Wealth Group in Geneva. She is specialized in cross-border estate / succession and wealth planning matters for individual clients as well as family enterprises including wills, lasting power of attorneys, guardianship. Her practice focuses also in advising and representing clients in matters related trusts, foundations, regulatory investigations (incl. administrative proceedings) and corporate transactions.

Expertise

- Dispute Resolution
- Private Wealth
- International Mobility & Investment Migration

Experience

- Specialized in estate/succession and wealth planning and administration for private clients and enterprises in Switzerland and abroad including wills, lasting power of attorneys, guardianship, corporate/transactional matters, trusts and foundations
- Substantial experience in domestic and international civil (incl. trust) litigation
- Additional expertise in regulatory matters such as Common Reporting Standards/Automatic Exchange of Information, KYC, Anti-Money-Laundering

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Career

2019	Counsel at Schellenberg Wittmer
2014	Senior Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer
2011	Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer
2008	Associate in a leading Swiss law firm
2006	Trainee Lawyer in a leading Swiss law firm
2004	Trainee Assistant at the Embassy of Switzerland in Tokyo, Science & Technology Office
2002	Research Assistant at the Civil Law Chair of the University of Fribourg

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Education

2017	STEP Advanced Certificate in Cross-Border Estates
2016	STEP Certificate in Foundations
2013	Diploma in International Trust Management (STEP)
2008	Bar Admission in Switzerland
2004	lic. iur., University of Fribourg
2002	Certificate in French law with focus on International and European law, University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas

Additional Professional Activities

- Member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) and Swiss Bar Association
- Co-founder of the first Swiss law competition (Swiss Moot Court) organized on an annual basis in collaboration with the Swiss Federal Supreme Court
- Regular lecturer for STEP introductory classes on Trusts and Swiss Civil Law