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Recognitions
- Honorary Member of the Society of Trusts and Estate Practitioners, in recognition of outstanding contribution to the reception of trusts in Switzerland and civil-law jurisdictions (2008)
- The Legal 500: Key Lawyer in Banking & Finance

Languages
French, English, German

Selected Publications
- Le droit bancaire privé suisse 2019 / Das schweizerische Bankprivatrecht 2019
- Cession de créance, de dette et de contrats : Rapport suisse
- La transmission d'entreprise au moyen d'un trust suisse
- Propositions pour un trust suisse
- Médiation et arbitrage dans les services financiers : conseil en placement et gestion de fortune

Luc Thévenoz is professor at the University of Geneva and the dean of the Faculty of Law. Before his appointment as dean, he was the director of its Centre for Banking and Financial Law. He is Of Counsel in our Banking and Finance Group. His areas of expertise include contracts and trusts. He is often asked to provide a second opinion or specialized advice in litigation disputes and has served in many international arbitration panels as arbitrator or chair.

Expertise
- Banking & Finance
- Corporate & Commercial
- Private Wealth

Experience
- Provided legal opinion and support to the Swiss government resulting in the adoption of the Hague Convention on the Law Applicable to Trusts and their Recognition
- Co-drafted the Federal Intermediated Securities Act
- Represented Switzerland in the drafting, negotiation and adoption of the Unidroit Convention on Substantive Rules for Intermediated Securities
- Arbitrator or chair in various international commercial arbitrations
- Currently provides expert advice to the Swiss government for the preparation of a Swiss law on trusts

Career

2020	Of Counsel at Schellenberg Wittmer
2008-2015	Chairman of the Takeover Board
2003-	Director of the Centre for Banking and Financial Law of the University of Geneva
2001-2007	Commissioner, Federal Banking Commission
1998-2001	Arbitrator of the Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Accounts in Switzerland
1993-	Full Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva, teaching banking and financial services, investment management law, and trusts
1988-1993	Associate in a major Swiss law firm in Geneva

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Education

1988	Bar Admission in Switzerland
1987	Dr. iur., University of Geneva
1982	lic. iur., University of Geneva

Additional Professional Activities

- Launched the CAS Compliance in Financial Services (2003)
- Founded the Centre for Banking and Financial Law of the University of Geneva (2003)
- Member of the Board of a private bank (since 2014)
- Member of the editorial boards of the Swiss Review of Business and Financial Market Law and of Trust Law International
- Numerous publications in the law of contracts, banking and financial services, capital markets, and trusts and fiduciary transactions
- Member of the Monetary Committee of the International Law Association (MOCOMILA)