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**Recognitions**

- Chambers and Partners Europe: Intellectual Property since 2025
- The Legal 500: Next Generation Partner TMT since 2025; Key Lawyer in Data Privacy & Data Protection since 2025; Key Lawyer Healthcare and Life Sciences since 2025; Key Lawyer in Competition since 2026
- Lexology Index: Recommended in Intellectual Property since 2025
- WTR1000 ranked

**Languages**

French, English

**Selected Publications**

- Profession d'avocate: l'épreuve du statu quo

Stéphanie Chuffart-Finsterwald heads our Intellectual Property, Information and Communication Technology as well as Life Sciences practices in Geneva. She advises on a range of R&D, compliance and venture projects, IP strategy, Data Protection as well as dispute resolution matters.

Stéphanie offers an out-of-the-box and result-oriented approach, tailored to the needs of natural and legal persons, with corporate clients ranging from start-up and SMEs to international organizations and multinational companies. Her practice is distinguished by a deep understanding of new technologies, as well as a responsive, pragmatic, and innovative approach, rooted in current technological and economic challenges.

She represents clients in litigation before Swiss courts and frequently assists clients in drafting and negotiating IP and data-sensitive contracts. She also advises on IP and LS (including regulatory) aspects of transactions.

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**Expertise**

- Intellectual Property
  - Life Sciences
  - Data
  - Competition and Antitrust
  - Information and Communication Technology
  - IT Security and Cybercrime
  - Art and Entertainment
  - Dispute Resolution
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## **Experience**

- Numerous judicial proceedings (administrative and civil) related to the defense of intellectual property rights.
- Advised and supported several private clinics on projects involving medical data (data protection and medical secrecy).
- Provides full data protection advice to a leading Swiss industrial group.
- Data protection advice to several Swiss pension funds (including federal organs under the applicable laws).
- Assisted a UN agency in the context of international clinical trials.
- Negotiated and drafted sensitive R&D contracts and CRO agreements.
- Developed strategies for the protection of digital assets for several leading companies in the luxury industry.
- Defended individuals and companies in cases of online violations of personal rights.
- Provided legal opinions on intellectual property issues related to new technologies.
- Provided legal support in the creation of the COVAX No-Fault Compensation Program (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264410X21013803?via%3Dihub>).
- Assisted several leading companies in the luxury industry with NFT issuance projects and defense against NFTs infringing intellectual property rights.

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## **Career**

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| 2024 | Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer  |
| 2019 | Partner at sigma legal   |
| 2016 | Managing Associate at a business law firm in Geneva                    |
| 2014 | Trainee Lawyer at Schellenberg Wittmer                                 |
| 2012 | Visiting Fellow at Columbia Law School (Center for Climate Change Law) |
| 2010 | Teaching and Research Assistant at IHEID                               |

## **Education**

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| 2016 | Bar Admission in Switzerland            |
| 2014 | Ph.D. IHEID                             |
| 2013 | LL.M., Columbia Law School              |
| 2010 | Master of Law, IHEID                    |
| 2008 | Bachelor of Law, University of Fribourg |

## **Additional Professional Activities**

- President of the Geneva Bar Association's Commission for innovation and modernization of the Bar
- Member of Licensing Executives Society Switzerland
- Member of Association romande de propriété intellectuelle
- Regular publications and speaking engagements in the field of intellectual property, LS and health law, as well as data protection law