



## Philippe Pulfer

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Philippe Pulfer is co-head of the firm's Private Client practice. He is widely recognised as one of Switzerland's leading private client lawyers and, for more than 20 years, has been constantly top-ranked by all major professional directories. He is, according to Chambers HNW, 'the go-to person in Switzerland' in his area of practice and has been described by Legal 500 as 'one of the most knowledgeable trust and private client practitioners in Switzerland'. He has been included in the ALM Private Client Global Elite since the ranking's inaugural edition in 2012 (under the Legal Week banner) and every year since its relaunch in 2017.

Philippe Pulfer specialises in wealth structuring and estate planning with an international focus and acts in complex, mostly multi-jurisdictional, succession and trust disputes. He advises charities and charity donors in all areas of philanthropy, with a particular focus on the arts and the support to cultural institutions, and serves as a board member of several charitable foundations. He has also significant experience in private banking disputes, in particular mismanagement of funds, fraud cases and international judicial assistance.

Philippe Pulfer is a member of the Geneva Bar Association, Swiss Bar Association, International Bar Association (IBA), Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) and The International Academy of Estate and Trust Law (TIAETL), as well as an International Fellow of the American College of Estate and Trust Counsel (ACTEC). He is a long-serving committee member of STEP Geneva and sat for two terms on the STEP Worldwide Council. He is a frequent speaker at international conferences and the author of publications on Swiss succession law, the practice of trusts in Switzerland, charities and art law.

Philippe Pulfer graduated from the University of Geneva in 1992 and was admitted to the Bar in 1995.

Philippe Pulfer speaks French and English. He is registered with the Geneva Bar and admitted to practice in all Switzerland.

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## Selected Publications

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### **Private Client 2023: Chapter Switzerland**

by Philippe Pulfer, Philippe Kohler and  
Yacine Rezki  
in: International Comparative Legal  
Guide, 2023

### **Position paper on the proposed draft bill for the introduction of a Swiss trust**

by Kinga M. Weiss, Robert Desax,  
Philippe Pulfer, Ramona Fischer and  
Olivier van den Brand  
29 April 2022

### **Death and Taxes Are Absolute Certainties – But Litigation Doesn't Need to Be**

Speaker Philippe Pulfer  
Cambridge Forum for international  
Wealth Advisors  
Chewton Glen, Hampshire, United  
Kingdom, 27 April 2022

### **R.I.P. Swiss Trust?**

by Philippe Pulfer  
in: The Month – Private Client Global  
Elite, March 2022

### **Private Client 2022: Chapter Switzerland**

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Yacine Rezki  
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### **Structures in Crisis**

Speaker Philippe Pulfer  
Legal week, Private Client Forum  
Como, 10 November 2021

### **About elephants and other animals - Contrasting different entity types and how they drive litigation strategy**

Speaker Philippe Pulfer  
Cambridge Forum, Forum on  
International Wealth Disputes  
Athens, 13 October 2021

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