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Bruno Heynen holds a degree in law (lic. iur HSG) from the University of St. Gallen and is a Swiss attorney-at-law and a notary. He also holds a Master degree (LL.M.) in International Business Law from London School of Economics, London.

He is Counsel to the Swiss law firm Binder Legal. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Corporate Governance Competence Centre of the University of St. Gallen.

Until February 2018, he was Senior Advisor Corporate Governance to the Board of Novartis and Secretary to the Executive Committee of Novartis. His prior roles at Novartis included being Secretary to the Board of Novartis and Head Corporate Law & Governance of Novartis.

He was a member and former Co-Chairman of the European Council on Corporate Governance, a member of the International Corporate Governance Network and a member of the OECD BIAC Corporate Governance Committee.

He joined Novartis in 2004 from DHL, where he was General Counsel DHL Air & Ocean. Before the merger of DHL and Danzas he was the General Counsel of Danzas, being responsible for legal services, compliance and risk management.

Previous to DHL/Danzas, he spent four years as Corporate Legal Counsel at Roche Holding in Basel, where he advised on corporate law and finance, mergers and acquisitions transactions and international commercial contracts.

Prior to Roche, he spent three years with the Swiss law firm Froriep Renggli, providing counsel on a wide range of corporate and international trade law, working from the Zürich and London office.



He started his career working as in-house counsel, first in the banking and then in auditing industry.