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**Areas of Practice**

- Antitrust & Competition
- Chemical Regulatory
- Corporate, Securities & Finance
- Environment & Natural Resources
- EU Chemicals, REACH & CLP, Biocides & Pesticides
- EU Environmental
- EU Law
- EU Regulatory Compliance
- Government Affairs & Public Policy
- International Regulation & Compliance
- International Trade & Investment
- Renewable & Alternative Energy

**Languages**

- English
- French
- German
- Italian

**Education**

University of Lausanne,  
Doctorate of Law, 1962

**Jean Russotto**

Mr. Russotto is a partner in the Brussels office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, where he is a member of the Corporate, Securities and Finance practice group. He advises US, European, and Asian clients across a broad range of matters involving European Community (EC) law. Mr. Russotto's practice focuses primarily on competition law, trade, financial services (with an emphasis on banking), environmental regulation, and the legal issues encountered by the EU's high-technology industries, such as pharmaceuticals and life sciences, medical devices, and telecommunications. Mr. Russotto has recently been advising clients on the WTO litigation challenges to the EC's regulatory regime for genetically modified organisms. Mr. Russotto assists clients with policy advice and strategic representation before the various Directorates of the EC Commission.

Mr. Russotto entered the legal profession as counsel for the Department of Justice in the Canton of Vaud, Switzerland. Thereafter, he was legal counsel for Nestle at its headquarters in Vevey, Switzerland. He has also practised for US law firms in Chicago, Boston, and Brussels. He is a member of the Brussels Bar.

From 1982 to 1995, Mr. Russotto was chair of the EC Competition Policy Subcommittee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Brussels. He also chairs the Swiss EU Committee of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce for Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. He has organized and participated in numerous seminars on the European Community, both in connection with these committees and on behalf of individual clients. He is a frequent commentator on legal and regulatory policy issues within the EU.

**Select Seminars & Events**

- EU and Its Relationship with Small Countries, Harvard Law School Association of Europe, May 19, 2012
- REACH Webinar – Next Steps in Registration and TSCA Reform, June 23, 2009, *(A Steptoe-Sponsored Event)*
- Jean Russotto Speaks to Association of Foreign Banks, November 17, 2008

**Selected Publications**

- Europolitics* Publishes Steptoe's Russotto Article on Relationship between EU and Switzerland  
April 19, 2012, *Europolitics*
- Le Temps Publishes Jean Russotto's Article on Relationship Between EU and Switzerland  
December 20, 2010, *Le Temps*

## Jean Russotto

Harvard Law School,  
LL.M., 1965

College of Europe, Bruges,  
Belgium

**Admitted**  
Avocat, Brussels Bar

Financial Services: What to Expect from the European Commission  
March 4, 2010, *Complinet*

EU Briefing - What to Expect from the New European Commission  
January 26, 2010

International Law Advisory - Swiss Bank to Pay \$536 Million Fine in Largest  
Ever U.S. Economic Sanctions Penalty  
December 22, 2009

EU Competition Briefing - The Commission's Guidelines On Restructuring  
Aid To Banks  
August 2009

International Law Advisory - Belgium passes law expanding the definition of  
bribery and extraterritorial jurisdiction over acts of bribery committed outside  
Belgian territory  
May 22, 2007