

# Swiss American Lawyers Association of Greater New York, Inc.

Please join us for our next meeting on **January 29, 2008, 6:00-8:00 PM** at Mayer Brown LLP, 1675 Broadway (between 52nd and 53rd Streets), 19th Floor, New York, NY.

## **International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law and Private Military and Security Companies Operating in Conflict Situations – The joint initiative by the Swiss Confederation and the International Committee of the Red Cross**

presented by Emmanuel Bichet, Legal Adviser of the Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations

Followed by a Q&A and discussion. An overview on the Swiss initiative is attached and more information can be found at [www.eda.admin.ch/psc](http://www.eda.admin.ch/psc). Light dinner will be served. Please RSVP by January 21 to [cgrundersen@mayerbrown.com](mailto:cgrundersen@mayerbrown.com) or 212.506.2343. The event fee will be \$30.00, payable at the door. (Please have change ready.)

### **About the Speaker**

Emmanuel Bichet earned an LLM in international humanitarian law and human rights at the University of Paris in 1996. In 1997, Mr. Bichet served in Rwanda as a delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). From 1999 to 2001, he was a personal assistant of the director of the international law directorate of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, the ministry of foreign affairs of Switzerland. From 2002 to 2003, Mr. Bichet served as an Attaché at the Embassy of Switzerland in Jakarta, Indonesia, and subsequently joined the Swiss diplomatic service in 2003. From 2003 to 2007, Mr. Bichet held an assignment as a legal counselor in the international law directorate of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. Since 2007, Mr. Bichet has served as a legal adviser of the Mission of Switzerland to the UN.

### **About the Swiss-American Lawyers Association of Greater New York, Inc. (SALA)**

SALA is an association for and by Swiss and U.S. lawyers who have regular contacts with Switzerland, through Swiss clients or employers or with Switzerland as a place of business or jurisdiction, and who practice in the greater New York area, in a law firm, in-house, international organization or diplomatic representation. SALA also invites Swiss legal academics at universities in the New York area. SALA gives its members and supporters a forum for exchanges of ideas regarding Swiss, US, and international law and policies affecting Swiss and American lawyers, their clients and/or their organizations and provides opportunities for collegial interaction and networking.

### **Now that SALA has incorporated, become a member!**

This month, SALA was incorporated as a not for profit corporation under New York law. On January 29, 2008 we will present the new organization and invite membership applications and nominations for the board of directors. We will hold elections for the board of directors at our first annual meeting, to be held this coming spring.

Please circulate this invitation amongst your fellow Swiss-American lawyers.

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