

Hanna Byland

LAWYER | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER | FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER

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Lawyer and chief executive with extensive experience across the Swiss foundation sector. I combine legal expertise with executive leadership and experience on foundation boards and in investment matters. My work focuses on institutional development and decisions that remain sound over time.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lawyer and Partner

Anwaltsgemeinschaft, Basel
MARCH 2018 TO PRESENT

Advising and representing foundations and governing bodies, with a focus on foundation law, institutional development and liability claims involving governing bodies.

Chief Executive Officer

W.A. de Vigier Foundation, Solothurn
AUGUST 2021 TO PRESENT

Strategic and operational leadership of a Swiss foundation supporting entrepreneurship and innovation across the country.

- Close collaboration with the Chair and Foundation Board on strategic and institutional matters
- Development of the foundation's funding activities, including entrepreneurial funding models, together with responsibility for institutional development and management of the foundation office
- Member of the Investment Committee, contributing to the strategic oversight of the foundation's assets
- Long-term stewardship of the relationship with the founder family and representation of the foundation towards public authorities, partner organisations and the wider public

Co-Founder

Impact Hub Basel
MARCH 2017 TO JUNE 2022

Founded and developed the Basel location supporting sustainable entrepreneurship and social cohesion.

- Led the renovation according to circular construction principles
- Built strategic foundation partnerships and secured funding
- Contributed to the development of the national Impact Hub network

MANDATES

Mobilier Vorsorgeeinrichtung

Foundation Board Member |
since 2026

Impact Gstaad Stiftung, in formation

Foundation Board Member |
since 2026

Verein Baukultur Biennale Basel

Co-President | since 2026

Innovate 4 Nature

Foundation Board Member |
since 2024

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ScaleU with AI

Bambooster | 2026

CAS Occupational Pensions, Certificate of Advanced Studies IRP HSG

University of St. Gallen | 2025

Foundation Board Expert 2024

2024

Swiss Bar Qualification

Canton of Basel-Landschaft |
2017

Current Registration

Bar of the Canton of Basel-Stadt

Bilingual Master of Law

Universities of Lucerne and Neuchâtel | 2015

Bachelor of Law

University of Lucerne | 2013

LANGUAGES

German and English

Full professional proficiency

French

Good working knowledge

Italian

Basic knowledge