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Deputy Director General, General Counsel and
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Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI)
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Education

2025 - 2027

Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS+) in Mediation in Business, Employment Relations, and the Public Sector, University of Fribourg/CH (recognized by the Swiss Federation of Mediation)

2008

Titular Professor of Law (focusing on Intellectual Property, Negotiation & Conflict Resolution), Faculty of Law, University of Bern/CH

2007

Systemic Business Coach, Research Institute for Legal Organizational Management, FernUniversität Hagen/Germany

1997

Dr. iur. (*summa cum laude*), University of Bern/CH

Doctoral thesis on Comparative Civil Procedure, awarded the Walther Hug Prize for outstanding legal scholarship in Switzerland

1990

MLaw (*magna cum laude*), University of Bern/CH

Admitted to the bar of the Canton of Bern

Since 1990

Ongoing education in negotiation and mediation at Harvard Law School, as well as in leadership, management, personnel and self-management, negotiation, systemic and business coaching, mediation, and arbitration at various European educational institutions

Experience

Since 2021

[Member of the indicative list of panelists](#) for dispute settlement procedures at the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Since 2020

[Vice President, Swissness Enforcement](#) (Swiss Association Against the Misuse of Swiss Indications of Source)

Since 2019

[President, Foundation Board, Foundation of the sic!](#) Journal for Intellectual Property, Information and Competition Law

Since 2007

Deputy Director General, Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI), Federal Department of Justice and Police

Since 2000

Executive Board Member, General Counsel of the IPI, and [Head of the Legal & International Affairs Division](#)

1998 – 1999

Director, Staff Division, and General Counsel, IPI
(Secretary General of the Institute; responsible for Executive Secretariat, HR, Communications, Marketing, and Legal Affairs)

1995 – 1997

Deputy Head, International Trade Relations

1994 – 1995

Legal Advisor, International Trade Relations, Swiss Federal Office of Intellectual Property (since 1996: Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property)

1990 – 1993

Research Assistant, Institute for Private International Law and Civil Procedure, University of Bern

1987 – 1988

Law clerk, District Court of Laupen, and Bern Administrative Court, and trainee lawyer with a law firm in Bern/Zurich

Academic work

Lecturer (1998-2008) and – since 2008 – **Titular Professor of Law (focusing on Intellectual Property, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution), Faculty of Law, University of Bern/CH**

Lectures on negotiation and conflict resolution (in English and German)

- [Schindler Centre for International Law](#) University of Zurich (since 2020)
- [Institute of Public Law](#), University of Bern (since 2020)
- [World Trade Institute](#), University of Bern (since 2001)
- [Department of Economic Law](#), University of Bern (2016-2019)
- [Institute of European and International Economic Law](#) University of Bern (1999-2015)
- European Institute for Foreign Trade (now [Swiss School for International Business](#)), Zurich (1998-2005)

Lectures on intellectual property (in English and German)

- [World Trade Institute](#), University of Bern (since 2005)
- MAS Security Policy and Crisis Management, ETH Zurich (2011)
- Master of Laws in Cross Cultural Business Practice, University of Fribourg (2009)
- Executive Master of European and International Business Law, University of St. Gallen (2003-2008)

Senior Fellow, Global Health Center, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

- Activities (in English) in the fields of global health diplomacy and intellectual property (2013 – 2023)

Senior Fellow, Institute for Global Negotiation

- Activities (in English) in the area of negotiation and conflict resolution (since 2014)

Contributor on international intellectual property developments (in German and French), [sic! – the journal for intellectual property, information and fair competition law](#) (since 2005)

Memberships

- Advisor, [Model United Nations \(MUN\) Bern](#) (since 2010)
- Member, [International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property \(ATRIP\)](#) (2008-2017)
- Member, [Bern Lawyers' Association \(BJV\)](#) (since 1990)
- Board member, [Swiss Forum of Communication Law; SF-FS](#) (2006-2014)
- Board member, [Swiss Association of Competition Law; ASAS](#) (2006-2014)
- Board member, [Faculty of Law, University of Bern](#) (2008-2014)
- Advisor, [European Futurists Conference Lucerne](#) (Futurology Think Tank, 2004 – 2008)
- Vice President, Swiss Friends Association of the [Salzburg Seminar](#) (1992-1999)

Publications

[List of publications](#)