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Deputy Director General and General Counsel of the IPI,
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Prof. Dr. iur.

Education

Since 2025

Completion of CAS+ Mediation in Business, Labour and the Public Sector, University of Fribourg

2008

Appointment as Adjunct Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Bern

2007

Systemic business coach, Forschungsinstitut für rechtliches Organisationsmanagement, Fernuniversität Hagen

1997

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

Doctoral thesis on Comparative Civil Procedure, awarded the Walther Hug Prize

1990

M Law, University of Bern (*magna cum laude*) and admission to the bar in the canton of Bern

Since 1990

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

Experience

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)

Since 2000

Executive Board Member, General Counsel of the IPI and Head of the Legal & International Affairs Division

1998 – 1999

Head of the Staff Division and General Counsel of the IPI

1995 – 1997

Deputy Head, Legal Services – International Trade Relations

1994 – 1995

Legal Advisor, Legal Services – 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**Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Bern****Lectures on negotiation and conflict resolution**

- [Institute for International Law and Comparative Constitutional 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 the [Swiss School for International Business](#)), Zurich (1998-2005)

Lectures on intellectual property

- [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 the fields of global health diplomacy and intellectual property (2013 – 2023)

Senior Fellow, Institute for Global Negotiation (founded in 2014 as Global Negotiation Conference)

- Various activities in the area of negotiation and conflict resolution (since 2014)

Contributor on international intellectual property developments, [sic! – the journal for intellectual property, information and fair competition law](#) (since 2005)**Other professional activities and memberships**

- Advisor, [Model United Nations \(MUN\) Bern](#) (since 2010)
- [International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property \(ATRIP\)](#) (2008-2017)
- [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](#) (2004-2010)
- Vice President, Swiss Friends Association of the [Salzburg Seminar](#) (1992-1999)

Publications

[List of publications](#) (PDF)