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Education

2015	Sabbatical term, Stanford Law School , Palo Alto CA, USA
2012	Habilitation, <i>venia legendi</i> for Civil and Comparative Law, University of Lucerne , Switzerland
2009–2010	Visiting Scholar, Stanford Law School , Palo Alto CA, USA
2009	International Research Fellow, Center for Global Law and Policy , Santa Clara CA, USA
2008–2009	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law , Hamburg, Germany
2004–2005	Master of Laws (LL.M.), Harvard Law School , Cambridge MA, USA
2004	Bar exam, Admission to the Swiss Bar, Supreme Court of the Canton of Aargau , Switzerland
2003	Doctor Iuris (Ph.D.), <i>summa cum laude</i> , University of Fribourg , Switzerland
1995–2000	Law Degree (J.D.), <i>summa cum laude</i> , University of Fribourg , Switzerland
1995	Academic Baccalaureate (AB), Latin and ancient Greek, College Sainte-Croix , Switzerland

Experience

Currently:

- Full Professor of Civil Law and Comparative Law, University of Bern, Switzerland
- Director of the Institute for Liability and Insurance Law (IHVR), University of Bern, Switzerland
- Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Bern, Switzerland
- Codirector of the diploma course for specialized lawyers in Liability and Insurance Law, Swiss Bar Association (SBA), Berne/Lucerne, Switzerland
- Codirector of the Certificate of Advanced Studies in tort and insurance law, St. Gallen Law School, Switzerland
- Arbitrator in domestic and international arbitration proceedings (institutional arbitration and ad hoc proceedings)
- Member of the European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law (ECTIL), Vienna, Austria
- Editorial Board of the Zeitschrift des Bernischen Juristenvereins (ZBJV), Bern, Switzerland
- Editorial Board of the Swiss Journal of Tort and Insurance Law (HAVE), Eglisau, Switzerland
- Member of the Member of the Zivilrechtslehrervereinigung e.V., Stuttgart, Germany
- Groupe de Recherche Européen sur la Responsabilité Civile et les Assurances (GRERCA), Rennes, France
- Grant-/Fellowship-Reviewer for the project funding program of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), and for foreign funding programs (e.g. FWF, ÖAW, NCN Poland)
- Member of various Swiss and international academic organizations

Previously:

2017–2022: Member of the Board of Bar Examiners, Canton of Bern, Switzerland; 2011–2021: Executive Committee of the Swiss Society of Liability and Insurance Law (SGHVR), St. Gallen, Switzerland; 2013–2019: Head of the Department of Civil Law, University of Bern, Switzerland; 2010–2012: Assistant Professor, University of Bern, Switzerland; 2006–2016: Lecturer in Civil and Contract Law, University of Basel, Switzerland; 2009–2010: Lecturer in Civil Law, University of Lucerne, Switzerland; 2009–2011: Member of the Experts Group for the part-revision of the Swiss Code of Obligations, Swiss Department of Justice and Police, Berne, Switzerland; 2009 – 2012: Of Counsel to a law firm in Zurich, Switzerland; 2005–2008: Associate in a law firm in Zurich; 2003–2004: Attorney training in a law firm in Baden (AG), Switzerland; 2000–2002: Research Assistant and PhD Student, Institute for Swiss and International Construction Law, Fribourg, Switzerland; 1998–2000: Student-Assistant, Institute of Law and Religion, University of Fribourg, Switzerland

Grants and Awards (doc and postdoc)

2010–2011: one year full research grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) for advanced researchers, Bern, Switzerland (not used); 2009–2010: one year full research grant of the SNSF for advanced researchers, Bern, Switzerland; 2008–2009: one year full research SNSF mobility fellowship awarded by the University of Lucerne research committee, Lucerne, Switzerland; 2004: Professor Walther Hug Foundation Award for one of the best Swiss PhD theses in law; 2003: Peter Jaeggi Foundation Prize for the best PhD thesis in private law at the University of Fribourg