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Curriculum Vitae

Born February 19, 1946

Education

Lizentiat, University of Zurich, 1970

Doctor iuris, University of Basle, 1974

Bar Admission, Geneva 1981

Professional Experience

Assistant at the Faculty of Law of Zurich (1970-1971). Assistant and Chargé de recherche, University of Geneva (1971-1980). Lecturer in civil and private international law at the Universities of Geneva (1979-1983), Fribourg (1981-1983) and Berne (1982-1983). Invited Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Fribourg (1983-1987).

Ordinary Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva (1983-2008), Director of the Department of Civil Law (1987-1993) and of the Department of Private International Law (1993-1998 and 2000-2008). President of the Section on Private Law (1998-2000). President of the Senat of the University of Geneva (1995-2000). Professor emeritus of the University of Geneva (since 2008).

General Course on Private International Law at the Hague Academy of International Law (2009), special courses on Public Policy (1993) and the Family in Private International Law (2000) and on Universal Civil Jurisdiction (2014).

Member of the Swiss delegation at the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th diplomatic sessions of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (1993, 1996, 2001, 2005) and at the session of the Special Diplomatic Commission on the International Protection of Adults (1999; vice-chair). Expert of the Swiss delegation at the Special Commission on Jurisdiction and Foreign Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters (1997-1999, 2003/2004); President of the Commission on choice of court agreements at the 20th diplomatic session (June 2005).

Member of the Commission of Experts for the Codification of Swiss Private International Law (1973-1978).

Honorary Member of the European Group on Private International Law.

Member of the Institute of International Law.

Designated by Switzerland as Ad hoc Judge at the International Court of Justice in the matter of Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters (Belgium v. Switzerland).

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Chairman or arbitrator in several international arbitrations (ICC, ICSID, ad hoc).

Languages: French, English, German