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EDUCATION, ADMISSION TO THE BAR

Stanford Law School , Stanford, California LL.M. degree in Law, Science and Technology	08/2006 – 05/2007
Bar of the Canton of Zurich Admission to the bar	06/2004
University of Zurich, Law School , Zurich Ph.D. degree in law	02/2000 – 12/2002
University Paris X, Law School , Paris, France ERASMUS Fellow (one-year European university exchange program)	09/1995 – 07/1996
University of Zurich, Law School , Zurich Licentiatius Iuris degree	09/1993 – 12/1999
Georgetown University , Washington, D.C. Scholarship for summer course in Mathematics, Physics and Biochemistry during Kantonsschule	07/1992
Kantonsschule Rychenberg , Winterthur Matura degree	09/1987 – 09/1993

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

LAUX LAWYERS AG, Zurich
Partner since 10/2011

- Advises on IT projects in distress and litigates failed IT projects (outsourcing, development and implementation, data migration, software migration).
- Advises on platform projects (data related transactions; data protection issues; social marketing platforms in automotive, media, health, and government).
- Provides Open Source compliance hotline for clients.
- Supervises proceedings against cybercrime infringer.
- Leads outsourcing services for legal departments (core client: EMEA region of NYSE listed client; Zurich entity of worldwide technology outsourcing company ; advertising business).

Bratschi Wiederkehr & Buob, Zurich
Junior Partner 02/2010 – 09/2011

- Advised on IT transactions (outsourcing, other IT projects); open source issues; data related transactions (data collection/distribution agreements, e.g. for weather data, automotive market data); data protection issues; platform issues (e.g. social networking in the field of music; startup company in the field of server-based electricity management); projects related to automation of legal documents.
- Litigated IT projects, domain names (ADR.eu; .ch related ADRP), and trademarks.

Niederer Kraft & Frey AG, Zurich
Associate 11/2007 – 01/2010

- Advised on IT transactions (Application Service Providing; housing of email and file servers; software outsourcing) and data protection issues. Reviewed and analyzed IP and IT aspects in acquisition transactions (due diligence).
- Performed work of an in house counsel on two secondments (see hereinafter).

In House Counsel Group IP with global reinsurance company, Zurich (secondment, 2 ½ months)

- Designed Open Source compliance procedure and drafted relevant policy documents.
- Assisted legal team with trademark matters, the drafting of standard agreements (research, licensing, cooperation), and the day-to-day workload.

In House Counsel EMEA with global data broker company, Zurich (secondment, 8 ½ months)

- Took care of corporate housekeeping and legal reporting to mother company. Drafted group internal agreements (licensing, distribution, research) and agreements with extern providers (software developers, data providers) and customers (License agreements). Assisted in acquisitions of companies and the setup of new companies in Switzerland and abroad. Advised on storage of email records, outsourcing of payroll processing, and employment matters.
- Drafted concepts for various matters, such as worldwide trade mark registration and restructuring of intra-group licensing agreements.

Fenwick & West LLP, Mountain View, CA

Foreign Associate

07/2007 – 10/2007

- Advised clients on US and EU data protection / privacy issues.
- Analyzed IP issues in due diligence procedures as part of the Law Firm's IP Team.

Schiller Denzler Dubs Rechtsanwälte, Winterthur

Associate and Trainee Attorney

12/2002 – 06/2006

- Provided a wide range of legal advice and services for small and mid-sized companies, with a focus on software development companies.
- Secretary to several arbitration courts (including ICC arbitrations).

District Court of Winterthur, Winterthur

Clerk to the Court

11/2001 – 11/2002

- Served as clerk to the Vice President of the District Court of Winterthur.
- Member of the Court's task force to decide motions on summary judgment.

Prof. Dr. Manfred Rehbinder, University of Zurich, Zurich

Research and Teaching Assistant

02/2000 – 10/2001

- Lectured in Sociology of Law and Copyright Law.
- Performed research assignments.

PUBLICATIONS, INITIATIVES AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- **Ph.D. Thesis** "Vertragsauslegung im Urheberrecht", published in series "Schriftenreihe zum Medien- und Immaterialgüterrecht" (SMI), Vol. 67, Berne/Switzerland (2003).
- **Articles** about IT and IP-related topics, partly as a redactor with the leading Swiss IP law journal (sic! – Zeitschrift für Immaterialgüter-, Informations- und Wettbewerbsrecht).
- **Public Presentations** in German, English and French language on topics of IT/IP law.
- **opendata.ch** (platform covering Open Government Data issues; board member).

FORMER PROJECTS

- **Privacy Policy Generator**. Participated in a research project with the Cyberlaw Clinic at Stanford University aiming to automate the creation of standard privacy policies.
- **Creative Commons in Switzerland**, former Project Lead (2003-2008).
- **Openlaw**, Plattform für Recht und Freie Software (founding member).

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Silicon Valley / Palo Alto** (California) 08/2006 – 10/2007
- **Paris** (France) 09/1995 – 09/1996
- **Moscow, Vladimir, Rostow-na-Donu, Sochi, St. Petersburg** (Russia) (several stays) 1992 and 1994

LANGUAGES

- **German** (mother tongue)
- **English** (fluent)
- **French** (fluent)
- **Russian** (intermediate)