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Attorney-at-law
Arbitrator/Judge
Expert
Lecturer



PROFILE

Technically strong and commercial minded lawyer, cross-functional expertise, fast understanding of complex legal and technical matters, negotiation skills, innovative mind and creative solutions. Key strengths include:

- Swiss qualified lawyer with international and EU background
- Experience in top ranking Swiss and international law firms
- Pluri-functional experience (counsel, arbitrator, judge)
- Expertise in numerous industries
- Assistance to individuals, companies and public entities in Switzerland and abroad
- Cross-disciplinary, pluri-jurisdiction and -cultural teamwork
- Support and strategy on complex cross-disciplinary matters, largescale litigation arbitration and negotiation
- Research and teaching skills and creative solution-oriented thinking

EXPERIENCE

2029-2025

Judge – Tribunal neutre du Canton de Vaud, Lausanne
Recusation proceedings

Since 2025

Founding member and Counsel / Arbitrator – LexInn Legal Office
Environmental and energy law, ESG, international commercial arbitration and litigation, investment arbitration, post-award proceedings, ADR. Further expertise: contracts, construction, litigation, civil liberties

Since 2024

Arbitrator – Swiss Sports Tribunal, Bern
Ethics and disciplinary cases

Since 2018

Arbitrator – Court of arbitration for Sport, Lausanne
Antidoping, corruption, good governance, disciplinary, contract, IP rights, ethics cases

Since 2024

Chair – European Aquatics Integrity Unit's Adjudicatory Body, Nyon
Ethics and disciplinary cases

2025-2018

Counsel / Arbitrator – SwissLegal Lausanne / Geneva / Fribourg
Environmental and energy law, ESG, international commercial arbitration and litigation, investment arbitration, award annulment and recognition proceedings, ADR. Further expertise: contracts, construction, litigation, civil liberties

2024-2018

Member – Swiss Aquatics' Tribunal for Aquatic Sports, Ittigen
Contractual, ethics, disciplinary, governance cases

2018-2016

Attorney / Arbitrator – Brown&Page, Geneva
International commercial arbitration and litigation, investment arbitration, environmental law, energy law, ADR. Further expertise: international contracts, domestic litigation

2016-2003	Attorney / Arbitrator – Tavernier Tschanz (now NKF), Geneva International commercial arbitration and litigation, investment arbitration, sport law, environmental law, energy law, ADR. <u>Further expertise</u> : international contracts, domestic litigation
2014-2012	Deputy Judge – Swiss Federal Court 1 st civil chamber, Lausanne Contracts, commercial law, arbitration award
2000-1998	Junior Attorney – Baker McKenzie, Geneva
1996-1995	Legal intern – UNDP, Nairobi, Regional Bureau for Africa, Small and Medium Enterprises Program; UNEP, Nairobi, Division of Environmental Policy, Sustainable Development Program

PRO BONO

Since 2025	Member – IUCN, World Commission on Environmental Law (Climate Change Law; Environmental Security and Conflict Law)
2025, 2024 & 2021	Member – Award / Programme Committee African Arbitration Association Annual Conference
Since 2021	Mentor – African Arbitration Association mentoring program
Since 2018	Pool Youth – multi-skilled legal support for young people in the context of their professional activities/day-to-day life
2025-2017	Counsel to sex workers association - criminal, civil, contract and public law, civil liberties
2023-2019	Counsel – local amateur sport clubs - regulatory, disciplinary, employment contract issues
2014-2008	Member – International Law Commission, Committee on Legal Principles Relating to Climate Change

TEACHING & RESEARCH

Since 2020	Lecturer – Univ. of Lausanne, School of Law LLM International Business Law, International Arbitration Advanced
2022	Guest lecturer – Univ. of Neuchâtel, CHYN Certificate of Advanced Studies in management of polluted sites
2019-2011	Lecturer – EPFL Energy law and regulation for the doctoral program in energy
2014-2008	Member – ILC, Committee on Legal Principles Relating to Climate Change, Member (Reports/draft climate Change Articles)
2014-2009	Lecturer – Univ. of Lausanne, School of Law Energy law and regulation incl. exploitation, operation, production, sales, decommissioning, service agreements, dispute resolution
2009-2005	Lecturer – Univ. of Glasgow, School of Law Commercial arbitration law / International investment law (arb.)
2003-2001	Visiting Scholar – Univ. of Nottingham / Oxford Arbitration law and practice in non-contractual disputes, art law

AFFILIATION & MEMBERSHIP

Admitted Bar of Vaud (2018), Geneva / Swiss Supreme Court (1998)
Schweizerischen Vereinigung für Umweltrecht
Swiss Arbitration Association

Fédération Suisse des Avocats
International Arbitration Institute
African Arbitration Association
Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre
Association Suisse de Droit du Sport
Women In Sports Law

ARB. PANELS

APIAC (Asia Pacific), list of arbitrators (2025)
Swiss Sports Tribunal, list of arbitrators (2024)
ICC Swiss Commission of Arbitration, arbitrators list (2020)
CAS, general list of arbitrators (2018)
HKIAC (Hong Kong), arbitrators list (2019)
LCA (Lagos), panel of neutrals (2019)
KIAC (Kigali), international arbitrators panel (2019)
VIAC (Vienna), list of Practitioners (2018)

EDUCATION

1998-1994

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) – Univ. of Nottingham

1994-1993

Master of Laws (LL.M.) – Univ. of Nottingham

1993-1989

Licence en droit (LL.B.) – Univ. of Neuchâtel, School of law

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2014-2009

Fondation Fleuret
Teaching Grant (Univ. of Lausanne, School of Law)

2003-2001

Fonds national suisse pour la recherche scientifique
Swiss National Science Foundation Advanced Fellowship

1998-1997

Fonds national suisse pour la recherche scientifique
Swiss National Science Foundation Junior Fellowship

1997-1996

International Federation of University Women
Winifred Cullis Grant

LANGUAGES

French	mother tongue
English	fluent, working language
Italian	excellent command
German	good command

OTHER ACTIVITIES

2022-2014

Founding member / Management Committee of ice water swimming
"Coupe des Glaces" race, Morges

2016-2012

Technical Commission - Swimming, Morges-Natation

2005-1998

Licensed member, Genève-natation 1885 Water-polo team

1998-1995

Licensed member, Nottingham University Water-polo team

Since 1980

Open and ice water swimming, sailing, ski mountaineering, climbing,
violin

PUBLICATIONS

Numerous publications and presentations in practice areas (sep.list)