

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Past President of the European Law Institute (2021-2025)

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Personal data born 3 August 1967, married, three children

Languages French (mother tongue), Swiss-German (mother tongue), German, English.

Good abilities in Italian, Spanish and Latin.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

a) Teaching

Visiting Professor: Paris Panthéon-Assas (**Paris 2**) (January 2024); Center for Transnational Legal Studies ([CTLS](https://www.law.georgetown.edu/ctls/) – Spring 2023); Shanghai ECUPL (October 2020, *online* due to COVID-19); **Paris Sorbonne (Paris 1)** (February 2020); **City University Hong Kong** (March 2019); **Georgetown University Law Center** (August 2017-July 2018); **Paris Panthéon-Assas (Paris 2)** (January 2024; February 2017; January 2013 and November 2012; May 2012; Feb. 2008); Pontificia Universidad Católica de **Chile** (Santiago, November-December 2014); **Trento** (April 2014); **Liège** (Chaire David-Constant, March 2013); **Istanbul**, Bilgi University (April 2012), Center for Transnational Legal Studies (CTLS), London (<https://www.law.georgetown.edu/ctls/>; Aug.-Dec. 2018; Aug.-Dec. 2011; Jan-June 2009); **Georgetown Summer Program** (London; August 2011); **Montpellier** (March-April 2011); **Stellenbosch** (South Africa; October 2010); University of **Rome 2** “Tor Vergata” (April 2007); University d’Auvergne **Clermont-Ferrand** (France; March 2007); **Glasgow** (March 2003); Pisa (February 2003); Liège (November 2002).

Since 1st Oct. 2001 **Ordinary Professor** at the Law School of the University of Fribourg (Switzerland), Chair for Private Law and Roman Law (teaching of Contract Law [since 2006], Family Law [2001- 2007], and since 2001 Comparative Law, European Consumer Law and Roman Law).

Oct. 2000 -Sept. 2001 **Associate Professor** at the Law School of the University of Fribourg, holder of the Chair for Private Law and Roman Law (teaching of Roman Law, Family Law, European Private Law).

Sept. 1999-June 2001 **Substitute Professor** at the Law Faculty of the University of Lausanne.

b) Other legal activities

Since Nov. 2024 Member of the Expert group for the revision of the rights on guarantee for Sales contracts, Federal Office of Justice, Department of Justice and Police, Switzerland.

Since Sept. 2024 **President** of the **Swiss Jurists Society** (Société Suisse des juristes SSJ / Schweizerische Juristische Gesellschaft SJG), previously treasurer from 2021-2024.

Since Nov.2023 Member of the advisory committee of the Federal Council for Digital friendly legislation (“Beiratstreffens Digitale Schweiz zum Fokusthema Digitalisierungsfreundliches Recht”)

Since August 2023 Associate Dean for international Relations for the School of Law of Fribourg

SincenSept. 2022 Corresponding Member, representing Switzerland, at **UNIDROIT** (Rome, Italie), member of several working groups (among which **WG 7 on Investment contracts**)

Sept. 2021-Sept. 2025 **President** of the **European Law Institute** (elected in Feb. 2021, reelected in Feb 2023-Sept. 2025)

Sept. 2019-Sept. 2021 **Vice-president** of the Executive Committee of European Law Institute (www.europeanlawinstitute.eu)

Jan. 2019-Dec. 2023 **President** of the Federal Consumer Commission

Since Sept 2017 Council member of the ELI (European Law Institute (ELI))

Aug 2014-July 2017 **Dean** of the Fribourg School of Law.

Feb. 2005-2009 **President** (2008-2009) of the European Law Faculties Association (**ELFA**); 1st vice-president (2007-2008); member of the board (2005-2009).

Jan. 2012-Dec. 2018 Vice-president of the Federal Consumer Commission

2004-2014 Associate Dean for international Relations for the School of Law of Fribourg

Since 2010 Member of the International Jury of the *Premio Internazionale di diritto romano ‘Gérard Boulvert’* (Roman Law; <http://www.premioboulvert.unina.it/giuria.php>)

- 2009-2020 Chair of the Jury for High-School graduate (Collège St-Michel Fribourg)
- Since June 2008 Vice-president, and Co-founder of of the LL.M. in Business Law (Fribourg, www.unifr.ch/ius/llm)
Master of Laws in cross-cultural business practice
- Since 2004 Teacher of the Summer University on European Private Law, University of Salzburg.
- 2000-2012 Co-ordinator for the module Law for the Executive Master on management in telecommunications, IIMT, University of Fribourg
- 2007-2009 President of the Professorial Body of the University of Fribourg
- 2003-2007 Board of examiners for the Bar Exam in Fribourg
- July 2004-2008 Co-scientific Director of the project *European Law Online* School of Law of Fribourg in coordination with the University of Strasbourg III.
- 2002-2006 Scientific Director of the *Master of advanced studies in Children Rights* (University of Fribourg in collaboration with the Institute Kurt Bösch in Sion and the Institute for children's rights, Bramois/Sion; www.iukb.ch/emcr)
- 1991-2015 Judge at the Military Appellate Court (TMA I) in Switzerland
- Arbitration** I appeared several times as expert witness in international state and arbitration proceedings; 56 times as president, sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator, in domestic state and arbitral proceedings (ICC, UNCITRAL, CAS).

c) Legal journals

- Editor-in-chief of the *Revue de droit suisse* (Journal for Swiss Law), since 2018, before member since 2004
- Member of the editorial board of *Baurecht/Droit de la construction* (Swiss Journal for Construction Law), since 2002
- Member of the editorial board of *Revue suisse de jurisprudence* (Swiss Journal for Case-Law), since 2002
- Scientific correspondent of the *Revue fribourgeoise de jurisprudence* (RFJ), since 2002
- Member of the editorial board of *Revue Internationale des Droits de l'Antiquité* (RIDA) (Brussels), since 2007
- Member of the editorial board of *Orbis Iuris Romani* (International Journal for Roman Law), since 2004
- Member of the editorial board of *Teoria e storia del diritto privato* (Naples), since 2007 (electronic Journal: <http://www.teoriaestoriadeldirittoprivato.com/>)
- Member of the Scientific committee of *French Journal Of Legal Policy* (Paris), since 2023
- Member of the Scientific committee of *Pactum. Rivista di diritto dei contratti* (Rome), since 2022
- Member of the Scientific committee of *Revista General de Derecho Romano IUSTEL*, since 2020
- Member of the Scientific committee of *BIDR (Bulletino Internazionale di Diritto Romano)*, Rome, since 2016
- Member of the Scientific committee of *Index* (International Journal of Roman Law), Naples, since 2010
- Member of the Scientific committee of *Fundamina* (International Journal of Roman Law), Pretoria (SA), since 2012
- Member of the Scientific committee of *Iura* (International Journal of Roman Law), Catania, since 2014
- Member of the Scientific committee of *Revista Internacional de Derecho Romano (RIDROM ; Spain)*, since 2017

d) Associations

- Supporting Member of the **European Law Institute** (Vienna)
sept. 2017 member of the Council, sept. 2019 2nd vice-president, sept. 2021-sept. 2025 **president**
- Member of the *Associazione italiana di Diritto Romano*
- Titular Member of the *International association of comparative law*
- Member of the *Société de législation comparée* (Paris)
- Founding member of the *Academy on European Private Law* (Salzburg)
- Member of the ASA (Association Suisse d'Arbitrage)
- Member of the LCIA list (London Court of International Arbitration)
- ICC Swiss Group (International Chamber of Commerce, arbitration) – Swiss Group
- President of the board of SSJ, and former treasurer (Société suisse des juristes)
- Secola (Society of European Contract Law association)
- Familiengesellschaft (Deutschland)
- IABA (International Association of Boalt Alumni), general secretary 2002-2008

MAIN STEPS OF LEGAL EDUCATION

- 2001 *Habilitation* at the University of Fribourg (*venia legendi*: Private Law, Roman Law and Comparative Law) with a thesis entitled: "La compensation. Analyse historique et comparative des modes de compenser non conventionnels" (on set-off in historical and comparative perspective), Fribourg 2001–AISUF 208, LXXX-736p.
- 1997-1998 Post-doctoral research at the University of Regensburg (Germany at Prof. R. Zimmermann's Chair).
- 1998 *Ph.D. utr. iur.* (Doctorate), for a thesis entitled "Impossibilité et exorbitance. Etudes des obstacles à l'exécution des obligations en droit suisse (art. 119 CO et 79 CVIM)" (on frustration and hardship), AISUF 168, Fribourg 1997, LX-456 p. (reporters: Pierre Tercier and Peter Gauch).
- 1997 *Master of Laws* (LL.M.), at the University of California at Berkeley (USA).
- 1994 *Attorney-at-Law* (Fribourg), articulated for two years by Hartmann & Dreyer (Fribourg)
- 1991 *Licence en droit* (LL.D.), bilingual at the University of Fribourg.

Awards Frilex-Award 1991 ; Peter-Jäggi Stiftung Award 1997 ; Walther Hug Award 1997 ; Premio internazionale Gérard Boulvert Award 2002; and fellowships for publications and research (young research fellowship FNS 1996-1997; advanced research fellowship FNS 1998-2001; Robbins Fellow UC Berkeley, 2005)

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Arbitration cases – Prof. Dr. Pascal Pichonnaz
Swiss Group ICC – ASA member
LCIA registered – SCAI (Swiss Chamber’s arbitration Institutions)
CAS arbitrator

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President (11)	ICC 1	SCAI 2	UNCITRAL <i>ad hoc</i> 1	CAS 7
Sole arbitrator (18)		ICC 8	SCAI 1	CAS 9
Co-arbitrator (34)	ICC 12	SCAI 3	ad hoc 1	CAS 18
Secretary (3)	ICC 2		ad hoc 1	