

Curriculum Vitae



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

09/08 – today

Lawyer, Hogan Lovells International LLP, Munich

- Member of the Litigation & Arbitration practice; Product Liability; Investigation, White Collar and Fraud;
- Setting up structured processes to manage the advice of clients as well as leading of various lawyer teams;
- Advising multinational companies from various industries on all issues of compliance and providing advice on recovery issues in relation to arising claims and criminal investigations;
- Setting up and managing internal cross-border compliance investigations and FCPA investigations based on local, US and EU law;
- Responsible for full service support of German and international clients on all aspects of product liability, in particular in the field of life science industry;
- Responsible for cross-border product liability claims and for the development of multinational litigation and defence strategies.

Selected cases:

- Advising a German DAX 30 company on an internal investigation regarding potential product liability, warranty, safety and criminal law issues in more than 50 countries;
- Advising a world's leading technology company (Fortune 500) on an internal investigation in South Korea related to FCPA infringement and bribery allegations;
- Advising a world's leading technology company (Fortune 500) on an internal investigation in Switzerland regarding potential investment fraud allegations by investors of a business partner;
- Advising a world's leading car manufacturer (DAX 30) in a multi-million Euro product liability supply chain lawsuit, including the silent recall of almost 500,000 vehicles;
- Conducting a major internal investigation for a world's leading pharmaceutical company (Fortune 500) with regard to compliance of various sales measures with local anti-corruption laws;
- Advising a leading Swiss medical devices manufacturer with regard to a voluntary worldwide withdrawal of a class III medical device based on product safety and product liability aspects;
- Advising a NASDAQ company in connection with customer claims, claims in the supply chain and a regulatory government investigation after suspension of a CE-marking.

04/08 – 08/08

Lawyer, Maiwald Patentanwalts GmbH, Munich

- Legal practice in the field of Intellectual Property Law, the Advertising of Medicines Act and the Product Liability Law, primarily related to pharmaceutical and ophthalmic products;
- Responsible for counselling clients, negotiating and drafting contracts, filing petitions within trademark law office procedures (DPMA, OHIM, WIPO).

04/06 – 10/06

Legal project supporter, Counsel Albrecht, Cologne

- Independently and self responsibly supported a small trading-bank for an internal evaluation of legal obligations based on all concluded distribution agreements with other trading companies in the field of securities trading.

- 05/05 – 09/05 Internship, Allianz Insurance Company, Administrative Headquarter, Munich Section of collective employment law, personal- and bargaining politics
- Independently and self responsibly worked on statements and strategy papers in connection with legal questions regarding individual and collective employment law of German entities of the German Allianz Group;
 - Independently and self responsibly structured and drafted a concept regarding the presentation of all internal agreements with regard to employment rights of the employees of Allianz; independent development of a resolution of the approximation of all the different operating agreements in the course of the legal restructuring of the Allianz group;
 - Grade: 13 Points.
- 11/95 – 11/96 Civilian Service, University Hospital, Evangelic church “Petrusgemeinde”, Giessen
- Caretaker at center of cardiologic-vascular surgery;
 - Independent management of logistics.
- 08/95 – 05/97 CO-Founder, LIE – dress label, Giessen
- Co-founder and commercial director of a start-up fashion-label;
 - Responsible for distribution, product coordination and negotiations with suppliers.

ACADEMIC HISTORY

- 11/05 – 12/07 Legal clerkship, Higher District Court Cologne
Second State Exam
- Grade: 7.50 Points.
- 10/06 – 11/07 Practical Internships within the legal clerkship, Cologne
Trainee lawyer placements, Law firm Prof. Dr. Ekey & Kollegen
- Independently and self responsibly supporting commercial law - and civil law cases;
 - Safeguard procedure before the HABM in Alicante, before the European Court of first Instance and the European Court of Justice;
 - Domain registries and trademark protection in China;
 - Grade: Good.
- 07/06 – 09/06 Federal internship (international law) at Center for Transnational Law, University of Cologne, Chair of banking law, Prof. Dr. Berger, LL.M
- Organization and implementation of the „4th Cologne Summer Academy on International Commercial Arbitration“; correspondence and presentations in English;
 - Grade: Very good.
- 04/06 – 06/06 Internship (criminal law) at Prosecutor Ms. Guttzeit, Prosecutor’s Department of Cologne
- Grade: Fully satisfactory.
- 12/05 – 03/06 Internship (civil law) at Local Court Judge Plötzing, Cologne
- Grade: Fully satisfactory.
- 04/99 – 02/05 Studies of Law, at the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena
- First State Exam, Grade: 7.35 Points;
 - Internship, District Court Gera (08/01 – 09/01);
 - Internship, Counsel Kuhlig, Jena (08/00 – 09/00);
 - Internship, Thüringer Landesrechtsanwaltschaft, Weimar (09/99 – 10/99).
- 09/98 – 03/99 Studies of Law, at the University of Lausanne (Switzerland)
- IPL–Internship at chair of Prof. Dr. hc. Fritz Sturm;
 - Comparative law seminar – The Swiss reformation of family and divorce law in the perspective of other European and American national laws (Grade: 14 Points).
- 10/96 – 08/98 Studies of Law, at the University of Augsburg and at the Justus Liebig University of Giessen
- Basic law studies.
- 08/88 – 06/95 Landgraf Ludwig Gymnasium (Highschool), Giessen
- General higher Education Entrance Qualification (Grade: 2.7), advanced Latin proficiency exam (“Großes Latinum”).

VOLUNTEER & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- 01/03 – today German Baha'i Community (Non-Governmental-Organization), Germany, Ukraine
- Member of the National Assembly of the Baha'i in Germany e.V., leading institution of the German Baha'i Community cooperation of public law (04/12 – 04/14);
 - Member of the Local Assembly of the Baha'i Community in Munich (04/08 – 04/14).
- 04/99 – 02/05 Baha'i University Group, Friedrich-Schiller-University, Jena
- Board member, responsible for public relations and press events; organization of the „International Days“ at the University of Jena;
 - Development and implementation of „Int.Ro“ (International Room): Contact point for foreign students; First place of the IV. Jena Award 2003.
- 04/01 – 08/01 UN Volunteers, Bosnia Herzegovina
- Co-Founding and tour management of the dance workshop „Diversity Dance Theatre“;
 - Development project for peace education; Dance tour in Bosnia Herzegovina with expressive dances against war, abuse and prejudices.

FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Languages

German (native speaker), English (business fluent), Persian (good knowledge), French (basic knowledge), Ukrainian (beginner).

Publications

- VersR 2011, S. 853 - 856, Bericht der Europäischen Kommission über die Umwelthaftungsrichtlinie - Haftungsgefahren (available in German only);
- PHI 2013, S. 118 - 120, Erstes Gerichtsverfahren gegen die neue Beschwerde-Datenbank der Consumer Product Safety Commission trägt den Bedenken der Industrie Rechnung (available in German only).

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(Ario Dehghani)