

Curriculum Vitae (Lebenslauf)

Born 1966 in Hannover, Germany

Education/Degrees

- 1985-1990 Studying law at the University of Hannover, Germany, and the University of Bristol, England
- 1988-1990 Studying additionally European Legal Practice at the University of Hannover and University of Bristol (Magister Legum Europae, MLE.)
- 1990-1994 Legal clerkship („Referendariat“), Higher Regional Court („Oberlandesgericht“) Celle, Germany
- 1990-1994 Doctor iuris (Dr. iur.), University of Hannover, (mark: magna cum laude)
- 1994-2004 Postdoctoral lecture qualification („Habilitation“; Dr. iur. habil.), University of Rostock, Germany, in private law, civil procedure law, private international law, comparative law, commercial and company law
- 2007 Attorney-at-Law, Hanseatische Rechtsanwaltskammer („bar association“) Hamburg, Germany
- 2010 Certified Mediator, ZfH, University of Applied Science, Koblenz, Germany
- 2019 Certified Attorney-at-Law specialized in International Business Law, Rechtsanwaltskammer Celle, Germany

Work Experience

- 1993-2002 In-house counsel, Village Tronic Marketing GmbH and Village Tronic Computer e.K., Hannover/Sarstedt, Germany and Milan, Italy
- 1994-2002 Assistant professor/senior lecturer, University of Rostock, Faculty of Law, Germany
- 2000-2001 Associate Professor, International Business Law, Riga Graduate School of Law, Riga, Latvia
- 2002-2003 Senior Lecturer, Victoria University Wellington, Faculty of Law, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2003-2005 Associate Professor, German Faculty of Law and Economics, Georgian Technical University, Tbilissi, Georgia.
- Since 2006 Extraordinary Professor, North-West University, Faculty of Law, Potchefstroom, South Africa (www.nwu.ac.za)
- 2007-2013 Attorney-at-Law (Rechtsanwalt) and partner at Mielke Sonntag Bernzen Heggemann (now: Bernzen Sonntag, www.msbh.de), Hamburg and Berlin, Germany
- 2007/2008 Professor (substitute) at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich, Faculty of Law, Institute of International Law, Germany
- 2008-2009 Professor (substitute) at the European University Viadrina, Faculty of Law, Frankfurt/Oder, Germany
- 2009-2015 Professor, Riga Graduate School of Law (RGSL), Latvia
- 2012 + 2013 Guest professor at Hitotsubashi University, Faculty of Law/Graduate School of Law, Tokyo, Japan (www.hit-u.ac.jp)
- Since 2010 Certified mediator and chairman of the Institute of European Mediation and Arbitration, Germany (www.european-mediation.de)
- 2012-2015 Programme Director, International Business Law (LL.M.), at RGSL, Latvia
- 2013-2017 Attorney-at-Law and partner at Brandes Rechtsanwälte (Attorneys-at-Law), Hamburg, Germany
- 2015-2016 Deputy programme director (business law/executive) at the Sino-German Legal Cooperation Programme, Beijing, PR China.
- 2016-2019 Co-ordinator International Business Law, Northern Business School, Hamburg, Germany
- Since 2016 Visiting professor, International Business Law, at the Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg, Faculty of Law and Economics, Germany (www.fau.de)
- 2017-2020 Attorney-at-Law at activeLAW, Hannover (www.activelaw.de)
- Since 2020 Attorney-at-Law at Prof. Diedrich, Springe, Germany (www.prof-diedrich.de)

Since 2024 Managing partner at Prof. Diedrich Attorneys-at-Law & Mediators, Hannover & Springe, Germany

Numerous Publications on International Sales and Contract Law, Private International Law, Intellectual Property Law, Procedural Law, Comparative Law, German Private Law and (comparative/international) Mediation.

Professional Memberships:

Alexander von Humboldt-Association, alumnus, Feodor-Lynen fellow (www.humboldt-foundation.de)
Cusanuswerk, alumnus (www.cusanuswerk.de)
Hamburg Arbitration Circle (www.hamburg-arbitration.de)
Institut der Norddeutschen Wirtschaft (www.inw.digital)
Integrierte Mediation (<https://integrierte-mediation.de>)