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Dr. iur., LL.M.
Attorney at Law, *1972

Practice Focus

Corporate and Commercial Law, Contracts Law, Real Estate Law (Property, Rental and Construction Law), Competition Law, Stock Exchange and Capital Markets Law, Energy Law

Languages

German (native)
English
French

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Education

2003
Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA (USA): *Master of Laws (LL.M.)*
Concentration: Corporations, Corporate Finance, Antitrust, Arbitration

2000
University of Zurich:
Dr. iur. (doctoral degree in law)
Thesis: The Waiver of Limitation of Rights in Swiss Private Law (in German)

1999
Admission to Zurich Bar;
licensed to practice law in Switzerland

1992 – 97
University of Zurich:
lic. iur. (licentiatatus iuris)
Concentration: Contracts, Civil Procedure and Insolvency Law

1979 – 92
Elementary and High School in Schaffhausen, *Matura Typus B (Latin)*

Professional Experience

Since 2004
Partner with von der Crone Attorneys at Law, Zurich (since 2009: von der Crone Attorneys at Law Ltd., Zurich)

Since 2013
University lecturer for securities law within the Zurich University LL.M. program International Business Law

2000 – 13
University lecturer for corporate law within the Zurich University Executive MBA program

Since 2000
Associate with von der Crone Attorneys at Law, Zurich

1997 – 98
Trainee Attorney at CMS von Erlach Klainguti Stettler Wille Attorneys at Law, Zurich

1994 – 96
Legal Adviser in the Student's Law Information Center of the University and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology of Zurich

1987 – 97
Clerk at Lederwarenfabrik AG, Schaffhausen (Administration, Sales, Rental Matters, Legal Adviser)

Memberships

Since 2006
Commission on Legal Fees of the Zurich Bar Association (since 2015: Chairman)

Since 2000
Swiss and Zurich Bar Association

Since 2000
Practice Groups Commercial Law, Construction Law and Rental Law of Zurich Bar Association

Since 2000
Zurich Law Association

Board Memberships

Lederwarenfabrik AG, Schaffhausen (Chairman)

Kraftwerke Hinterrhein AG, Thusis (Secretary)

Förderstiftung Kunsthause-
Erweiterung (Chairman)