

CURRICULUM VITAE



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DOB: 03.08.1977
Nationality: GER (NL)

Experience

2022 – today	Director Operations & Infrastructure, VfB Stuttgart 1893 , Stuttgart ▪ Head of Stadium Operations, Infrastructure Strategy and Development, Events, Security, Facility Management, Stadium Construction ▪ EURO2024 Project Leader
2014 – 2022	Legal Director / Senior General Counsel, CCO, CDPO VfB Stuttgart 1893 , Stuttgart, Germany ▪ Leader of the Legal Department ▪ Head of Institutional Relations ▪ Head of Investor Relations
2014 – today	Arbitrator Court of Arbitration for Sport , Lausanne, Switzerland ▪ Served in 60+ proceedings, mainly relating to football, as Panel President, Sole Arbitrator or Panel Member
2011 – today	Attorney-at-Law Prinz Law , law firm, Hamburg, Germany ▪ Focus on sports, media and entertainment law ▪ Clients include football clubs, players, agents, celebrities and major companies outside sport
2008 – 2011	General Counsel Hamburger SV e.V. , Hamburg, Germany ▪ Leader of the Legal Department
2005 – 2007	Postgraduate Judicial Service Trainee Province Northrhine-Westfalia, Germany Admission to the Bar, Second State Exam Stages included ▪ DFL Deutsche Fußball-Liga, Frankfurt, Germany, 2007 ▪ Osborne Clarke, Cologne, Germany, 2006-2007 ▪ German Embassy to the U.S., Washington, D.C., USA, 2006
2002 – 2003	Paralegal Freshfields, Bruckhaus Deringer , law firm, Cologne, Germany ▪ Focus IP/IT law and regulated industries

Education

2011 – 2012	Football Management IST, Düsseldorf, Germany Degree: Football Manager (IST)
2002 – 2007	Dr. iur. Universität zu Köln, Cologne, Germany Thesis: Die Grundrechte juristischer Personen im Berufssport (The constitutional rights of legal persons in professional sports)
2004 – 2005	LL.M. McGill University, Montréal, QC, Canada Thesis: The Liability of Referees for Wrong Decisions

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Education

1998 – 2003	Law School Universität zu Köln, Cologne, Germany Degree: First State Exam
1997	Abitur (Baccalaureate, A levels) Gymnasium Vohwinkel, Wuppertal, Germany

Memberships and Awards

European Club Association

- Member of the Legal Advisory Panel / Legal and Regulatory Working Group, 2014-today
- Member of the Institutional Relations Working Group, 2009-2011, 2015-2019

International Sports Lawyers Association (ISLA)

- General Secretary, 2012-2015

Hamburg Bar Association

- 2008-today

SpoPrax, Sports Law Periodical, Member of the Editorial Board

- 2021-today

Government of Canada Award

- 2004

Scholar of the „Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes“

- 1999-2003

Teaching Experience

2026 – today	Football Law Sports Law Hub, Barcelona, Spain
2012 – 2024	Bachelor Sports Business Management IST, Düsseldorf, Germany Sports Law and Football Management
2017	LL.M. (Sports Law) ISDE, Madrid, Spain
2016	Football Law Programme UEFA, Nyon, Switzerland / Istanbul, Turkey

Various presentations at international sports law conferences and various articles in national sports law periodicals, most recently at the FIFA Football Law Annual Review, 27./28. Feb 2025 in Miami, FL, USA.

Languages

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| ▪ German | Mother tongue |
| ▪ English | Fully fluent |
| ▪ Dutch | Secondary mother tongue |
| ▪ French | Basic conversational |