

CURRICULUM VITAE

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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 the LL.M. in Business Law (Fribourg, www.unifr.ch/ius/llm) <i>Master of Laws in cross-cultural business practice</i>
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 <i>European Law Online</i> School of Law of Fribourg in coordination with the University of Strasbourg III.
2002-2006	Scientific Director of the <i>Master of advanced studies in Children Rights</i> (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	<i>Habilitation</i> at the University of Fribourg (<i>venia legendi</i> : 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	<i>Ph.D. utr. iur.</i> (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	<i>Master of Laws</i> (LL.M.), at the University of California at Berkeley (USA).
1994	<i>Attorney-at-Law</i> (Fribourg), articulated for two years by Hartmann & Dreyer (Fribourg)
1991	<i>Licence en droit</i> (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

Updated on 30.03.2026

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	