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**Education and training:**

Studied law at the University of Berne, graduating lic. iur. in 1994. Admission to the bar in 1997. In 2002, LL.M. at Northwestern University in Chicago focusing on corporate law, business transactions and alternative dispute resolution. Mediator certificate from the Chicago Center for Conflict Resolution in 2001.

**Professional experience:**

Broad and diverse international experience acquired since 1997 in private legal practice (among others, top-tier law firms in Zurich and Milano and a boutique firm in Chicago), in public administration and in cross-border cooperation. In 2001–2002, lectured as an adjunct professor of law at Northwestern University School of Law for the Program on Negotiation & Mediation. Gained significant experience in interest-based mediation both as a coach and as a mediator (mediated more than 130 disputes).

Substantial experience both in the private banking and asset management industry (2005–2014) as a director for a Swiss private bank and a Swiss asset manager in various capacities (business development, advisory and relationship management). Held board positions in a Lux SICAV and SIF SICAV. Since 2019 legal counsel with Transforma Ltd.

**Core areas of expertise:**

Advice on corporate and commercial law, including all steps of the corporate life of legal entities and business organizations: formation, capital increases, restructurings, M&A transactions, including due diligence and contract negotiations. Commercial transactions, contracts and international private law. Assistance to entities on matters relating to the provision of wealth and asset management services, including regulatory issues. Facilitation and mediation services both as a neutral and as party counsel; strategic assistance in the negotiation of agreements, corporate transformations & successions and in family matters. Directorship services.

**Languages:**

Business German, English, French and Italian; verbal Spanish

**Additional activities:**

In 2014 started up, and has managed ever since, a socially responsible agricultural venture in Cambodia, which focuses on the production and distribution of premium Kampot Pepper PGI and other value-adding crops.

**Memberships:**

Berne Lawyers Association (BJV)