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- U.S. & German Citizenship
 - SORBONNE Law Degree
 - Over 20 years in various Law-related functions overseas
 - Confirmed Negotiator with local Office Holders
 - Outstanding Record of Capacity Building in Developing Countries
 - **Conversant in several languages: Native German and English, fluent French,** some Arabic including writing
 - Expert Contracts Drafting and Translation
 - Profound Experience of living and working in Muslim countries
 - Extensive Overseas and Expatriation Experience
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2021-Present

Translation and Consultancy, Freelance Service Provider

-see below-

2018 - 2021 Legal Advisor CTSAMVM South Sudan

This is a Ceasefire Monitoring Organisation, internationally staffed with members from Africa, U.S., and other areas. I work as a Legal Advisor. Examples of my work include:

- Drafting and Review of Contracts, Letters, Notices and more.
- Negotiations with Suppliers
- Private Law questions and Labour Relationships, Discipline
- Working extensively on National Staff Issues, including Taxation.
- Meeting with counterparts, external advisors, South Sudan office holders.
- Advising the Mission Leadership on contractual and legal issues.
- Research of applicable South Sudanese and International Law.
- Elaborating documents to be presented at CTSAMVM conferences and organising and attending same.

2016-2018

ACOTA Legal & Administrative Subject Matter Specialist

Trainer and Administrative Officer, teaching various law-related subjects to local military. Large groups with extremely variable knowledge and education level, in short-time missions of 10 weeks in various FRENCH SPEAKING countries in West Africa.

I handle administrative issues as well, purchase items needed on the local markets or have them made by local manufacturers. I receive and dispense Petty Cash and handle the related accountability.

2011-Present

Translation and Consultancy, Freelance Service Provider

Freelance activity with legal and technical translation, with a number of good clients of renown. The legal part includes, for example:

- Calls for Tender
- Invitation Letters to Shareholders
- Sentences & Court Procedure
- Loan Agreements
- Insurance Policies

The technical part includes, for example:

- Instruction Manuals
- Letters to Dealer Network
- Technical Marketing Material
- Software & Hardware Descriptions
- PATENTS

Assorted clients such as a well-known luxury car manufacturer in UK and several worldwide operating Law Firms. Other activities include industrial audits and forensic legal work.

2009– 2011

AFGHANISTAN, EUPOL HERAT and KABUL, Legal Advisor

- Worked with Police and Prosecution
- Provided Training on local Law and Human Rights issues
- Advice to the Anti-Corruption Cell
- Support to the Afghan National Police and Anti Corruption unit
- Project Work and Situational Assessments
- Wrote Training Programmes and presentations and had those accredited by the relevant unit in Ministry of Interior.

2009

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, GOMA.

From January until October 2009, EUPOL **Legal Expert** Human Rights and Child Protection in the Great Lakes Region between RDC and Rwanda.

- Advisor to local Police and Army (FARDC)
- Support of efforts to fight Sexual Violence
- Help to demobilise underage soldiers
- Train Leadership of Police and Army in local Law and Human Rights
- Situational Assessment

- Represented the mission in the group of international agencies present in GOMA
- Built up and maintained the GOMA sub office

2007 – 2008 AFGHANISTAN, EUPOL Kabul.

From October 2007, Legal Advisor to the Head of Mission.

- Negotiation and Drafting of Contracts (Life Support, Office Space Rental, Employment of National Staff)
- Questions of Mandate and Immunity
- Disciplinary Issues
- Legal aspects of the day-to-day running
- Weapons Permits and damages to local population
- Negotiating preferential conditions for hotel accommodation
- Land and Buildings lease and maintenance
- Compatibility of Mission actions with local Law
- Tax questions
- Training of the Mission in legal aspects

2007 UNSOC UN Staff Officer Course by German Military Academy in Hamburg.

2006 IRAQ, Working with the Ministry of Interior for the Department for Foreign and International Development (DFID), UK.

- Capacity Building project with the Iraqi Ministry of Interior
- Legal and organisational aspects
- Analyzing the existing Legal Framework for the Ministry of Interior
- Contributed to the drafting of the new Structure Law
- Assisted the Legal Office MOI
- Some material Support
- Legal library

2003 – 2005 BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA, EUPM Legal Advisor (European Union Police Mission) in Brcko, Bosnia, and later in Sarajevo

- Advised the Chief Co-Locator (Head of Office)
- Analyzed legality of Police measures
- Continued and in-deep knowledge of Local Laws
- Prepared briefings on matters of importance in the Legal field
- In June 2004 promoted to Federation Area Legal Advisor
- In charge of all the Law – related developments in the Cantons (Federation of Bosnia & Herzegovina)
- Greatly increased responsibility and supervisory duties
- Managed a separate unit and supervised up to 13 members, international and local.
- Provided legal advice for the whole territory of the Federation of Bosnia & Herzegovina, Federation level, Cantonal level and also Brcko (Special District)

2002	KOSOVO, Election Observation with Council of Europe (Long-Term Observer). MANAGEMENT of Short-Term Observers, LOGISTICS
2001	<p>KOSOVO, Rule of Law Officer in the Rule of Law Department of the OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe) in PRIZREN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and material supply to emerging new structures of the legal administration system (judges, lawyers and others) • Reporting on the situation in this area, where Albanians have replaced the more experienced Serb professionals. • Worked with International and Local police and Judges.
2000	KOSOVO , Elections, Long Term Observation in Pristina Region, Kosovo, for the Council of Europe , in connection with the Municipal Elections.
1999	KOSOVO, Verification Mission (KVM) . This was a rather military reporting and observation task in a difficult security surrounding.
1998	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA, International Trainer for OSCE. I trained and managed up to 17 International Observers / Registration Supervisors.
1997	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA , Elections, Registration Supervisor for OSCE , Mission to Bosnia.
1996	CROATIA , Second Tour of Duty as a Reservist with IFOR (“Implementation Force”) in the Balkans.
1995-1996	GERMANY , worked for Wollenhaupt & Co. a Tea and Spices Importer , based near Hamburg, managed a daughter company DAMMANN & Cie. in Marseille, France
1993-1994	SOMALIA , Army Reserve Exercise in Somalia (UN Forces).
1991 -1995	FRANCE , Law Studies at the Sorbonne University, Paris, France. I graduated (‘Licence’), with honors, emphasis on Private International Law .
1991	GERMANY , Military Service with 6th Armed Recon Battalion, Eutin .
1986 - 1988	GERMANY , Business Economics Studies at the Bochum Ruhr Universität, Bochum, terminated with a 2-year-degree
1985	GERMANY , ABITUR at KONRAD ADENAUER GYMNASIUM, BONN, (~Junior College) (Average 2. 1 = A-) HUMANISTISCHES GYMNASIUM, Kiel, Germany

1965

Born in Offenbach / Main, Germany

References upon request
