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Main areas of activity

- Private law (specifically matrimonial law, inheritance law, general contract law, liability law, employment law)
- Civil procedure law
- Lawyer's law

Languages

German, French, English

Education

2017	Professor at Kalaidos Law School
1977	Doctor of Law from the University of Zurich
1975 - 1976	Assistant at the Law Department of the University of Zurich
1974	Law degree from the University of Zurich
1968 - 1977	Studied law at the University of Zurich

Professional background

2020 - 2024	Dean of the Kalaidos Law School
Since 2014	Consultant at beelegal Bösiger. Engel. Egloff
2004 - 2008	President of the High Court, Zurich High Court
1987 - 2014	Chief Judge at the High Court of the Canton of ZH
1981 - 1987	District judge at the District Court of ZH
1979 - 1981	District Attorney for the District of Zurich

Memberships

Since 2004	Founding member of JUS-ALUMNI of the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich
1996 - 2019	Member of the Bar Examination Commission of the Canton of Zurich
1992 - 2023	President of the Professional Ethics Committee of the Dental Association of the Canton of Zurich SSO
1990 - 2010	Member of the Institute Commission of the Criminalistics Institute of the Canton of Zurich
2000 - 2004	Member of the Zurich Constitutional Council
1998 - 2004	Substitute member of the supervisory commission for lawyers in the Canton of Zurich

- Swiss Criminological Society SKG
- Europa Institute of the University of Zurich eiz
- Zurich Lawyers' Association
- Zurich University Association UZH

Publications

- Appeal period, Fischer Willi/Theus Simoni Fabiana/Gessler Dieter (eds.), Volume V, Zurich 2022, 2nd edition, p. 207 ff. (together with Manuela Kalt and Marcel Wyden)
- Berufungsschrift, Fischer Willi/Theus Simoni Fabiana/Gessler Dieter (eds.), Volume V, Zurich 2022, 2nd edition, p. 197

ff. (together with Dr. Kathrin Albrecht)

- Review of Risse/Morawietz, Prozessrisikoanalyse, Basel 2017, in: SJZ 114 (2018) No. 14 p. 358f.
- Review of Pasquier Bruno, Die Schätzung nach gerichtlichem Ermessen - unmittelbare und sinngemässe Anwendung des Art. 42 Abs. 2 OR, Zurich 2014, in: SJZ 114 (2018) No. 7 p. 179
- Review of Reiter Catherine, Internal Court Organization: Best Practices, Zurich 2015, in: SJZ 113 (2017) No. 20 p. 509f.
- Active Legitimation and Breach of Duty in Corporate Liability Litigation, in: SJZ 112 (2016) No. 2 p. 28ff.
- The unity of the divorce decree - an outdated principle?, in: SJZ 111 (2015) No. 20 p.493
- Lecture at the Europainstitut on September 3, 2015 "Verantwortlichkeit im Unternehmensrecht" on the topic "Fragen der Aktiv- und Passivlegitimation für Verantworlichkeitsklagen in Konzernverhältnissen", published in Verantwortlichkeit im Unternehmesrecht VIII, Schulthess Verlag, Zurich 2016, p. 7ff.
- Lecture at the Europainstitut on 22.10.2009 "Current developments in civil procedure" on the topic "Does the Fees Ordinance apply?" (on the problem of lawyers' fees)
- The professionalization of the judiciary, in: SJZ 104 2008, p. 548 ff.
- Das Richterportfolio - ein neuer Weg in der schweizerischen Richterausbildung, in Akteure der Gerichtsbarkeit, (Schindler/Sutter, eds.), Dike Verlag, Zurich 2007, p. 23 ff.
- Speech at the conference of the University of St. Gallen on January 22, 2007 on the topic of "Management in the judiciary" (the changing image of judges), published in the Schweizerische Richterzeitung 2007
- Speech at the conference "Media, Law and Communication" of the University of St. Gallen on November 3, 2006 on the topic "Court and Media" (on the conflict between official secrecy and the principle of publicity)
- Speech at the conference of the Foundation for the Further Education of Swiss Judges "Justice and the Public" on November 17/18, 2005 on the topic "From Judge to Justice Manager" (Comments on the significance of leadership in the judiciary)
- Speech at the three-country conference Austria / Bavaria / German-speaking Switzerland on October 6 / 9, 1999 on the subject of "The enforcement of foreign judgments on claims and maintenance in Switzerland, in particular pursuant to the LUGÜ, published in Vergleich aktueller Entwicklungen im Kindschafts- und Sachwalterrecht gemäß Übereinkommen von Brüssel und Lugano", Federal Ministry of Justice, Vienna 2000
- Speech at the conference of the Foundation for Continuing Legal Education on March 17/18, 1999 on the new divorce law, published in Das neue Scheidungsrecht, Schulthess Verlag, Zurich 1999
- Lecture at the Europa Institut Zurich on 13.6.1997 on the subject of "The enforcement of foreign claims, in particular maintenance orders in Switzerland"
- The liability of the witness and the forensic expert in civil and criminal proceedings, Zurich 1977