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### BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Nationality: Latvian and American

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### EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

B.A., History, Yale University (U.S.);  
M.A. in Law and Diplomacy, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University (U.S.);  
*Juris doctor*, University of Pennsylvania Law School (U.S.).

Selected to Unified Patent Court judge training (Budapest), 2016.

Member:

Latvian Bar;  
Pennsylvania Bar, United States of America;  
New Jersey Bar, United States of America.

Licensed Trademark and Design Rights Attorney (Latvian Patent Office, EUIPO).

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### LANGUAGES

Latvian, English, German

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### PRESENT POSITION

Partner and Head of IP/IT Practice Group, COBALT Latvia; since 2012;

June 21, 2017

Lecturer and Course Leader, Riga Graduate School of Law; since 2006;  
Lecturer and Course Leader, Stockholm School of Economics, Riga, since 2008.

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Solo legal practitioner, Riga, Latvia; 2006 – 2012;  
Associate, Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP (Philadelphia, U.S.); 2002, 2004 – 05;  
Clinical Intern, The University of Pennsylvania Law School Small Business Clinic; 2001;  
Web Editor, Bain & Company, (Boston), 2000;  
Intern, The Wall Street Journal, (New York, London, Brussels), 1999;  
Editor, Wet Feet Press, (San Francisco), 1996 – 1998;  
Desk Officer, Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Riga, 1994 – 1996.

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### MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Member, International Trademark Association;  
Member, Latvian Patent Attorney Association;  
Member, AIPPI.

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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual property: trademark, design prosecution; IP litigation and disputes (patents, trademarks, designs, copyright, trade secrets, unfair competition); copyright advisory; domain name disputes and domain portfolio management; IT advisory in transactions; IT contracts (software licenses; assignment of rights, franchise agreements), data protection.

Industry experience: consumer products, IT, pharmaceuticals and life sciences, manufacturing, telecoms, media.

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### EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Working in intellectual property law as attorney at law and trademark/design attorney since 2004.

Functions: litigation (all types of IP) in civil and administrative court, trademark oppositions, drafting trademark/design right applications, managing domain registrations and transfers; IP related transactions (due diligence, license agreements, waivers, assignment); negotiations), regulatory matters, advise on data protection.

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### EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Domain registrations and transfers; represent client before Economic Police of Latvia regarding trademark infringing .eu domain and online shop selling counterfeit goods; advise clients on domain name selection and portfolio management.

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### MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts CTM Upheld, *INTA Bulletin* December 1, 2015, Vol. 70 No. 21;  
European Parliament Supports Non-Agricultural GIs, *INTA Bulletin* November 15, 2015 Vol. 20 No. 70;  
CJEU Clarifies “Mark with Reputation in IMPULSE Case,” *INTA Bulletin* November 1, 2015 Vol. 70 No. 19;  
Golden Balls and Ballon D’Or, *INTA Bulletin* February 15, 2015 Vol. 70 No. 4;  
Authors’ Works are Not Free Gifts (in Latvian) *Bilances juridiskie padomi* No. 1 (19), January 2015;  
Questions on Intellectual Property, (In Latvian), *Kapitāls* 10/2012;

Innovations are the Road to Prosperity, (in Latvian), *It online*, September 25, 2012;  
*Dispatch From the Trademark Wars: Ambush Marketing and the Arena of Sports” with Jamie B. Bischoff un Jeffrey P. Curry, The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel 19 (Feb. 2005);*  
The Emerging Circuit Split over Secondary Meaning in Trade Dress Law, 152 *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*. 1661 (2004);  
Significant Victory for Fair Use Defense in Trademark Litigation, Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP News Alert (2004).

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#### **EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION**

Acted in 15-20 trademark oppositions with oral hearings before the Latvian Patent Office;  
Acted in 2 complex trademark matters (multiple hearings for each in Latvian Civil Court);  
Acted in 1 Latvian Supreme Court trademark matter;  
Acted in a patent dispute (multiple hearings);  
Advised the Latvian Constitutional Court in a copyright matter.

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