

WIPO LIST OF NEUTRALS

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Date of Birth: July 4, 1965
Nationality: Swiss, German

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Attorney-at-law (Bar Examination), Geneva, Switzerland, 1991.

LANGUAGES

French, German, English

PRESENT POSITION

Partner, Gros & Waltenspühl Law Firm, Geneva since September 2001. Head of Intellectual Property Team.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Associate, Gros & Waltenspühl Law Firm, Geneva, 1993-01;
Associate, Lapp & Gigante Law Firm, Geneva, 1991-92.

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual property: trademarks, designs and patents, copyrights, unfair competition law.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Geneva Bar Association
Legal Commission of the Swiss Watch Industry Federation (FH) (Expert)
Anti-Counterfeiting Group of the FH
Committee of Economiesuisse, head organization of the Swiss Economy
International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (AIPPI)
European Communities Trademark Association (ECTA)
International Trademark Association, (INTA)
MARQUES.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Active for over twenty years as a lawyer in the field of Intellectual Property, notably in relation with:

- Trademark and design prosecution
- IP enforcement
- Litigation in Switzerland (anti-counterfeiting, designs, copyrights)
- Contracts (coexistence agreements, transfer of IP rights, licensing, etc.).

Responsibilities include:

- defining the worldwide IP strategy for major international Companies
 - coordinating IP matters with a network of Law Firms in many countries.
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EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Interventions in numerous domain name cases in Switzerland. Coordination with law firms in many countries to act against domain names infringing the trademark rights of Clients.

Gros & Waltenspühl deals each year with over one thousand domain name cases some of them being brought before the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center.

Attended the WIPO Workshop on Domain Name Dispute Resolution, Geneva, November 2002.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Representation of clients before Swiss courts.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN MEDIATION

Participation to the WIPO Workshop for Mediators on Intellectual Property Disputes, Geneva, June 2002.

Participation as a mediator in several WIPO proceedings for .ch domain names.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ARBITRATION

Attending the WIPO Workshop on Domain Name Dispute Resolution, Geneva, November 2002.
