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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Admitted to the Geneva Bar, May 1998;

Ph. D. awarded by the Lausanne University School of Law for the publication of a dissertation on the subject: "The Protection of Fictional Characters by Copyright Law", (Award of the Banque Cantonale Vaudoise), January 1998;

Admitted to the New York Bar, August 1995;

Master of Laws, Cornell Law School, 1993-94;

"Licence en droit", Lausanne University School of Law, 1989-93.

LANGUAGES

French, English, German.

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PRESENT POSITION

Solicitor, B M G Avocats (Geneva, Switzerland), Intellectual Property Department, since September 1998.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Trainee solicitor, B M G Avocats (Geneva Switzerland), Intellectual Property Department, March 1996-December 1997;
Chair of German Law, Research Assistant to Professor Fritz Sturm (part time), Lausanne University School of Law (Switzerland), October 1994-August 1995;
Chair of Civil Law, Research Assistant to Professor Denis Piotet (full time), Lausanne University School of Law (Switzerland), April 1993-June 1993.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

International Literary and Artistic Association (ALAI);
Licensing Execution Society (LES);
Société suisse des juristes (SSJ);
Société genevoise de droit et de législation;
Editing team of the Swiss Intellectual Property Review "SIC!".

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual Property (trademark, copyright, industrial designs);
Unfair Competition Law;
Contracts.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Advice and litigation for a large number of foreign clients seeking services in Switzerland;
Advice to Swiss multinational companies regarding the protection of their intellectual property assets in Switzerland and abroad;
Monitoring of trademark registrations in Switzerland and abroad;
Monitoring anti-counterfeiting actions on a world-wide basis;
Drafting and negotiation of licensing agreements and of technology transfer agreements;
Drafting and negotiation of agreements in the field of advertising.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Advice on domain names issues as well as monitoring domain names conflicts abroad.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

“La protection des personnages fictifs par le droit d’auteur”, Berne, 1998;
“Le droit d’auteur”, in WEKA Guide for the business manager, January 2000.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Lawyer in various court proceedings in Switzerland on copyright, unfair competition and trademark law issues.
