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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Diploma (International Trade-marks, Designs and Industrial Models), Faculty of Law, University of Strasbourg, Strasbourg, 1995;
Masters (private law and judicial careers), Faculty of Law, University of Paris I, 1991;
J.D., Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, 1990;
B.A. (history and political science), Harvard University, Massachusetts, 1986.

Admitted to Bar:
France;
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LANGUAGES

German, English and French.
Italian and Spanish (intermediate level).

PRESENT POSITION

Partner, Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, 2012.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Partner, SNR Denton (formerly known as Denton Wilde Sapte), 2000-2012;
Of-counsel, Salès Vincent, 1998-2000;
Associate, Salès Vincent, 1994-98;
Associate, Duclos Thorne et Mollet-Vieville, Paris, 1990-94;
Lawyer, International Court of Arbitration, Paris, 1989;
Lawyer, Rosenfeld, Meyer & Susman, Beverly Hills, 1988.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Member:

International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (AIPPI);
International Trademark Association (INTA);
APRAM.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Litigation and counseling with respect to trademarks, copyrights, domain names, patents and designs, neighboring rights and image rights, notably in the fields of pharmaceuticals and biotechnologies, advertising, motion picture production and distribution, and merchandising.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Has worked in intellectual property since 1990.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Litigation, counseling and contract work with respect to domain names, e-commerce, intellectual property rights in website content and in relation to distinctive signs.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

"Issues in Computer-Assisted Contracting, a review of *Il contratto Concluso Mediante Computer*", High Technology Law Journal, 1998;

“La marque communautaire, un nouveau signe distinctif”, (“The Community Trademark, a New Distinctive Sign”), Les Echos, 1996;
“Forclusion par tolérance”, (“Estoppel because of Tolerance [of a later mark]”), Lamy droit commercial, 1996;
“La protection limitée des marques figuratives en droit français”, (“The Limited Protection of Figurative Marks Under French Law”), Les Echos, 1998;
“Les limites de la protection des marques figuratives”, (“Limits to the Protection of Figurative Marks [EU]”), Semaine juridique, 1999.
“La Brevetabilité des Methodes Commerciales en Europe: Règles et Risques”, (“Patentability of Business Models in Europe: Rules and Risks”), Semaine Juridique, 2000.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Numerous cases relating to intellectual property rights and related unfair competition cases before civil and criminal courts (first level and appeals) throughout France, including numerous cases before the chambers specialized in intellectual property litigation of the Paris Courts.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ARBITRATION

Six months clerkship with the Secretariat of the International Chamber of Commerce Court of Arbitration, and counsel in ICC arbitrations and court-related mediations.
