

WIPO LIST OF NEUTRALS

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Date of Birth: June 5, 1970
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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Master in Law, University of Geneva Law School, Geneva, Switzerland, 1989-94;
Admitted to the Geneva Bar, 1996;
Accredited "FSA Mediator", 2002;
BA in Art, Ecole du Louvre, Paris, France, 1993-96;
SAWI, Introduction to marketing, 1992.

LANGUAGES

French, English, German (Read)

PRESENT POSITION

Founder and partner of PIRKER + PARTNER, Geneva law firm, since 2008;
Teacher in Negotiation, Université de Lyon 3, France, since 2004;
Arbiter, WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center for domain name dispute resolution, 2004.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

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Founder and partner of Externalys SA, corporate & family office, Geneva, 2011 –
Founder and partner of Ardeïstm Sàrl, Contemporary Art Edition and Project, Geneva, 2008 –
Magistrate at the TAPI (Geneva's first degree of the public court), 2012 – 2017
Legal teacher at the Head, Geneva University of Art and Design, since 2010 – 2016
Curator of « Controverses », Art exhibition, venue in Switzerland, France, Belgium, Austria,
Luxembourg, Italy, Czech Republic, Denmark 2008 – 2012

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Business law for SMEs, in particular corporate, contract (incl. IP) and labor law; Real estate and construction law; Intellectual Property and Art law;

Specifically in IP: Advices and litigation on copyrights, trademarks and licensing, among other for internet companies or creative industry and art market (artists, collectors, auctioneers, museums regarding); advises clients on domain names issues, registration and monitoring; Panelist for numerous domain name cases.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Geneva Bar Association (OdA), Geneva;
Fédération Suisse des avocats (FSA);
Centre du droit de l'art, Genève;
Centre du droit de l'entreprise (CEDIDAC), Lausanne.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Advices regarding negotiation and litigation for artists, collectors, auctioneers, museums regarding art law and the protection and infringement of copyright law;
Advices regarding negotiation and litigation for e-commerce, software, web sites, and generally for Internet companies;
Advice on trademarks and licensing.

Lectured on:

"Copyrights in the fine arts schools", Ecole des Beaux-Art de Genève (ESBA), Switzerland, 2005;
Legal coordinator and lecturer on "Images Rights", International Symposium, Center for Contemporary Images, Saint Gervais, Geneva, 2004;
"Photography and contract", Museum Ellysée for photography, Lausanne, Switzerland, 2002;
"Photography and Law, various topics", Annual Meeting of the Swiss Association for photographic Institutes (ASIP), Mendrisio, Switzerland, 2001.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Advices clients on domain names issues;
Panelist for domain name cases;
Registration and monitoring of domain names.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Legal coordinator and lecturer on "Images Rights", International Symposium, Center for Contemporary Images, Saint Gervais, Geneva, 2004;
"Copyrights in the fine arts schools", Ecole des Beaux-Art de Genève (ESBA), Switzerland, 2005;
"The Broker's Contract", SVIT Realis, Lausanne, 2006;
"Introduction to Copyright", Association des créatifs romands, Geneva, 2007;
"Introduction to Trademark Law", Association des créatifs romands, Geneva, 2008;

“Shareholders agreements”, Genilem, Genève, 2008;
Numerous lectures about art, photography and law related to the exhibition “Controverses” 2008–2012;
“Photography books and copyrights”, Musée de l’Elysée, 2015.

Book :

« Controverses, une histoire juridique et éthique de la photographie » (*Controversies, a legal and ethical history of photography*), Daniel Girardin et Christian Pirker, éditions Actes Sud, 2008 (Award of the best artbook 2008 – Prix Artcurial).

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Counsel in numerous cases before the Swiss courts, (First Instance, Appeal, Swiss Federal Tribunal).

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN MEDIATION

CEFOC Training in Mediation organised by FSA (Swiss Lawyers Federation), Spring 2002;
“Getting to yes” training”, Egger & Partners, Lausanne, Switzerland, 2002;
WIPO, Workshop on Domain Name Dispute Resolution”, organized by the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, 2001.

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

Lecturer in Negotiation, Université de Lyon 3, France, since 2004;
Counsel and informal Mediator in numerous cases.
