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1994 First State Examination in Law

1995 Doctorate ("Civil law problems involved in the exchange of cultural property")

1997 Second State Examination in Law

1998 Lawyer; expert consultant to the Federal Ministry of the Interior (topic: internet database of cultural property displaced as a result of war).

From 1999 to 2014 Head of the Koordinierungsstelle (Coordination Office) Magdeburg

Since 2006 member of the academic advisory board of Zeitschrift für Kunst und Recht (KUR)

From 2003 to 2020, Head of the Office of the Advisory Commission on the return of cultural property seized as a result of Nazi persecution, especially Jewish property

From 2008 to 2014 Member of the academic advisory board of the Arbeitsstelle für

Provenienzforschung (Bureau for Provenance Research), National Museums Berlin

2009 Expert consultant to the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research (funding program forMuse – Forschung an Museen)

2011 to 2016 Member of the Ethics Committee of the International Council of Museums (ICOM) and member of the international working group "Nazi-Looted Art" of the European Shoah Legacy Institute (ESLI)

2013 / 2014 Member of the Schwabing Art Trove Task Force.

Since 2015 Head of the Department of General and Administrative Matters and Permanent Deputy to the Director of the German Lost Art Foundation in Magdeburg

Since 2018, annual lectureship on "Nazi-looted cultural property, law and ethics" at the University of Würzburg

Numerous national and international publications, including on cultural property law and the Lost Art Database.