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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

B.A., History, Yale University, New Haven, CT, United States of America (U.S.);
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Member:
- Latvian Bar;
- Pennsylvania Bar;
- New Jersey Bar.

Licensed Trademark and Design Rights Attorney (Latvian Patent Office, EUIPO).

LANGUAGES

Latvian, English

PRESENT POSITION

Lecturer and Course Leader, Riga Graduate School of Law, since 2006;
Lecturer and Course Leader, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, since 2008.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Partner and Head of IP/IT Practice Group, COBALT Latvia, 2012 – 2020;
Solo legal practitioner, Riga, Latvia, 2006 – 2012;
Associate, Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP (Philadelphia, U.S.), 2002, 2004 – 2005;
Clinical Intern, The University of Pennsylvania Law School Small Business Clinic, 2001;

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Web Editor, Bain & Company (Boston), 2000;
Intern, The Wall Street Journal (New York, London, Brussels), 1999.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Member, International Trademark Association;
Member, Latvian Patent Attorney Association;
Member, AIPPI.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual property: Trademark, design prosecution; IP litigation and disputes (patents, trademarks, designs, copyright, trade secrets, unfair competition); copyright advisory; domain name disputes and domain portfolio management; IT advisory in transactions; IT contracts (software licenses; assignment of rights, franchise agreements), data protection.

Industry experience: consumer products, IT, pharmaceuticals and life sciences, manufacturing, telecoms, media.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Active practice as intellectual property attorney from 2004 – 2020. Currently on leave to pursue PhD studies.

Practical experience: litigation (all types of IP) in civil and administrative court, trademark oppositions, drafting trademark/design right applications, managing domain registrations and transfers; IP related transactions, regulatory matters, data protection.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Domain registrations and transfers; advising clients on domain name selection and portfolio management.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

- *Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the EU Member State*s, (Flip Petillion, ed.) with Maija Tipaine et al., chapter on Latvia, Intersentia Cambridge, 2019;
- *Landmark IP Decisions of the European Court of Justice* (2014-2018*)*, 2nd edition, 2019 (Berendschot and Janssens, eds.), "Summary and Analysis of Case C- 160/15, *GS Media BV v Sanoma Media Netherlands BV, Playboy Enterprises International Inc*., Britt Geertruida Dekker (with Agnese Gerharde);
- European Patent Academy, "IP Enforcement in Europe," chapter on Latvia with Maija Tipaine, 2020;
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- "Authors' Works are Not Free Gifts" (in Latvian) *Bilances juridiskie padomi* No. 1 (19), January 2015;
- "Questions on Intellectual Property," (In Latvian), *Kapitāls* 10/2012;
- "Innovations are the Road to Prosperity," (in Latvian), *Ir* online, September 25, 2012;
- *"Dispatch From the Trademark Wars: Ambush Marketing and the Arena of Sports"* with Jamie B. Bischoff and Jeffrey P. Curry, The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel 19 (February 2005);
- The Emerging Circuit Split over Secondary Meaning in Trade Dress Law," 152 University of Pennsylvania Law Review, 1661 (2004);

- *"Significant Victory for Fair Use Defense in Trademark Litigation,"* Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP News Alert (2004).

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Acted in trademark oppositions with oral hearings before the Latvian Patent Office Board of Appeal;
Acted in trademark and trademark matters in Latvian Civil Court);
Acted in a Latvian Supreme Court trademark matter;
Advised the Latvian Constitutional Court in a copyright matter.