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PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION, Geneva, Switzerland

2001-Present **Chief of Staff:** Serve as chief assistant to the Secretary-General in managing the organization and directly supervise the Coordination, External Relations and Communications Units. These Units are responsible for the implementation of ITU Resolution and Decisions, major meetings of the Union, the treaty depositary function, and relations with other international organizations and the membership, as well as with the press and media. I serve as Executive Secretary of the Plenipotentiary Conference, the Council and the Coordination Committee and am responsible for the World Summit on the Information Society. I supervise 50 staff members and manage a budget of 10 million USD.

1994-2000 **Senior Policy and Legal Officer:** Served as chief adviser to the Secretary-General on legal and policy matters involving the Union and its membership in the fields of international law, telecommunications, e-commerce, the Internet, and intellectual property. Negotiate and draft treaties, regulatory instruments and contracts concerning telecommunications, copyrights and electronic publishing. Counsel governments on regulatory reform and interpretation of treaties and draft legal and policy studies on telecommunications and technology. Organize high-level conferences on regulatory issues and represent the ITU at WTO and WIPO conferences. (Promoted in 1995, 1999 and 2001)

1997-Present FRANKLIN PIERCE LAW CENTER, Concord, New Hampshire

Adjunct Professor of Law: Teach a two-credit course in the summer on International Telecommunications Law and the Internet as part of the Intellectual Property Institute.

1989-93 FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, Washington, D.C.

Senior Attorney, Division of Credit Practices: Supervised cases and successful litigation against Fortune 500 companies involving enforcement of antitrust and consumer credit statutes.

1981-88 ORGANISATION for ECONOMIC COOPERATION and DEVELOPMENT (Paris)

1984-88 **Legal Adviser:** Advised the Secretary-General, the Council of Ambassadors (governing body of the OECD) and the Secretariat on complex legal problems including international law and jurisdiction, trade, telecommunications and interpretation of the OECD Convention. Counseled various OECD Expert Committees. Negotiated, drafted and reviewed international agreements and contracts in French and English. Successfully defended the Organisation against staff complaints before its Appeals Board.

- 1983-84 **Principal Administrator**
 1981-83 **Administrator:** Served the OECD Expert Committees on Competition and Consumer Policy, composed of high-level government officials from the Member countries. Prepared major published legal and policy reports for these Committees on trade, competition and consumer policy. Served as OECD delegate to numerous conferences at the United Nations. (Promoted to Legal Adviser in 1984)
- 1976-80 **FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, Washington, D.C.**
Program Adviser: Supervised a complex trade regulation rulemaking proceeding concerning warranties and the housing industry, which involved drafting the 600 page Staff Report and regulations, testimony before Congress, preparing legal memoranda and motions and litigation in federal court.
- Clerkships Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, Washington, D.C.

Nicholson & Carter, Washington, D.C. EDUCATION

AND ACADEMIC HONORS

- 1976 **GEORGE WASHINGTON LAW CENTER, Washington, D.C. (J. D., with Honors)**
 Grades: top fifteen percent.
 Honors: Director, Legal Aid Program
 Awarded First Prize in A.S.C.A.P. competition for a paper on copyright law.
 Mayor's Award (Washington, D.C.).
- 1971 **CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Ithaca, New York (B.S., with Honors)**
 Major: Industrial and Labor Relations.
 Honors: Dean's List.

OTHER LEGAL ACTIVITIES

- 2001 **INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY LAW REVIEW**
 Member, Editorial Board
- 1983-85 **UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO**
 Institute on International and Comparative Law - Paris
 Guest Lecturer on European antitrust, trade and consumer law.
- 1982-87 Speaker at numerous seminars sponsored by law schools, the Sorbonne and the French Government on international law and jurisdiction and competition policy.
- BAR Connecticut, 1976; Colorado, 1977.

LANGUAGES

English (mother tongue).
 French (fluent; awarded UNESCO proficiency certificate in 1996).

PUBLICATIONS

China's Internet Policy & Legislation, (587 pages; February 2000) (Contributing Editor) "Regulatory Challenges in the Digital Age", InterMedia Magazine (March 1999)

Internet for Development, ITU Book (Spring 1999) (authored chapter on Internet law and Regulation).

Competition and Trade Policies: Their Interaction, OECD Publications (155 pages, 1985) (Principal Author).

Competition Policy and the Professions, OECD Publications (111 pages, 1985) (Author).

Competition Law Enforcement, OECD Publications (125 pages, 1984)(Principal Author).

Ten Years of Consumer Policy, OECD Publications (121 pages, 1983) (Author).

"The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act", 7 Colorado Lawyer 378 (March 1978) (Co-author).

RECENT CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Published Papers Presented

"Access to Networks and Services"

InfoEthics 2000

Paris (November 2000)

"Establishing a Global Framework for Authentication of E-Commerce"

BiHTe1 2000

Sarajevo (October 2000)

Speaker

Global Society Dialogue

Topic: The Telecommunications Resource in the 21st Century

Ulm., Germany (October 2000)

Conference on the 1999 Telecommunications Review in Europe

Topic: The Changing Role of the Regulator Brussels (March 2000)

WIPO International Conference on Electronic Commerce and Intellectual Property

Topic: "International law and the Role of International Organizations in E-Commerce"

Geneva (fall 1999)

Conferences on the Year 2000 Computer Problem

Topic: "Legal Aspects of the Y2K Problem for Telecommunications Regulators and Operators"

Conference on the Information Society

Topic: "Privacy, Freedom and the Internet"

Organized by the European Commission; Vienna (December 1998)

Negotiating International Trade Issues

Topic: "Development of the International Accounting Rate System"

Organized by the University of Geneva; Geneva (November 1997)