

Biographical Sketch - Dr. Silke v.Lewinski

SILKE v. LEWINSKI is head of department on international law and particular problems of developing countries at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Patent, Copyright and Competition Law in Munich. She has frequently represented the Institute at the World Intellectual Property Organisation's (WIPO's) Committees of Experts and Standing Committees.

Dr. v.Lewinski has been an expert consulting the European Commission in a number of cases, in particular regarding the EC Rental Rights Directive (1989 - 1992; drafting of EC proposal and steering through legislative process), and regarding the WIPO Diplomatic Conference 1996 where she was a member of the delegation of the European Communities. At the WIPO Diplomatic Conference 2000 on Audivisual Performances, she was a delegate for Germany. Dr. Silke v. Lewinski has been the chief legal expert consulting the governments of several Eastern and Central European and former Soviet Union countries on their copyright legislation in the framework of the PHARE-program (since January 1995) and the TACIS-program (since 1996) both established and administered by the European Commission.

Numerous publications and lectures worldwide since 1987 focus on topics related to copyright law, primarily international and European copyright law as well as problems of new technologies. Her book publications include a comparative thesis on public lending right (Munich 1990), the commentary *The EC Directive on Rental and Lending Rights and on Piracy* (London 1993, together with Dr. J. Reinbothe), the commentary 'Europaisches Urheberrecht' ('European Copyright Law' , Vienna 2001, together with Walter, Dreier, Blocher, Daum, Dillenz) and the commentary 'The WIPO Treaties 1996' (London 2001, together with Dr. J. Reinbothe).

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In 1999, she has been a judge at the German Rounds of the International Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition.

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