

Curriculum vitae Christian von Bar

Born 5th May 1952 in Hannover (Germany).

Legal education at Freiburg, Kiel and Göttingen (Germany) 1970 - 1974. Dr. jur. 1976; Assessor 1977; Dr. jur. habil. (Privatdozent) 1979. LL.M. studies in Cambridge/England October-December 1979. Acting chair in Bochum (summer term 1980) and Bonn (winter term 1980/81).

University Professor at Osnabrück since 1981. Board member of European Union Law Institute 1985-2003. Founder and Director of the Institute of Private International and Comparative Law (from 1987-2003). Founder and Director of the European Legal Studies Institute since 2003. Dean 1988/89. Chairman of the Examination Board of the Ministry of Justice of Lower Saxony since 1988. Offered the position of Department Chair at the University of Munich in 1987 and Department Chair at the University of Heidelberg in 1991.

Bodossakis Research Fellow, Churchill College, Cambridge 1981/82. Visiting Professor, Waseda-University, Tokyo 1985; Guest Professor, University of Aix-en-Provence 1986; Guest Professor, University of Kobe, 1996; Visiting Professor, Hague Academy of International Law; 1998 session. Visiting Professor and Visiting Fellow of Brasenose College, University of Oxford, 2000.

Holder of the Leibniz Prize 1993. Honorary Master of the Bench, Gray's Inn, London, 1993; Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy, London, 2000; Corresponding Fellow of the Académie de Droit Comparé, The Hague, 2003; Doctor iuris honoris causa Catholic University Leuven 2003; Holder of the Lower Saxony State Award 2006; Linnaeus Doctor iuris honoris causa Uppsala University 2007; Dr. iuris honoris causa Tartu University 2007; Dr. iuris honoris causa Helsinki University 2010.

Chairman of the Study Group on a European Civil Code 1999-2009. One of the speakers of the “Common Principles of European Contract Law (CoPECL)” network of excellence established in 2005 under the European Union’s 6th Framework Programme on Research. Member of the Commission on European Contract Law (Lando-Group) since 1992. Consultant to the UNIDROIT working group on international commercial contracts since 2005

Head of an international research group on Pan-European Tort Law 1992-1999. Head of a project on the History of German Private International Law 1989-2001. Head of an international research group on Pan-European law on Unjustified Enrichment and

Negotiorum Gestio 1999-2009. Head of an international research group on Pan-European Property Law since 2009.

Special Adviser to the Vice-President of the European Commission Viviane Reding on strategic issues for developing the European area of Justice and Fundamental Rights 2010-2011. Adviser to the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft on Private International Law and Comparative Law; chief adviser to the Expert Committee on Law 1996-2000. Consultant, *inter alia*, to the European Parliament, European Commission, Bundesrat, German Lawyers Forum, Annual Meeting on Road Traffic Law, Volkswagen Foundation, Thyssen Foundation, Humboldt Foundation, Austrian Research Fund for the promotion of academic research, the Swiss National Research Fund, Scottish and Dutch universities, European University Institute, Florence, the National Research Foundation, South Africa and the DAAD. Consultant to several national and international research organisations. Drafted numerous expert opinions for German courts on foreign law. Assisted the coordinating committee set up with a view to re-establishing the Law Faculty at the University of Greifswald. Chairman of the Osnabrück- Emsland Law Society 1993-1997. Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Osnabrück University Press.

Editor of three law serials. Editor and Commentator of the Staudinger Commentary on the German Civil Code/Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch. Co-Editor of the outline and the full editions of the Draft Common Frame of Reference (Principles, Definitions and Model Rules of European Private Law). Member of the International Scientific Advisory Board of *Il Foro Padano*, of *Europa e diritto privato*, of the *European Review of Private Law*, of *Aansprakelijkheid en Verzekering*, of the *Comparative and International Law Journal of Southern Africa*, of *Gemeinschaftsprivatrecht*, of *International Public and Private Law (Moscow)*, of the *Romanian Journal of Comparative and Private International Law (Bucharest)*, of *Juridica* and of *Juridica International (Tartu)*.

Member of the Advisory Council of the Centre for Advanced Study of European and Comparative Law of the University of Oxford. Member of the Society of Comparative Law (Paris). Member of the International Law Association (ILA). Member of several Working Groups on the reform of the law on road traffic accidents. Chief Advisor to the German Lawyers' Forum on tort law reform of mass accidents and class actions. Member of the first Council of International Advisors to the Hungarian Ministry of Justice on the reform of the Hungarian Civil Code. Former member of *Groupe européen de droit international privé*, the *European Group on Liability Law* and the *international Working Group Evaluation et indemnisation du préjudice corporel dans les pays de la Communauté*.

Member of the German Council for Private International Law; of the German Society of Public International Law; of the German Association of Teachers of Private Law; of the German Comparative Law Society; of the German Society for International Procedural Law.

Organiser of numerous international conferences. Initiated the Anglo-German judicial conferences. Organised and coordinated 18 meetings of the Study Group on a European Civil Code which were hosted on a rotating basis by a different Member State.

Lectured in Austria, Belgium, China, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Israel, Japan, Korea, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom, and at the Hague Academy for International Law.

Author of approx. 360 books, articles and reviews, which have been published in Austria, Belgium, China, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the UK and the United States.

Knight (Ehrenritter) of the Order of Johanniter since 1986, Rechtsritter since 2002; member of the Board of Trustees of a Johanniter Hospital 1990–1993 and of the Osnabrück Johanniter Hilfsgemeinschaft since 1989; Vice-President of a Musical Society, Osnabrück (1989-2005).