

Maurice P. CHOQUARD's Curriculum Vitae

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PROFILE: Independent **attorney at law** admitted to the bar in **SWITZERLAND** (ZH & GE) and in **CALIFORNIA**. Professional experience include 7 years experience as **In-house Counsel** (BBC BROWN BOVERI & Co.) & **General Counsel** (KUEHNE & NAGEL Group) and 23 years in private practice (Geneva, San Francisco, Zurich). **Practice** concentrates in areas of Swiss and International Business Transactions; Wills, Estates & Trusts and Commercial Arbitration - Litigation. **Fluent** in French (mother tongue), English & German.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

1986 - Today ***PRIVATE PRACTICE of INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW as attorney at law***

Private practice emphasizing international aspects of Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, Contracts, Corporations, Banking Law, Labor Law, Inheritance, M & A, Technology Transfer, Unfair Competition & Trusts.

"Solo"-Practice (Kusknacht-Zurich, 2000-Today)

Representative Cases: Negotiating sales contracts of Swiss high tech machinery to French, Russian and USA agencies. Acting as counsel for a Turkish company against an English company as well as for an Irish company against a German firm before the Arbitral Tribunal of the Zurich Chamber of Commerce; Contracts for the transfer of a young star from a Swiss Super-Ligua Football Club to one of the top 'Bundesliga' one. Contract negotiations on behalf of industrial conglomerates (Western & E-EU) in their dealings with Northern Africa; Formation of legal entities; Estate planning including trusts; Set-up of Swiss/European headquarters of foreign group of companies; Judicial representation of one of the largest French banks against one of the largest Swiss banks, with attachment and appeal proceedings; Consulting on behalf of a Swedish company group in its contracting strategic and material support of an African State Government for the infrastructure of its harbor, roads & sewer facilities, electrical and communication networks.

Senior Partner in 14 Lawyers' Firm (Zollikon-Zurich, 1996-2000)

Representative Cases: "M & A" in the Swiss steel market; Assisting a major automobile import group to comply with the (new) Swiss, and (always changing) EU, Antitrust Regulations; Contract negotiations on behalf of industrial conglomerates (Western & E-EU) in their dealings with Northern Africa; Drafting the "Code of Business Ethics" for the general counsel of a Swiss conglomerate to promulgate among its 157 In-House Counsels; Strategic planning for the establishment of a foreign bank in Switzerland; Labor Law dispute resolution; Formation of legal entities; Pursuit of damages before a Swiss Court for a foreign resident claiming against a Spanish conglomerate as its long time business agent.

Senior Partner in 4 Lawyers' Firm (Zurich, 1986-1996)

Representative Cases: Complete restructuring of a major Swiss (CHF 550 million) automobile import company by redrafting all agreements (distribution, licensing, leasing, etc.); Asset protection (through negotiation, litigation and attachment in a dozen countries) for a wife and sons against a mistress in the United States seeking to divert US\$ 800 million from decedent's estate; Fiduciary sale of a major MODIGLIANI painting; Seizure and attachment proceedings for a bank claiming against the assets of Werner K. REY. Collection efforts involving US\$ 22 million embezzled from Soviet crude oil traders; Collections activity for a Swiss trade association; Arranging release of a US\$ 53 mio claim paid by a Northern African State to a US co.

1984-1986 KUEHNE & NAGEL INTERNATIONAL LTD, Pfaeffikon-SZ-CH, General counsel, Executive Vice-President.

General counsel for the KN-Group. Services focused on corporate matters, contracts, Litigation-Arbitration, labor relations, insurance, and trademark matters. Reported directly to the co-owner, general manager and cochairman of the Board of Directors.

Representative Cases: Negotiating a Joint Venture with the largest land transportation group of Brazil, Acquisition of an insurance company in Australia; Implementing a distribution agreement with the largest French wine retailer regarding three deliveries per day to each of 200 outlets; Establishment of the first foreign-owned legal entity in the Sultanate of Oman; Negotiation of a joint venture agreement with PUROLATOR Inc., for small package delivery between the U.S. and Germany.

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1980-1984 BBC BROWN BOVERI & Cie, Baden-AG / CH, Legal counsel.

Responsible for all legal issues worldwide of the three production departments of Traction (trains, streetcars, etc.), Electronics and Turbines, as well as a fair portion of the hundreds affiliated companies; Main legal negotiator for transactions regarding the French-speaking world and North America. Emphasis on International Business Transactions, Corporate issues, Contracts, Product Liability issues, International Litigation and Arbitration.

Representative Cases: Negotiated sale of BBC France (conglomerate with 9'500 employees) to ALSTHOM, pursuant to direction of the French Prime Minister; Reorganization of the public steel and electricity production in Togo, Africa, through the formation of companies and drawing up of all related agreements (leases, loans, management, sales, shareholders', etc.); Negotiating a 600 million US\$ contract on the U.S. West Coast (including turbines, power stations, and substations) for supplying power to the Los Angeles Basin; Contract work permitting acquisition of sixty streetcars for the City of Geneva; Lead counsel in major litigation against the City of Wellington, New Zealand, regarding more than 80 streetcars, with sub-legal issues including seizure of bank deposits of a BBC consortium partner consistent with BBC's guarantee of the prime debt.

**1979-1980 NIXON PEABODY, LLP. (fka LILLICK McHOSE & CHARLES), Attorneys at Law.
*San Francisco, CA. / USA Foreign attorney. Contract, Securities & Corporate Law.***

**1978-1980 GENERAL CONSULATE OF SWITZERLAND,
*San Francisco, CA. / USA Part-time legal counsel. Swiss law involving the Consulate and private clients.***

**1978-79 Bernard PETRIE Law Firm,
*San Francisco, CA. / USA Foreign attorney. General practice.***

**1974-77 (fka) JACQUEMOUD JEANRENAUD & VOUILLOZ, Attorneys at Law.
*Geneva, Switzerland. Junior attorney ("stagiaire")***

EDUCATION

1980 **CALIFORNIA BAR EXAMINATION** & admitted to the State Bar of California.

1978-79 **MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.)** in International Business Transactions, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley. Graduated with Honors. Academic course load placed emphasis on International Commercial Law, Contracts, Torts and Constitutional Law.

1978 *First foreign student at **GOLDEN GATE University School of Law, in San Francisco.***
Collected credit "units", no diploma) in Corporations, Civil Procedure, Wills, Estates & Trusts.

1977 **GENEVA BAR EXAMINATION** with the highest score among thirty-three candidates.

1971-74 **J.D. ("Licence en Droit")**, University of Geneva.

1971 **Baccalaureate** (Type B, Latin), Calvin College, Geneva.