
WIPO LIST OF NEUTRALS

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Nationality: French

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Doctor *honoris causa* of the University of Heidelberg (1993);
Professorial Examination (“*Agrégation*”) of Law Schools, 1980;
University of Montpellier (*magna cum laude or summa cum laude*, six times Laureate of the Faculty,
in various capacities);
Doctoral degree: “Juge et Loi du Brevet” [“Judge and Law regarding Patents”], 1976;

Admitted to the Bar, Lauréat de l’Ordre” (Laureate), 1972-77.

LANGUAGES

English, French, Spanish

PRESENT POSITION

Professor, The Paris Institute of Political Studies “Sciences Po”;
Responsible of the IP Speciality;
Expert consultant to the French and European Authorities;
Member, French “Academic Scientific Mission” (Ministry of Education and Research);
Member, French “High Council of Industrial Property”;

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WIPO Profile - M. VIVANT

Member, French "Forum of the Rights on Internet";
Member, EPO Consultative Commission for Research;
Co-director, with Pierre Sirinelli, of the Journal "*Revue du Droit de l'immatériel*", (Immaterial Law Review).
Consultant (see areas of specialization);
Partner in the firm Gilles Vercken, attorney-at-law, Paris.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Professor, University of Montpellier (until 2007);
Dean of the Faculty of Law and Economic Sciences;
Vice-President of the University of Montpellier I (1990-1993);

Visiting Professor or Associate, Fondation Vargas (Rio), Academy of European Law (Trier), Universities Hassan II (Casablanca), La Sagesse (Beirut), Laval (Quebec), UNAM (Mexico), Tunis 1 (Tunisia), Can Tho (Vietnam), Professor at the CEIPI ("Centre d'Etudes Internationales de la Propriété Industrielle" [International Institute for Industrial Property]) in Strasbourg, at the IDA ("Institut de Droit des Affaires" [Institute of Business Law]) in Aix-en-Provence and in the University of Montpellier (IP)

Guest lecturer in Algeria, Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Columbia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Egypt, Germany, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, the Netherlands, Portugal, Senegal, Slovenia, Spain, South Korea, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, Vietnam.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual property / Patents / Trademarks / Copyright / New technologies / Computer law / Internet / Electronic commerce / International and European Law.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Association littéraire et artistique internationale (ALAI);
International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Advising lawyers and companies regarding patents, copyright, new technologies, Internet matters.
Expert for French and International Authorities (see above).

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO INTERNET

WIPO Domain Name Panelist;

Participation in different French and European Commissions, several interventions for the French Council of Audiovisual, UNESCO, WIPO, World Bank;

Consulting Activities for the "actors" of Internet;
Partnership with the Vercken Firm.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Numerous publications in the field of intellectual property, in six languages in fifteen countries, including:

- the annotated *Code of Intellectual Property* (Litec, new edition each year);
 - the *Lamy Informatique et Réseaux* [Computer and Internet Law] (Lamy, new edition each year);
 - *Les contrats du Commerce électronique* [Contracts in Electronic Commerce] (Litec, 1999),
 - *La brevetabilité face à l'innovation technique contemporaine* [Patentability in the Light of Present Day Technical Innovation] (Report for INPI, 2002) published with the title : *Protéger les inventions de demain, Biotechnologies, logiciels et méthodes d'affaires* [Protecting tomorrow's inventions, Biotechnology, computer and business programs] (La Documentation Française, 2003);
 - *Les Grands Arrêts de la Propriété intellectuelle* [IP Main Cases] (dir. and co-writing) (Dalloz, 2004);
 - *Le droit des brevets* [Patent Law] (Dalloz, 2006);
 - *Le droit d'auteur des brevets* [Copyright] (Dalloz).
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EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Practice of internal arbitration (particularly in contract law) and international arbitration (ICC and UNCITRAL matters in IT law), registered as arbitrator of the French National Committee of the ICC; WIPO "Arbitrator" for domain names.
