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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

London School of Economics and Political Science, UK, Vocational, Intellectual Property Law and Society Course, 2012;
Course on Cyberlaw, 2016;
Courses on Public and Private International Law, The Hague Academy of International Law, Vocational, 2014;
LL.M., European Law, Leiden University, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), 2010;
LL.B., University of Latvia, Latvia, 2006.

LANGUAGES

English, Latvian (languages for drafting a decision), Russian (for reviewing case pleadings).

PRESENT POSITION

Partner, Sorainen Latvia and co-head of the Dispute Resolution & Risk Management practice.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Partner, Law firm Sorainen, Riga, Latvia, 2010 – present;
Professional trademark attorney, Riga, 2017 – present;
Lecturer of law, The Latvian College of Culture, Riga, 2017 – 2017;
Lecturer of Intellectual Property Law, RTU Riga Business School, Riga, 2015 – 2015, 2023 – 2024;
Member of Advisory Board, Transparency International Latvian Chapter Delna, Riga, 2014 – 2017;
Trainee, Abler & Geiger, Brussels, Belgium, 2010 – 2010;
Associate, Attorneys at Law "Treilons & Petrovics", Riga, 2005 – 2009;

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Legal Assistant, Law Office "N. Patmalnieka juridiskais birojs", Riga, 2004 – 2005;
 Legal Assistant, Latvia's State Prosecutor's Office, Riga, 2003 – 2004.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Latvian Bar Association (Member of the Disciplinary Proceedings Commission);
 Association of Latvian Professional Patent Attorneys (LPPA).

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

As an experienced litigation lawyer, specializes in a range of legal areas, including intellectual property (IP) law, reputation protection, criminal law, defamation law and media law.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Extensive experience in IP-related matters, including trademark, copyright and patent law, and has successfully represented clients in high-profile patent litigation cases. Understanding the importance of protecting clients' valuable intellectual property rights and developing effective strategies for maintaining a positive online reputation. As a licensed professional patent attorney specializing in trademarks, qualified to represent international clients before the Latvian Patent Authority and the Industrial Property Board of Appeal for trademark-related matters. In addition to legal practice, has also shared expertise as a lecturer in intellectual property (IP) law at Riga Business School.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Assisted various companies (domestic and international) in court matters concerning the use of Internet domain names.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Judgment not written by the court (2024) – Andris Tauriņš;
 What to Do When a Company's Reputation is Threatened (2024) – Andris Tauriņš;
 Collective Redress Directive: what will it bring for businesses and consumers? (2023), Andris Tauriņš, Lūcija Strauta, Nikola Cīparsons, Jürgen Adamson, Helery Maidlas, Raminta Matulytė;
 Baltics and Belarus: latest intellectual property highlights (2021), Maksim Salahub, Marina Golovnikskaya, Stefan Tomchik, Stasys Drazdauskas, Aušrinė Dambrauskaitė, Ieva Andersone, Andris Tauriņš, Linda Sarāne-Reneslāce, Gunvaldis Leitens, Kaupo Lepasepp, Olivia Kranich, Oliver Kuusk;
 Frequently asked questions about trademarks in the EU (2021), Marina Golovnikskaya, Maksim Salahub, Olivia Kranich, Kaupo Lepasepp, Andris Tauriņš, Stasys Drazdauskas, Linda Sarāne-Reneslāce, Monika Mališauskaitė-Vaupšienė, Ieva Andersone;
 How to lawfully use another person's trademark without permission, or exhaustion of rights and its exceptions, (2020), Andris Tauriņš., Linda Reneslāce;
 Latvia: Recent intellectual property topicalities (2019), Andris Tauriņš, Ieva Andersone;
 EU Copyright Directive to create new obligations for technology and online media companies (2019), Mihkel Miidla, Andris Tauriņš, Kirill Laptev, Jonas Kiauleikis, Laimonas Skibarka, Stasys Drazdauskas;
 Article 13 of the Copyright Directive: between legal redress and internet filters (2019), Madara Melņika, Andris Tauriņš;
 Use of trademarks in commerce, politics and religion (2018), Andris Tauriņš;
 Latvia: Digital copyright rules on the verge of change (2018), Jūlija Valpētere, Ieva Andersone, Andris Tauriņš;
 Application of provisional remedies in intellectual property law (2013), Andris Tauriņš;
 Internet domain name dispute resolution in Latvia (2011), Andris Tauriņš.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Experienced litigation lawyer; represented several clients as counsel in court regarding IP matters (patents, trademarks, copyright, etc.)

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Represented several clients as counsel in commercial arbitration disputes at domestic arbitration tribunals (Latvia) from 2010 – 2016.
