



## Curriculum vitae

### Personal Details

o. Univ.-Prof. Dr. Bea VERSCHRAEGEN, LL.M., M.E.M.

Place of birth: Ghent (Belgium)

Nationality: Austria

Child: Jan Stormann (1998, born in Bielefeld, Germany)

### Current Positions

#### Inland

Chair Prof. of Private International Law and Comparative Law with special focus on Private Commercial Law (University of Vienna) since 1998

Head of the Section for Comparative Law, Unified Law and Private International Law (University of Vienna) since 2005

Member of the Legal Remedy's Commission of the University Senate (University of Vienna – ReMIK; renewed in 2016) since 2013

Coordinator of the special program „International Private Commercial Law and Comparative Law“ (University of Vienna) since 2004

Member of the Austrian Mediation Council (mediation closely related to court proceedings) as delegate to “Universities Austria” (former Austrian Rectors’ Conference) (renewed in 2009 and 2014) since 2004

Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the ICL-Online Journal (Online Journal of International Constitutional Law) since 2008

Member of the scientific Council of the journal “juridikum” since 2010

#### Abroad

Honorary president (Présidente honoraire) of the International Commission on Civil Status (Commission Internationale de l’Etat Civil, CIEC, Strasbourg) since 2002

Elected member of the Academia Europaea (AE) since 2016

Head of the Austrian National Committee of the International Academy of Comparative Law / Académie internationale de droit comparé (IACL / AIDC)	since	2008
Titular Member / Membre titulaire of IACL / AIDC	since	2010
Fellow of the International Academy of the “Belt and Road”	since	2016
Fellow of the International Advisory Board of the “Belt and Road” Research Base of Hong Kong	since	2016
Member of the International Board of Advisors (IBA) of CityU Hong Kong (renewed in 2015)	since	2011
External Academic Advisor (EAA) of CityU Hong Kong	since	2010
Adjunct professor at the University of Macau (renewed in 2015)	since	2012
European Mediator (EMPTJ)	since	2015
Elected Member of the American Law Institute (ALI)	since	2012
Member of the Working Group of the American Law Institute (ALI) on the “3 <sup>rd</sup> Restatement” (Private International Law)	since	2015
Member of the Working Group of the American Law Institute (ALI) on “Children and the Law”	since	2015
Fellow of the European Law Institute (ELI)	since	2011
Ambassadrice pour l’Autriche (AISDC/ Lausanne)	since	2009
Member of the Working Group “Family Needs” (Prof. A. <i>Miranda</i> ) – „Trento Common Core of European Private Law“ (U. Mattei / M. Bussani)	since	2007
Member of the Executive Council of the International Society of Family Law (ISFL)	since	1989
Member of the International Advisory Board of the International Encyclopedia of Laws (IEL)	since	1995
Co-opted member of the German Association of International Law	since	1994
Co-opted member of the German Academic Association of Family Law	since	1993
Member of the Editorial Board of the journal “Law and Politics”	since	2011
Member of the International Board of Editors of the “International Journal for the Jurisprudence of the Family”	since	2010

## Academic Career

Appointment to Chair professor for Private International Law and Comparative Law with special regard to Private Commercial Law at the University of Vienna	1998
First listed and offer of a full professorship (C 4) for Civil Law, Private International Law, Comparative Law, European Private Law and European Integration (Univ. of Bielefeld) – Succession Prof. <i>H. Schack</i>	1994 – 1998
First listed and offer of a full professorship (C 4) for Civil Law and subsidiary subjects (Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt / Oder, Germany), teaching in the fields of Civil Law, Private International Law, Comparative Law, European Integration	1992 – 1994
Co-opted member of the „Kommission für Europarecht, Ausländisches und Internationales Privatrecht“ (Commission for European Law, Foreign Law and Private International Law) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW) (until the Commission closed down)	1985 – 1998
Short-listed (final round) for the position of Secretary General of the Hague Conference (The Hague)	2013
Visiting fellow at Wolfson College, Oxford University / UK (invited by Prof. <i>Denis Galligan</i> )	1996 – 1997
Award of the Russian „International Higher Juridical Prize Themis‘ 2014“ by the „International Fund for Support of Legal Initiatives“ (Международный фонд для поддержки юридических инициатив) for special legal cross-border academic services	2014
Associated Member of the International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL)	2002 – 2010
Short-listed for a chair „Civil Law“ at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland	1990
Sponsorship award 1989 (Humanities and Social Sciences) of the City of Vienna for all scientific contributions published, including the Habilitation thesis	1989
Habilitation at the University of Vienna for Comparative Law and Private International Law	1989
Associate Professor at the Law Faculty (University of Vienna)	1989 – 1994
University assistant at the Institute of Comparative Law (Chair Prof. <i>Fr. Schwind</i> )	1980 – 1989

University assistant at the Institute of State Law and Administrative Law (Chair Prof. <i>Th. Öhlinger</i> )	1979 – 1980
Research assistant at the Institute of Civil Procedure (Chair Prof. <i>H. W. Fasching</i> )	1976 – 1979
University of Vienna: Law (Mag. iur. 1977; Dr. iur. 1978) and from 1985 on Ethnology and History of Arts	1973 – 1978
Rijksuniversiteit Gent: Law and Musicology	1972 – 1973
Koninklijk Atheneum Gent-Centrum: School leaving examination and qualification for university entrance (classical branch – Latin and ancient Greek)	1972

### **Initiator of various academic and practice-related activities**

Member of the Group of initiators for the development of the “Dispute Resolution Mechanism for the Belt and Road” (Hong Kong)	2016
Development and organization of the post-graduate program „European and Asian Legal Studies – Shaping and Steering of Cross-Border Transactions“ (EALS)	2012 – 2016
Founder of the „Interdisziplinäre Gesellschaft für Komparatistik und Kollisionsrecht (IGKK) / Interdisciplinary Association of Comparative and Private International Law (IACPIL)“	2009
Development and coordination of the special program „Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution“ (area of specialization within the law diploma program) at the Law Faculty, University of Vienna	1999 – 2009
Co-ordinator of the special program (area of specialization within the law diploma program) “Mittel- und Osteuropäische Studien” (MOEST, Central and East European Studies) at the University of Vienna	2010 – 2015
Main contribution to genesis, concept and realization of JAP (Zeitschrift für „Juristische Ausbildung und Praxisvorbereitung“, Journal for legal education and preparation for practice, Manz); editorship and coordination of Nr 1 / 1990	1989 – 1990

### **Advisory activities and Conflict Resolution**

#### **Abroad (ongoing)**

Judge at the International Arbitration Court Hangzhou (China)	since 2017
Arbitrator at the Romanian Arbitration Court for International Transport Disputes	since 2015

Member of the Experts' Group on "Cross-Border Recognition and Enforcement of Agreements in International Child Disputes" at the Hague Conference (The Hague)	since	2013
Member of the Academic Advisory Council „Institute for European Traffic Law“ (IETL)	since	2013
Member of the Editorial council of "Вестник гражданского права" ([Russ.] Civil Law Review)	since	2014

### **Abroad (formerly)**

Senior expert in the fields of family and succession law for the elaboration of a Family Law Code and a Succession Law Code in the frame of the EU-sponsored project „Support to Civil code and Property Rights“, managed by the EUO in Kosovo and implemented by a Consortium led by GIZ IS		2015
Special Advisor for international relations of the Rector of Pan European University / Bratislava		2012 – 2014
Expert on behalf of the Ontario Department of Justice (CA) on „Marriage, Cohabitation, (registered) Partnerships and same-sex Marriage in Continental Europe, under the UN-Pacts, the EU-Law and jurisprudence, and the case-law of the European Convention on Human Rights”		2000 – 2001
Expert on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee, German Bundestag (Berlin) on „Registered Partnerships“(„Lebenspartnerschaften“)		2000
Expert on behalf of the Centre of Private Law (Moscow) on the Reform of „(Russian) Private International Law“		2009
Expert on behalf of the OECD – SIGMA-Program (Paris) on Comparative Public Law		1995 – 1997
Expert for the Directorate of Legal Affairs of the Council of Europe (Paris & Strasburg) on „Comparative Law“, „International Law“ and „Family Law“		1986, 1988 – 1992,1994
Expert for the „Commission des questions juridiques“ of the Council of Europe - Resolution 894 (1988) on „Reservations of the Council of Europe’s Treaties“		1988
Judge at Jessup Moot Court Competition (Hong Kong) Regional Round		2010

### **Inland (ongoing)**

Member of the Experts' Pool of the Austrian Chamber of Commerce as Supervisor for Psychological Advisors	since	2017
Member of the Experts' Pool of the Austrian Chamber of Commerce as Psychologic Advisor	since	2017
Practitioner in International Mediation and ADR, entered on the list of the Vienna Arbitral Centre (VIAC)	since	2016
Accredited mediator (i.a. cross-border mediation, international and intercultural mediation) (renewed 2010 until 2020)	since	2005
Registered mediator acc. to § 39c FLAG – Federal Ministry for Family and Youth: in co-operation i.a. with Dr. <i>Ernst Silbermayr</i>	since	2015
Mediator	since	1999

### **Inland (formerly)**

Appointee for the elaboration of a Law Study Program at Sigmund Freud PrivatUniversität Wien, responsible for the SFU-Master-program		2013 – 2015
Head of the Committee on the Elaboration of Quality Standards for Training Institutions, Austrian Mediation Council		2008 – 2009
Head of the Committee on the Elaboration of Quality Standards regarding the mediator's training, Austrian Mediation Council		2007 – 2008
Scientific supervision of the mediation project „Sauberer Burggarten“ (Clean Burg garden, City of Vienna, group mediation)		2003
Chair Judge at the 21 <sup>th</sup> Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vienna)		2014
Judge at the 18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vienna)		2011
Head of the Academic Council of the LLM-Program “Legal Theory” at the University of Vienna		2011 – 2013
Member of the Working Group (Austrian Federal Ministry of Justice) on the reform of filiation law		2002 – 2004
Member of the Working Group (Austrian Federal Ministry of Justice) on the reform of divorce law, effects of divorce and divorce proceedings		1995 – 1998
Expert in the „Zukunftswerkstätte“ / Working group on the reform of family law (Vienna)		1994 – 1998

Independent advisor of the Parliamentary Group of the Austrian People's Party (Austrian Parliamentary Club) to chairperson (and later 2<sup>nd</sup> president of the National Assembly) Dr. *H. Neisser* on matters of "European Integration" regarding the preparation of Austria's accession to the European Economic Area (EEA) / European Union (EU) 1992 – 1994

### **Further Education and Experience at Research Institutes**

Maître Européen en Médiation (M.E.M.) / European Master in Mediation (E.M.M.) at the Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (Sion) / Universitat de Barcelona (Les Heures) 1999 – 2001

Master of Laws LL.M. (Comparative European Law, Comparative Conflicts of Law, Comparative Family Law, European Institutions) at the University of London (King's College und LSE) 1982 – 1983

Regular further training in various countries on Mediation, ADR and Arbitration since 2001

Research at the EC-Commission (Brussels), sponsored by the University of Bielefeld, Germany 1996

Research at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and Private International Law (each time for several months), sponsored by the MPI Hamburg and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research 1990 / 1991 / 1992 / 1994 / 1995 / 1997

Research at the Institute of Foreign, Private and Economic Law of the University of Heidelberg 1990

Research at the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium), sponsored by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research 1986

Research at the Council of Europe (Strasbourg) 1984

Salzburg Seminar: "American Law and Legal Institutions" (Schloss Leopoldskron) 1985

University of San Diego, Institute on International and Comparative Law (Paris, Summer course) 1981

Leyden (Amsterdam-Columbia) Summer Program in American Law 1980

Institut Universitaire International Luxembourg, Summer course on „Problèmes institutionnels, monétaires et de défense en Europe“ 1979

### **Former Functions and Activities**

#### **Abroad**

President of the Commission Internationale de l'Etat Civil (CIEC, Strasbourg) 2000 – 2001

Member of the Austrian Delegation of the CIEC (Strasbourg)	1999 – 2008
Vice-Rector for International Relations at Pan European University Bratislava (PEU)	2009 – 2012
Professor at Uninova Privatuniversität / Pan European University Bratislava (Private International Law, Comparative Law), simultaneously with the full professorship at the University of Vienna	2004 – 2014
Responsible person for doctoral studies (International Law) at Uninova Private University / Pan European University Bratislava (PEU)	2007 – 2014
Full professor at the University of Bielefeld (Germany) for Civil Law, Comparative Law, Private International Law and European Integration	1994 – 1998
Managing Director of the Institute of Business Law (Institut für Wirtschaftsrecht, IWB, founded by Prof. <i>Hommelhoff</i> , University of Bielefeld, Germany)	1995 – 1998
Examiner of the First State Examination in Law (Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany; Regional Appeal Court Hamm)	1994 – 1998
Member of the Selection Commission for Fulbright-Scholarships at the University of Bielefeld, Germany	1997
Member of the Discussion Group regarding East European Studies (Gesprächskreis für Osteuropa-Studien) at the University of Bielefeld, Germany	1996 – 1998
Member of the Commission Equal Treatment of Women at the University of Bielefeld, Germany	1996 – 1998
Vice-Rector-designate for International Relations (Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt / Oder, Germany)	1993 – 1994
Dean (rotating system) of the Law Faculty of the Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt / Oder, Germany	1993
Member of the Appointment Commission regarding the Jean Monnet-professorship (European Law, Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt / Oder, Germany)	1993
Head of the Commission on PNDS (Prüfung Nachweis deutscher Sprache, entry exam on German language; Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt / Oder, Germany)	1992 – 1994
Member of the international expert board on the reform of “law studies” at the University of Macau	2013



Member of the Research Committee on the „Administrative Law Project“ of COLPI / CEU (Budapest) on comparative questions relating to administrative law, and main responsible supervisor for Estonia, on behalf of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) / Organisation de coopération et de développement économiques (OCDE)	1995 – 1997
Member of the International Advisory Board (IBA) of the CityU Hong Kong Law Review	2009 – 2017
President of the International Society of Family Law (ISFL)	2008 – 2011
Immediate Past-President of the ISFL	2011 – 2014
Head of the “Committee on Membership and Dues” of ISFL, and interim of the “Committee on General Finances, Administration and Organization” of ISFL	2002 – 2005
Member of the Scientific Committee / Comité scientifique of ISFL	1992 – 1997
Registered attorney in Slovakia (Bratislava)	2008 – 2018
Legal expert at the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (ISDC, Dir. Prof. A. von Overbeck)	1988 – 1989
<b>Inland</b>	
Head of the IGKK / IACPIL (re-elected 2011/ 2013 and 2015)	2009 – 2017
Director of the LL.M. - Program EALS	2013 – 2016
Academic Head of the “European Academy of Legal Theory“	2011 – 2013
Member of the University Council of the Sigmund Freud PrivatUniversität (SFU, Vienna)	2007 – 2017
Head of the Department „Europäische Integration“ (European Integration) and deputy head of the Department „Europarat“ (Council of Europe) in the Austrian Parliamentary Administration / International Affairs (Parlamentsdirektion / Internationaler Dienstbereich)	1992
Deputy Head of the Institute of Comparative Law, Univ. of Vienna	2004 – 2005
Member of various commissions at the Law Faculty (University of Vienna), such as delegate of assistants, Board of Study Affairs, Commission on Nostrification, Disciplinary Commission	1980 – 1992
Examiner 1. Graduate Diploma Exam at the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences (University of Vienna) of Civil Law, Commercial Law and Law on Securities	1980 - 1989

## Scholarships

Humboldt-Scholarship for the research project on „Nebenpflichten des Käufers“ (subsidiary duties of purchasers) at the MPI Hamburg	1991 – 1992
British Council-Scholarship (LL.M.-Program University of London – King’s College & LSE)	1982 – 1983
Scholarships from MPI Hamburg and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research (for research at MPI Hamburg)	1990 – 1997
van Calcker-Scholarship from the Institut Suisse de Droit Comparé (ISDC / Lausanne)	1986 – 1987
Fulbright Scholarship (Leyden / Amsterdam / Columbia Summer Program)	1980
Academic scholarship of the Cultural Office of the City of Vienna for the project “Der EuGH und der EGMR und deren rechtsvergleichende Interpretationsmethode” (The ECJ and the ECHR and their comparative method)	1981
Various scholarships for gifted students und scholarships from the Senate of the University of Vienna	1973 – 1978
Scholarship from the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research (research at the Catholic University Louvain)	1986
Scholarship from the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research (Salzburg Seminar / Schloss Leopoldskron)	1985
Scholarship from the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research (Summer Program University of San Diego / Paris)	1981
Scholarship from the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research (Institut Universitaire International Luxembourg Summer Course)	1979

## Further Activities

Organization of the “19 <sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law” (together with Prof. <i>M. Schauer</i> ; Vienna, 20.-26.7.2014)	2012 – 2014
Organization of the “13 <sup>th</sup> World Conference of the International Society of Family Law” (Vienna, 16.-20.9.2008)	2006 – 2008
Yearly organization and co-ordination of a one-week’s program for the “Mainland China Senior Judges“ (studying at CityU Hong Kong), i.a. Austrian Supreme Court of Justice, Constitutional Court, Administrative Court, Federal Ministry of Justice / Palais Trautson, Office of the Federal President of the Republic of Austria Dr. <i>H. Fischer</i> / Hofburg, VIC und espec. UNCITRAL, Konfuzius-Centre, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights)	2009 – 2015

Training and further training of future mediators, i.a. at the Sozialakademie Vorarlberg, the Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (Sion), and the training team Dr. *Wiedermann* / Dr. *Rössler* 2001 – 2008

Further training of participants of the Program „Master of Advanced Legal Studies“ on „European Law“, Schloss Hofen (Vorarlberg, Austria) 1999 – 2001

Further training of practitioners in the frame of the „Neue Bielefelder Kompaktkurse für Anwälte“ (New Compact Courses for lawyers, on European Private Law, Private International Law and Comparative Contract Law) 1995 / 1996 / 1997

Regular co-operation with the „Amt für Jugend und Familie“ (Office of Family and Youth) of the City of Vienna (further training of staff) 1985 – 1992

Court practice at various courts in Vienna 1978 – 1979

### **Guest Professorships and Guest Lectureships (abroad)**

Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences for the Hague Private International Law 2014

State University Moscow (“Lomonosov-University”), guest professor for “European Private International Law” 2014

Université Jean Moulin Lyon III, guest professor for “Comparative Mediation and Arbitration”, “Comparative Family Law by Supranational Courts”, “The Brussels IIa Regulation”, “The Rome III Regulation” 2014

CityU Hong Kong, guest lecturer for “Architecture of Legal Studies” 2013

CityU Hong Kong, guest lecturer for “Contemporary Legal Problems: The New Haven School of Thought from a Comparative Perspective” 2012

University of Kyoto, guest lecturer for „The Hague Convention on International Child Abduction“ 2012

CityU Hong Kong, guest professor for „Jurisprudence and Political Theories“ 2011

University of Sydney (AUS), Parsons Fund guest lecturer for “German property division and spousal support upon divorce” and “EU International Family and Succession Law” 2010

University of Otago (NZ), guest lecturer for “Recent Case-Law of the ECHR and the ECJ on Family Law Matters” 2010

CityU Hong Kong, guest professor for “International Commercial Arbitration” 2010

University Maribor / Slovenia, guest lecturer for „Comparative Private Law“ 2009

Centre of Private Law (Moscow), guest lecturer for “European Private Law“ and „European Private International Law“ 2009

Bratislava (Uninova Private University / Pan European University; full professor)	2004 – 2014
Komenius-University Bratislava, guest lecturer for “European Consumer Protection II”, “Private International Law – Contractual Obligations II”	2004 – 2005
Komenius-University Bratislava, guest lecturer for “European Consumer Protection I”, “Private International Law – Contractual Obligations I”	2003 – 2004
University of Tartu / Estonia, guest professor for „Comparative Law“ and „European Integration“	1996
University of Sofia / Bulgaria, guest professor for “European Integration”	1996
University of Salzburg, guest professor for “Vergleichendes Schuldvertragsrecht” (comparative contract law)	1995
Santa Clara University (CA / Budapest, guest lecturer for “European Integration: European Economic Area and Maastricht Treaties”	1993
Santa Clara University (CA / Strasbourg), guest lecturer for “European Integration European Economic Area and Maastricht Treaties”	1992
Washburn University (Topeka, Kansas / USA; guest lecturer for „Comparative Family Law”, „Legal Clinic“)	1991
Lawrence University (Lawrence, Kansas / USA; guest professor for “International Organizations, European Integration, Contracts, Comparative Law”)	1991

## **Main Research Areas**

National and foreign Private International Law and European Private Law, International Procedural Law and European Procedural Law, national and foreign Private Law, Private and Public Comparative Law, methodology, mediation, negotiation and counselling, Fundamental Rights and Human Rights.

## **Providing of Expertise**

For national and foreign courts, governments, ministries (i.a. German Federal Government, Department of Justice, Ontario), international organizations, law firms and notaries, i.a. on national and foreign Private International Law and Procedural Law as well as on (European) Private and Procedural Law.

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