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Education

University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School

2023 - 2024

Master of Laws (LL.M.), Class of 2024 / Kübler Scholar

Philadelphia, United States

- GPA: 3.9 – LL.M. with Distinction (top 2 percent of class)
- Concentration: Global Security, Sustainability, and Human Rights
- Notable academic involvement: Collaborated with a team led by Prof. Finkelstein (UPenn) to advise the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (U.S. Department of Defense) on civilian harm mitigating in low-intensity armed conflicts; undertook a research stay in Ghana as part of a project focused on the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

J.W. Goethe University

2018 - 2022

Law (First State Exam)

Frankfurt/Main, Germany

- Final grade: 12.05 points (top 5 percent of state)
- Academic focus: Corporate Law, Capital Markets Law, Corporate Tax Law, White Collar Crime

Leibniz University

2017 - 2018

Architecture (Bachelor of Science) – not completed

Hannover, Germany

- GPA: 4.0 (top 1 percent of class)

Academic Research and Teaching Activities

Ruprechts-Karls-University

Spring 2023 - Present

PhD Candidate, Research Assistant

Heidelberg, Germany

- Research Assistant at the Institute for German, European, and International Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure, under the supervision of Professor Dr. Frank Meyer, LL.M. (Yale).
- Focus of research: International Law, International Criminal Law, Comparative Law between the United States and the European Union, Sanctions.

Wharton School

Fall 2023 - Summer 2024

Research Assistant of Mauro F. Guillén (Vice Dean, MBA Program for Executives)

Philadelphia, United States

- Researched issues of shareholder protection and their development.

J.W. Goethe University

Summer 2021 - Winter 2023

Student Assistant, ZEVEDI Research Group

Frankfurt/Main, Germany

- Worked on a research project of the ZEVEDI Research Group at the nexus of artificial intelligence and finance (with a focus on algorithm-based credit scoring).
- Conducted research on data protection law, banking regulatory law, and anti-discrimination law.

J.W. Goethe University

Spring 2022 - Spring 2023

Tutor, Corporate Law & Contract Law

Frankfurt/Main, Germany

- Tutor for corporate law and for the law of contractual obligations under direction of Professor Dr. Katja Langenbucher and Professor Dr. Alexander Peukert.
- Weekly courses for 3rd and 5th semester students; correction assistant for Contract Law and Property Law.

Professional Experience

GREEN finance consulting

Fall 2018 - Summer 2023

Student Consultant, Consultancy at J.W. Goethe University

Frankfurt/Main, Germany

- Developed a decision matrix to qualify leads and target companies to create a market and company analysis for the financial service sector with a focus on FinTech and SaaS/Tech companies.
- Evaluated and provided solutions to address the shortage of specialist workers in geriatric and intensive care facilities, developed a strategy for integrating foreign nursing staff into the German labor market.

Sullivan & Cromwell

Fall 2020

Law Intern, General Practice Group

Frankfurt/Main, Germany

- Assisted in the preparation of the acquisition offer as well as the statement of the board of directors and the supervisory board to the shareholders in the event of a delisting procedure.
- Assisted in a mandate in Foreign Trade Law with a focus on reporting obligations in the event of money laundering and terrorism financing.

Hengeler Mueller**Summer 2020**

Law Intern, Capital Markets Law & Antitrust Law

Düsseldorf, Germany

- Created internal capital markets compliance guidelines and accompanying training material for a client.
- Assisted in the procedure of an IPO of a technology company and a leisure car manufacturer.
- Assisted in an expert opinion on the admissibility of insurance pools under antitrust law for financial auditing and fiduciary services.

fieldfisher**Summer 2019**

Law Intern, Capital Markets Law & Banking Supervisory Law

Frankfurt/Main, Germany

- Reviewed general terms and conditions during a BaFin licensing procedure.
- Designed training material on underwriting and syndicate transactions, prospectus liability, capital markets information, ad hoc notification obligations and market manipulation.

Volunteer Experience

Penn Law Pardon Project**Fall 2023 - Summer 2024**

Active Participant, Pro-bono-project

Philadelphia, United States

- Assisted convicted Philadelphia residents with pardon applications and supported Community Legal Services and Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity.

Comparative Law Association (CLA)**Summer 2023 - Summer 2024**

President, Student Association at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School

Philadelphia, United States

- Managed the association; communicated with guest speakers and organized events with a focus on comparative law issues and international law topics.
- Moderated panel discussions, for example “The Making of Europe’s Unwritten Supremacy Clause” with a professor from Italy.

University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Law**Summer 2023 - Summer 2024**

International Associate Editor, Law Journal

Philadelphia, United States

- Reviewed and edited articles according to bluebook-standards.

HSV Weimar Triathlon**2013 - 2023**

Coach, Local Sports Club

Weimar, Germany

- Coached and mentored young athletes, organized competitions, and club internal sports challenges.

European Law Students’ Association**Summer 2022 - Summer 2023**

Vice-President, Seminars & Conferences

Frankfurt/Main, Germany

- Organized multiple events and conferences with representatives from legal practice and academia.

GREEN finance consulting**2019 - 2020**

Chairman of the Board, Consultancy at J.W. Goethe University

Frankfurt/Main, Germany

- Organized events and trainings with cooperation partners and professors; initiated Competence Centers (with ESG and Data Science focused topics); coordinated the work of the association.
- Acquired consulting projects and achieved a sales increase of over 200 percent in the first fiscal year.
- Represented the interests of GREEN finance consulting in the Association of German Student Consultancies.
- Initiated and coordinated a pro bono program to help small and local businesses cope with the effects of the Corona pandemic.

Publications and Working Papers

- Kloth, Johannes: Über “Schloss Eller“ hinaus - Die Rolle der Hauptversammlung beim Einwand des rechtmäßigen Alternativverhaltens in der aktienrechtlichen Organhaftung, in: Frankfurt Law Review (FraLR), 2023, pp. 39-46.
- Kloth, Johannes: Blockchain-basierte Zahlungsmittel und deren rechtliche Bedeutung bei der Erfüllung von Geldschulden, in: Zeitschrift für das Recht der Digitalen Wirtschaft (ZdiW), 2021, pp. 411-417.
- Kloth, Johannes: CEO Fraud – Phänomen und strafrechtliche Bewertung, in: Strafrecht Digital, 2021.
- Kloth, Johannes: Implications of Military Aid for Supporting States: Understanding the Concepts of Co-Belligerence, Non-Belligerence, and Neutrality (currently in process).
- Kloth, Johannes: Bordering Trends in Global Payment Structures. Using Demarcation Processes to Foster Greater Independence (currently in process).
- Kloth, Johannes: Militarized Conflicts and Sustainable Development in the Global South. A Case Study of Challenges in Achieving Sustainable Development in Complex Settings (currently in process).