



CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 06/2022

Dr. Völkel und Partner mbB Rechtsanwalt Steuerberater, Düsseldorf

Partner and Attorney at Law

- Co-founded a boutique law firm specializing in Value Added Tax (VAT) matters.
- Provide strategic advice to multinational corporations, offering in-depth expertise in navigating complex VAT regulations globally.
- Spearhead initiatives to optimize clients' VAT processes, ensuring compliance with international tax laws.
- Develop and maintain key client relationships, fostering trust and delivering tailored solutions to meet their unique business needs.
- Lead a team of experts in providing cutting-edge VAT consulting services, contributing to the firm's reputation for excellence.

Since 09/2012

VAT4U GmbH, Düsseldorf

Co-Founder and Managing Director

- Co-founded VAT4U GmbH, a Tax Technology company specializing in automated VAT management solutions.
- Successfully expanded the company's reach, acquiring 2,500 customers across 80 countries.
- Established and managed a franchise system with 7 countries in Europe and Asia, showcasing strong leadership and organizational skills.
- Oversee the development and implementation of innovative VAT management tools, positioning the company as an industry leader.
- Manage day-to-day operations, ensuring the seamless delivery of services and maintaining high customer satisfaction.
- Drive business development strategies, identifying new markets and opportunities for growth.

10/2006 - 08/2012

Lowendalmasai Deutschland GmbH, Düsseldorf

Lowendalmasai Benelux B.V., Amsterdam (Netherlands)

03/2011 - 08/2012

Managing Director Central Europe

- Led and directed cost optimization projects across the D-A-CH (Germany, Austria, Switzerland) and Benelux regions.
- Managed a team of 25 consultants, overseeing project delivery and ensuring client satisfaction.
- Held full operational responsibility, including Profit and Loss (P&L) management, demonstrating financial acumen and strategic thinking.

10/2006 - 02/2011

Managing Director D-A-CH

- Oversaw the operational aspects of the consulting location, managing a team of 15 consultants.
- Executed and delivered cost optimization projects in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, achieving tangible results for clients.
- Demonstrated strong leadership skills, ensuring the profitability and success of the consulting location.

10/2004 - 10/2006

KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Cologne

Senior Associate and Attorney at Law

- Conducted tax product audits, providing valuable insights for insurance companies.
- Offered transaction consulting services, contributing to the strategic decision-making of clients.
- Conducted tax audits in accordance with HGB (German Commercial Code) and IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards).

04/2001 - 09/2003

Clifford Chance, Düsseldorf & New York (USA)

04/2003 - 09/2003

Associate and Attorney at Law

- Operating in both Düsseldorf and New York.
- Specialized in transaction-related tax and legal advice, demonstrating expertise in intricate legal matters.
- Focused on providing tailored solutions for clients in the insurance and leasing sectors, showcasing a deep understanding of the complexities inherent in these industries.
- Worked closely with multinational clients, offering strategic guidance and ensuring compliance with evolving legal and tax regulations.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to address multifaceted legal challenges, displaying effective teamwork and communication skills.

04/2001 - 03/2003

Research assistant

- Contributing to the firm's knowledge base and legal research capabilities.
- Engaged in in-depth research on legal precedents, industry regulations, and case studies, providing valuable insights to support legal teams.
- Assisted in the preparation of legal documents, briefs, and reports, showcasing meticulous attention to detail and a commitment to accuracy in legal research.
- Gained hands-on experience in legal proceedings and case management, laying the foundation for a successful legal career.

09/1999 - 12/2000

Breffka & Hehnke GmbH & Co KG, Düsseldorf

Assistant to the management

- Held a key role as Assistant to the Management at Breffka & Hehnke, actively contributing to the brokerage activities in the property and liability insurance sectors.
- Managed diverse responsibilities, including the facilitation of Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance transactions, showcasing a broad understanding of risk management and insurance products.
- Played a pivotal role in client interactions, demonstrating effective communication skills in explaining complex insurance products and advising clients on suitable coverage.
- Collaborated with insurance underwriters and carriers to negotiate favorable terms for clients, emphasizing a strategic and results-oriented approach.
- Developed a comprehensive understanding of the insurance industry landscape, contributing to the successful execution of insurance brokerage services.
- Demonstrated adaptability and a proactive approach in a dynamic business environment, establishing a foundation for future leadership roles in the industry.

05/1997 - 12/1999

**University of Münster, Münster
Institute for Tax Law (Prof. Dr. H.-M. Wolfgang)**

08/1999 - 12/1999

Research assistant

05/1997 - 08/1999

Student assistant

EDUCATION

09/2003 - 09/2004

Queen Mary College, London (UK)
Master of Laws (LL.M.) specializing in Tax and Finance

09/1999 - 03/2003

University of Münster, Münster
Doctorate (Dr. jur.)

01/2001 - 02/2003

OLG Düsseldorf
Legal clerkship, second state examination

10/1994 - 08/1999

University of Münster, Münster
Law school, first state examination

1987 - 1994

Gymnasium am Mühlenweg, Wilhelmshaven
Abitur

09/1991 - 02/1992

Colegio Alemán (German School), Madrid (Spain)
Exchange student

1985 - 1987

Orientation school Heppens, Wilhelmshaven

1981 - 1985

Grundschule Kirchreihe, Wilhelmshaven

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- German C2
- English C1/C2
- French B1
- Spanish A2

COMMITMENT & MEMBERSHIPS

- IVA - International VAT Association, Board Member
- TeCIT Club e.V., Founding Member, Board Member
- UmsatzsteuerForum e.V., Member
- Europäisches Forum für Aussenwirtschaft, Verbrauchsteuern und Zoll e.V., Member
- Foreign Trade Committee of Chamber of Commerce, Düsseldorf, Member
- DIE FAMILIENUNTERNEHMER e.V., Member
- Industrie-Club e.V., Member

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