

THOMAS LAKER

FORMATION

Date and Place of Birth: 10 February 1956, Germany

Languages: German (mother tongue), English (fully fluent) and French (working knowledge)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kosovo Specialist Chambers (The Hague) 7 Feb 2017 - Present
Judge for Staff Appeals

Panel of Adjudicators, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (Vienna)
Chairperson 13 Mar 2016 - Present

Joint Appeals Board, International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea (Hamburg) 1 Aug 2011 - Present
Chairperson (renewed twice)

United Nations Dispute Tribunal (UNDT) (Geneva) 1 Jul 2009 - 30 Jun 2016
Secondment as Full-Time Judge non-renewable term
2 one-year terms as President of the UNDT (2010-2011 and 2013-2014)

Administrative Law Court (Hamburg) 1 Oct 2005 - Present
Presiding Judge (Lifetime Appointment), and internal mediator

Social Security Law Court (Hamburg) 2005
Secondment as Judge

Administrative Court of Appeal (Hamburg) 1999 - 2000
Secondment as Judge

Department of Justice (Hamburg) 1992 - 1996
Secondment as Legal Officer

Administrative Law Court (Hamburg) Mar 1991
Judge (Lifetime Appointment)

Administrative Law Court (Hamburg) Oct 1989
Judge

Bremerhaven, Germany 1988 - 1989
Attorney at Law

Lower Saxony, Germany 1985 - 1987
Internship - Judicial Preparation Service

Cornell Law School (Ithaca, NY) Feb - Jun 1983
Research Scholar

Georg August University (Göttingen) 1981 - 1985
Research Assistant to Prof. Dr. Ralf Dreier, Chair of General Theory of Law

Göttingen, Germany 1980 - 1981
Civil Service (in lieu of military service)

EDUCATION

<i>Germany</i> Zweites Juristisches Staatsexamen (Second State Examination in Law)	<i>Nov 1987</i>
<i>Georg August University (Göttingen)</i> Ph.D. (Dr. iur.), magna cum laude Thesis on Civil Disobedience, published as “Ziviler Ungehorsam”, (Nomos 1986)	<i>1981 - 1985</i>
<i>Germany</i> Erstes Juristisches Staatsexamen (First State Examination in Law)	<i>May 1980</i>
<i>Georg August University (Göttingen) and Université de Genève (Switzerland)</i> Studies of Law and Philosophy	<i>1974 - 1980</i>

RECENT PUBLICATION

- *The United Nations and the (Internal) Administration of Justice*, in Clemens A. Feinäugle (ed.), *The Rule of Law and Its Application to the United Nations*, (Nomos 2016), 311- 331
- *Handbook on the Internal Justice System at the United Nations*, United Nations System Staff College (ed.), (United Nations Publications 2014), 113 - 138

RECENT CONFERENCES

- March 2015, Council of Europe, International Colloquy “Common Focus and Autonomy of International Administrative Tribunals”, Strasbourg, Moderator
- September 2014, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law, “The Rule of Law and Its Application to the United Nations”, Luxembourg, Invited Speaker