

Stefan BENNER



born on 22 September 1956 in Vienna

Married, 3 children

School attendance in Vienna

1975 -1976 military service (last rank captain)

1976 - 1980 studies of law at the University Vienna degree

1981 doctoral degree in law

1981 -1984 judicial practice and trainee judge at the several District and Regional Courts and Public Prosecution Offices in Vienna and Lower Austria

1984 judge's exam

1984 -2002 Public prosecutor at the Austrian Ministry of Justice

Since 2002 Deputy Director at the Austrian Ministry of Justice responsible for casework and international criminal matters and cooperation

Expert on international and European criminal law with long standing experience on bilateral and EU level; Participating in the drafting of the EU extradition Conventions, the European Arrest Warrant and the first Eurojust decision, Expert at TALEX and twinning projects in Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and other countries; legal adviser of Austria before the European Court of Human Rights; adviser at the Rome Conference on the ICC in 1999, National expert at several peer-to-peer evaluation rounds of the EU in criminal matters, Delegate and head of the COPEN working group of the EU on the practical application of the existing instruments of mutual recognition, Member of the European Judicial network (EJN) since the beginning.