

Personal history

Name: Hoeren, Thomas Johann

Date of birth: August 22, 1961

Nationality: German Age: 59 Sex: Male

Education:

- Oktober 1980 – Oktober 1985: Study of Theology and Philosophy in Münster and Tübingen (Degree: Dipl. theol.)
- October 1985 – October 1986: Doctorate in theology in Münster (Degree: lic. Theol./Title of the dissertation: Data protection law and the churches)
- April 1981 – October 1986: Study in Law at Münster, Tübingen and London (Degree: First examen)
- Summer 1985: Stagiaire at the Copyright Division of the UNESCO (1985)
- October 1986 – May 1988: Doctoral thesis in IT Law at the University of Münster
- February 1988 – May 1991: Stagiaire (Junior advocate) (Degree: Second state examen)
- May 1991 – May 1994: Habilitation in Civil Law (Dr. habil.), Faculty of Law, University of Münster (Topic: Antitrust law problems of self-regulation)

Professional Experience Record:

- April 1994 – June 1997: Senior Professor in International Business Law at the Faculty of Law/Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf
- June 1996 – December 2011: Judge at the Court of Appeal (specialised in national and EU competition law) in Düsseldorf
- June 1997 – now: Senior Professor in Information, Media and Business Law at the Faculty of Law/University of Münster
- June 1997 – now: Head of the Institute for Information, Telecommunications and Media Law. The ITM combines three sections (civil law, public law, criminal law) and includes research as to international business regulation.
- April 2012 – now: Dean of the Faculty of Law/University of Münster
- January 2013 – now: Adjunct Professor at the Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Information Technology (FIT)
- Autumn 1998: Visiting professor at the University of Virginia/Faculty of Law (Lectures on European and US antitrust Law)
- Autumn 2000: Visiting Professor in Japan at the Imperial University of Kyushu (Fukuoka) (Lectures on European and US antitrust law)
- September 2001: Visiting Professor at the University of Niigata (Japan) (Lectures on European and US business laws)
- Summer 2004: Research Fellow at the Oxford Internet Institute/Balliol College (Oxford)

- October 2005: Winner of the Alcatel Research Prize
- Since 2012: Adjunct Professor at the Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Information Technology (FIT)
- 2012 – 2014: Dean of the Faculty of Law (University of Münster)
- 2014: Visiting professor at the Stanford Faculty of Law and the Berkman Center (Harvard Law School)
- 2018: Prize for German-Dutch Research Exchange by the NWO

Honours:

- Member and Former Vice President of the German Association for Law and Informatics (DGRI)/Member of IFCLA
- Member of the ALAI
- Member of the Editorial Board of “Multimedia und Recht”, "Law, Computers and Artificial Intelligence", the “BNA’s Electronic Information Policy & Law Report” and the "EDI Law Review"
- Legal adviser of the European Commission within the "Legal Advisory Board on Information Technology"
- Member of the Task Force Group on Intellectual Property Rights of the European Commission
- Legal expert in several research projects commissioned by the European Commission/DG III (COPEARMS), DG XIII (MULTISOLUTION, EDIBOL, EDIPAY) and the DG XV
- Head and Coordinator of the Pan-European Research Project ECLIP (Electronic Commerce Legal Interest Platform) (see <http://www.eclip.org>)
- Panelist for the World Intellectual Property Organization for the decision of domain name and trademark disputes
- Member and Co-ordinator of several EU research networks combining economic, technical and sociological aspects of internet governance

Languages:

German (mother tongue), English (excellent in reading, speaking and writing), French (excellent in reading, good in speaking and writing)

Years in the position:

27 years expertise in antitrust and IPR law, 20 years working as a senior law professor