

Curriculum Vitae

Prof. Henry Peter



Henry Peter, 1957, is ordinary professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva, where he has been teaching corporate law and, incidentally, sports law since 1988. Between 1998 and 2012 he created, then directed, the postgraduate Master in Business Law programme common to the Universities of Geneva and Lausanne.

He was Director of the Commercial Law Department of the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva from July 2006 to September 2017. Since September 2017 he has been Director of the Centre in Philanthropy of the University of Geneva, which he was entrusted with the creation of by the Rectorate. Between 2004 and 2015 he was a member of the Swiss federal authority in charge of public takeover bids (COPA). He is a member of the Swiss Stock Exchange Sanction Commission since 2007.

Since July 2021, he is chairman of the board of the Foundation for the Faculties of the Università della Svizzera Italiana (USI) as well as member of the board of the USI. Since 2001, he is Vice-President of the Swiss Sports Disciplinary Chamber of the Swiss Olympic Association. Since December 2014 and until December 2022 he has been a member of the Ethics Committee of the International Automobile Federation. He is Chairman of the Sports Commission of the University of Geneva.

He is author or editor of more than 125 publications (books and articles) in his various fields of expertise. For many years he has studied and has taught good governance of companies and of international sports federations, as well as their social responsibility.

In addition to his academic activities, Henry Peter is a partner in a law firm based in Lugano. He frequently acts as chairman, sole arbitrator or member of international arbitration tribunals in commercial or sports law disputes. He was a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration of various editions of the America's Cup between 2000 and 2021. He is chairman or member of the board of directors and of committees of several companies, including Swiss Life AG, Banque Lombard Odier & Cie SA and Ermenegildo Zegna N.V.