

Christian Takoff

Prof. (Law Faculty, University of Sofia, Bulgaria)
PhD in Law (University of Sofia, Bulgaria)
LL.M. (University of Hamburg, Germany)

Personal Data	Date and place of birth: November 7 1965 in Sofia, Bulgaria		
	Citizenship and Nationality: Bulgarian		
Education	1998 PhD in Law * PhD thesis: "The Bank Guarantee"	Sofia University "St. Kl. Ochriski"	Sofia
	1995 – 1997 Aspiring PhD	Sofia University "St. Kl. Ochriski"	Sofia
	1994 - 1995 Legum magister (LL.M.) * Thesis: "The Sureties in the Bulgarian Legal System"	University of Hamburg	Hamburg
	1992 Master Degree in Legal Sciences * Final state examination at the Ministry of Justice with <i>summa cum laude</i>	Sofia University "St. Kl. Ochriski"	Sofia
	1991 - 1992 Law-trainee * At the first-instance-court, at the Sofia court of appeal, at the bar, at the prosecution office and at the notary chambers	Sofia University "St. Kl. Ochriski"	Sofia
	1990 * Final state examinations in civil and penal law, graduated with <i>summa cum laude</i>	Sofia University "St. Kl. Ochriski"	Sofia
	1986 - 1990 Law student * Law faculty, 8 semester	Sofia University "St. Kl. Ochriski"	Sofia
	1979 - 1984 * Graduated for outstanding results with Golden medal of the Ministry of Education	German language secondary school	Sofia

Military Service

National military service / Reserve officer

Special Qualifications and Studies

2008	Max-Planck-Institut	Hamburg
*	Max-Planck Scholarship for 2 months	
2004 – 2006	Max-Planck-Institut	Hamburg
*	Humboldt Scholarship for 24 months	
1998	University of Hamburg	Hamburg
	Viadrina University	Frankfurt/Oder
*	Deutsche Akademie der Wissenschaften Scholarship for 6 months	
1994 – 1995	University of Hamburg	Hamburg
*	DAAD Scholarship for 10 months	
1991 – 1992	Free University of Sofia	Sofia
*	Post graduate qualification in intellectual property law. Final examination with <i>summa cum laude</i>	
1986 - 1987	Sofia University “St. Kl. Ochriski”	Sofia
*	Completed rhetoric course	in
1983 - 1984	School of photography	Sofia

Photographer

- * Finished with *summa cum laude*

Professional Experience

Since 2009	Sofia University “St. Kl. Ochriski”	Sofia
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Associate Professor

- At the Law Faculty; for civil, family and commercial law

1999 - 2009	Sofia University “St. Kl. Ochriski”	Sofia
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Chief Assistant Professor

- At the Law Faculty; for civil, family and commercial law

1996 – 1999	Sofia University “St. Kl. Ochriski”	Sofia
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Senior Assistant Professor

- At the Law Faculty; for civil, family and commercial law

1993 – 1997	New Bulgarian University	Sofia
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Associate Professor

- At the Law Department; for law of contracts

1993- 1995	Universities	Montana, Russe
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Associate Professor

Special Interests and Research in Legal Science

General theory of law
 General part of the civil law
 Contract law
 Company and commercial law
 Banking law
 Comparative law

Awards

1988 Sofia University award for students with outstanding achievements

1996 Award granted by the Foundation „St.St. Cyril and Methodi“ for young scientists in the field of the humanitarian studies

Language Abilities

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
German	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
English	Fluent	Good	Good
French	Good	Intermediate	Intermediate
Russian	Fluent	Good	Good
Latin	Good	---	Good

International Experience

2004 - 2006 Max-Planck-Institute Hamburg
 Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship (24 months)

1998 Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt/Oder
 Specialisation for Capital Markets (6 months)

1996 – 2008 Max-Planck-Institut; State University Hamburg
 Several short time researches

1994 – 1995 University of Hamburg Hamburg
 Post graduate study for receiving the Magister Legum (LL.M.) degree at the Fachbereich Rechtswissenschaften I (12 months)

1994 University of Hamburg Hamburg
 Holder of a bursary of the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (2 months)

Memberships

Political parties – none

Since 2010

Associated Member of the Académie internationale de droit comparé

Since 2010

Co-founder of the Association for a European Law Institute (ELIA)

2006 – 2008

Member of the Study Group on a European Civil Code

Since 1997

Co-founder of the Forum for legal culture “GLAUX” – Sofia

Since 1997

Member of the Institute “GERMANICUM” at the Sofia University – Sofia

Since 1991

Co-founder of the Institut für deutsches Recht at the Law Faculty of the Sofia University – Sofia

Since 1990

Member of the Gesellschaft für deutsch-bulgarische juristische Zusammenarbeit – Sofia

Hobbies

Music, photography, psychology

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