



## ROGUE WAVES & CROSSWINDS: TRADE MARKS IN MOTION



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After finishing his studies, he started working as a teaching assistant at the Institute for Public International Law of the University of Vienna. Among other tasks he was responsible for the Austrian team participating at the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court.

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In 2000 Christoph moved to Alicante and joined the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs), now EUIPO. For several years, he was legal assistant to various Members of the Boards of Appeal. He was head of the Documentation and Support Service of the Boards of Appeal (2008), Assistant to the President of the Boards of Appeal (2009) as well as head of the Registry (2010). Since February 2011 he is Member of the Boards of Appeal, currently assigned to the 4<sup>th</sup> Board of Appeal (dealing with trade marks) and to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Board of Appeal (dealing with designs). He is also member of the KC Absolute Grounds and KC Leal Reform.

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