

Biography Volker Schendel

Born on December 13, 1949 in Celle - Germany, graduated from the Leibniz-Gymnasium (High-School) in Stuttgart in 1969, bank apprenticeship at the Württembergische Landessparkasse in Stuttgart, graduating with the highest grade of "Very Good" in 1971, followed by work as a loan officer until beginning law studies in Tübingen, which lasted from 1971 (WS 71/72) to the 3rd of December 1976. First state law examination with the grade "Good" and second place in the Tübingen round in December 1976.

During the summer semester 1973 internship at the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society (PSFS) in Philadelphia (USA), sponsored by the Eberle-Butschkau-Foundation, and 1974 stay at Treasure Branches of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, sponsored by the German-Canadian Society.

From January 1977 Referendar (legal trainee) in Lower Saxony, second state law examination in Hannover (Germany) on September 20, 1979 with the grade "fully satisfactory" (B+).

During his Referendariat (legal clerkship) from 1977 to 1979 he worked at the Public Prosecutor's Office in Verden, the Landgericht (District Court) in Hildesheim, a Lawyer's Office in Hildesheim, the Administrative Office at the District Government of Braunschweig, Branch Office Hildesheim as well as at the Landkreis of Hildesheim (County) , the Wahlstation (elective clerkship)at an English Solicitor's Office in London and at the Amtsgericht (District Court) in Burgdorf.

During the Referendariat (legal traineeship) study of English law from 03. to 28. June 1978 in London.

During his studies in Tübingen he received scholarships from the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation and the Eberle-Butschkau-Foundation.

1971/1972 Training in rhetorical communication at the Institute for Rhetoric and Methodology in Political Education of the European Academy Otzenhausen under the direction of Professor Dr. Geißner.

Appointment as Regierungsassessor (government council) and Probebeamter (probationary civil servant) on September 24, 1979 and transfer of the function Dezernent (of a department head) in the former department 502 (water law) at the district government of Hanover.

01 March 1980 - Transfer of the function Dezernent (of a department head)in the former department 306 Verkehrsrecht (traffic law).

December 01, 1980 – Abordnung (Secondment) to the city of Bad Pyrmont (the so-called "Kinderlandverschickung" of the government assistants). There he was responsible for the social welfare office, the public order office, the school office and the legal office.

November 01, 1981 – Abordnung (Secondment) to the authority of the Lower Saxony Minister for Science and Art.

December 6, 1981 - After initially working directly for the then Secretary of State in the Minister for Science and Art, , assigned to Department 102. Responsibilities included university admission matters and the assessment process in the context of university admission, especially university entrance tests and regulations on university admission.

February 02, 1982 - Assigned to Referat (Unit) 106 (then responsible for the entire Lower Saxony higher education reform under Unit Head Diplomphysiker Körner). Assigned the following responsibilities:

Referent for matters concerning the establishment, modification, and cancellation of teacher training programs (including measures of subject concentration); participation in the reorganization of teacher training; matters concerning the establishment and modification of master's degree programs; approval of study regulations for teacher training programs and of examination and study regulations for master's degree programs.

September 30, 1983 - another additional responsibility for the legal supervisory approval of the doctoral and habilitation regulations of the universities and colleges in Lower Saxony.

March 01, 1982 – Versetzung (transfer) from the Hannover District Government to the Lower Saxony Minister for Science and the Arts.

01 March 1982 - Assignment to the office of Regierungsrat at the Lower Saxony Minister for Science and the Arts.

01 July 1984 – Versetzung (Transfer) to the Lower Saxony Minister of Economics and Transport.

Appointment as Regierungsrat on October 29, 1981.

Appointment as civil servant for life on September 20, 1982.

Appointed senior government councilor on December 23, 1982.

Appointed Regierungsdirektor on September 24, 1986.

Appointment as Ministerialrat on December 14, 1993.

Assigned as Referent for Technology Transfer and Domestic Trade Affairs from July 1984 - March 1987 in the Lower Saxony Ministry of Economics and Transport.

Assigned as a Referent for matters relating to the liberal professions, legal supervision of the Chamber of Architects, legislation (in particular Chamber of Engineers legislation and legal supervision of the Chamber of Engineers) from

April 1987 - February 1992 in the Lower Saxony Ministry of Economics, Technology and Transport.

Assigned as a consultant in the State Antitrust Authority in the Lower Saxony Ministry of Economics, Technology and Transport from March 1992 - September 1992.

Assigned as officer for affairs of the liberal professions, industrial design and craft design from October 1992 - September 1993.

Assigned as a consultant for domestic trade affairs, affairs of the liberal professions, law of architects and engineers from

October 1993 until September 1994.

Officer in the Expo 2000 Unit in the Lower Saxony Ministry of Economics, Technology and Transport from October 1994 to June 1995.

Assigned as consultant for domestic trade affairs, affairs of the liberal professions, law of architects and engineers from July 1995 - April 2001.

Legal advisor to the Lower Saxony Ministry of Economics from May 2001 - December 2004.

With effect from 01 November 2001, additional transfer of responsibility for road law in the Lower Saxony Ministry of Economics, Technology and Transport.

Successful completion of the 33rd leadership seminar (1989/90/91) for members of the higher civil service at the University of Administrative Sciences in Speyer - Germany.

At the end of December 31, 2004, in connection with the dissolution of the district governments in Lower Saxony, transferred to temporary retirement pursuant to Section 109 (2) of the Lower Saxony Civil Service Act (NBG).

Since December 16, 2004, doctoral student with Professor Dr. Bernd Oppermann, LL.M. - Full Professor of Civil, Commercial and Corporate Law at the Law Faculty of Leibniz - University of Hannover - Germany.

In the winter semester 2005/06 lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the Leibniz - University of Hannover.

Particularly outstanding activities during my activity in the Ministry of Economics are from my point of view the assignment of the expert Documentation "Documentation of the special therapy directions and natural healing methods in Europe". The contractor was the Center for Documentation of Natural Remedies in Essen, the publisher was the Research Institute of Liberal Professions in the then University of Lüneburg, which was founded with my participation,

and the repeal of 70 decrees of road law without replacement.

The dissertation topic may be deemed worthy of some explanation. As an original work topic was agreed upon at that time in December 2004:

"The astrological consultation - a challenge for the legal theory".

In the further course of studies and work, the topic was then changed to the present doctoral topic:

"The astrological consultation - a challenge for law". Published in 2010 – non rite.

This is related to the fact that I was able to attend the very famous congress "Spirit and Nature" in Hanover in 1988 on the one hand, and on the other hand I completed an astrology training with Nikolaus Klein at the Kensho Institute in Munich in 1996, which was followed by participation in various astrology world congresses in Lucerne in 2000 and Basel in 2004, as well as at the World Congress of Psychotherapy in Vienna in 2002.

In addition to my professional job as an administrative lawyer I was allowed to practise Astrology in the private sector, I had thus matured into an astrologer in my own, part-time licensed consulting practice, and thus felt called to tackle a niche topic such as the legal appraisal of events in an astrological-psychological consultation in Germany.