

Curriculum Vitae - Mag.iur. Leonie Deborah Baranes

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Education

- 2025 – Present** **LL.M. Candidate, Columbia Law School (United States)**
- 2016 – 2023** **Magistra Iuris (Law), Johannes Kepler University (Austria)**
Thesis: “*The Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Public Sector - Comparative Legal Analysis on the Use of Automated Decision-Making*”, supervised by Member of the Austrian Constitutional Court and then-Dean of Johannes Kepler University Law School Prof. Michael Mayrhofer.
- 2020 – 2021** **Student Abroad Program (Law), Tel Aviv University (Israel)**
- 2014** **French Baccalauréat and Austrian Matura, Lycée Français de Vienne (Austria)**

Awards

- 2020 / 2021** **Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research/ Johannes Kepler University (Austria)**
The Scholarship is granted in recognition of outstanding academic achievements (§ 57ff StudFG).

Professional Experience

- 2022 – 2025** **Paralegal/ Legal Intern (full-time), Arnon, Tadmor-Levy (Israel)**
High-Tech, Commercial Law, Privacy Law, Cyber Law, Artificial Intelligence, Emerging Technologies, Technology Regulation
Recognized, i.a., by Chambers and Partners, Legal 500, Dun's 100
Advising startups and tech companies in various legal matters, mainly concerning privacy regulations, commercial matters, and regulations on emerging technologies; conducting privacy compliance projects (EU, UK, US and Israel privacy regulations); drafting and reviewing commercial agreements; advising on AI-related matters; drafting AI policies for compliance with AI regulations; conducting due diligence focusing on privacy, commercial and AI aspects; drafting memos and articles on regulatory developments.
- 2021 – 2022** **Paralegal (part-time), Seidler Avocats/ Rechtsanwälte (Austria/ France)**
Commercial Law, Corporate Law, Criminal Law
Advising companies in various legal matters, mainly concerning commercial matters; drafting and reviewing commercial agreements; conducting legal research in Austrian and French law (mainly commercial, contract, and corporate law); leading pro bono cases advocating for asylum seekers.
- 2021** **Paralegal (full-time), FBC&Co (Israel)**
Antitrust, Competition Law, Class Actions
Recognized, i.a., by Chambers and Partners, Legal 500, Dun's 100
Advising multinational high-tech companies in antitrust and competition law compliance, antitrust and competition law litigation proceedings, and class action litigation proceedings; conducting research on Israeli, EU, and US law and case law; drafting motions to court; preparing documentation for merger

control; preparing various lectures and memoranda, specifically on effects of new technologies on competition law, *i.a.* regarding interoperability and data-driven market dominance.

- 2017 – 2020** **United Nations Delegate (part-time), Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations / Women’s International Zionist Organization (Austria/ Switzerland/ USA)**
International Law, European Law, Human Rights, Women’s Rights
Active in the Committee on the Status of Women, Commission on the Status of Women, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, UNECE Regional Forums; writing reports related to the legal framework on women’s rights; drafting statements submitted to the Secretary-General/ UN Offices/ UN Commissions; establishing the “Young Generation Working Group”.
- Second-Vice Chair, United Nations Committee on the Status of Women Vienna (2020)**
During my tenure as a UN Delegate, I was elected Second-Vice Chair.
- 2019** **Intern (full-time), Austrian Embassy Tel Aviv, Commercial Section/Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (Austria/ Israel)**
International Law, Commercial Law, Corporate Law, Administrative Law
Conducting legal research for Austrian companies establishing commercial operations in Israel; facilitating collaborations and research partnerships between Israeli and Austrian high-tech companies and organizations; preparing legal strategies for Austrian companies entering the Israeli market; drafting reports on commercial relations between Austria and Israel.

Additional Qualifications

- 2025** **Admitted to the Israeli Bar**
- 2024** **Completion of the Israeli Bar Qualifying Examinations, Israel Bar Association (Israel)**
Successfully completed eight exams covering key areas of Israeli law. Completion of these exams qualifies me to take the Israeli Bar.
- 2022** **Data Privacy and Technology (Online Program), Harvard Business School Online**
- 2021** **Financial Law and New Technologies (Summer School), Utrecht University (Netherlands)**
- 2018/ 2021** **European Union Law (Summer School) and International Law: Contemporary Issues (Summer School), London School of Economics and Political Science (United Kingdom)**
- 2019** **Investment Banking and International Corporate Finance (Summer School), École des Hautes Études Commerciales de Paris (France)**

Conferences and Presentations

- 2025** **“Berechtigtes Interesse oder Grauzone? Webscraping im Spannungsfeld von KI-Entwicklung und Datenschutz”, The International Legal Informatics Symposium, University of Vienna (Austria)**
As a speaker in the “Data Protection & Data Governance” session, I discussed the collection of personal data via web scraping for AI development, focusing on the reliance on legitimate interest under the GDPR. I explored the legal uncertainties and proposed practical compliance solutions for AI development.

2024

Honors High Tech Program, Arnon, Tadmor-Levy (Israel)

I delivered multiple lectures to university students in the framework of Arnon, Tadmor-Levy’s Honors High Tech Program, covering privacy, commercial law, and AI, while providing insights into Israel’s high-tech ecosystem. The Honors High-Tech Program is a lecture series for outstanding law students, providing a close look at the work of the firm’s High-Tech Department.

Languages

German (*Native*), French (*Native*), English (*Fluent*), Hebrew (*Fluent*)

Nationalities

Austria, France, Israel