

## Mark Pieth



**Mark Pieth** is Professor of Criminal Law and Criminology at the University of Basel, Switzerland.

After receiving his undergraduate degree and a PhD in criminal law and criminal procedure, he spent a long time abroad, most notably at the Max Planck Institute for Criminal Law and Criminology in Germany and the Cambridge Institute of Criminology in the United Kingdom. After gaining practical experience as a private barrister ('Advokat'), he returned to his alma mater to complete his doctoral thesis on sanctions and other aspects of criminology.

From 1989 to 1993, Professor Pieth was Head of the Economic and Organized Crime Section of the Swiss Federal Office of Justice (Ministry of Justice and Police). In this capacity, he drafted legislation against money-laundering, organized crime, drug abuse, corruption and for the confiscation of assets. As a government official and later as an independent consultant, he also gained extensive experience in international fora, including by serving as a Member of the Financial Action Task Force on Money-Laundering (FATF), Member of the Chemical Action Task Force on Precursor Chemicals and Chair of an intergovernmental expert group tasked by the United Nations with determining the extent of traffic in illicit drugs.

From the mid-1990s to the present day, Professor Pieth has undertaken a range of functions at the international level. Since 1990, he has been chairing the OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions, also participating in the Wolfsberg AML Banking Initiative. In spring 2004, he was appointed to the Independent Inquiry Committee for the Iraq Oil-for-Food Programme by former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan. In 2008, Professor Pieth was made a member of the Integrity Advisory Board of the World Bank Group, which advises its President and the Audit Committee on integrity issues.

Within Switzerland Professor Pieth has assumed various presidencies and memberships of national commissions including of the Expert Group of the National Research Programme on Violence and Organized Crime, the Federal Commission on Data Protection in the Medical Profession, the Swiss Federal Gaming Commission and the Consultative Commission to the Federal Administration of Finances on the Prevention of Money-Laundering.