

Prof. Dr. Martin Winner

Positions:

- Vice Rector for Human Resources and Digital Infrastructure
- Professor for Business Law at the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)

Research Interests:

- Company Law and Securities Regulation
- Intellectual Property Law
- Comparative Law, esp. CEE
- General Business Law, Contracts, Property

Academic Career:

- Graduate studies of Business Administration at the Vienna University of Economics and Business (graduation 1993); graduate and postgraduate study of Law (graduation 1995, doctorate 2001) at the University of Vienna
- 1996 to 2007 (with leaves of absence): Assistant Professor for Business Law
- 2002 to 2005: APART-Grant of the Austrian Academy of Science for the research project “Price and Value in Private Law”
- 2007 award of the *venia docendi*

Positions:

- Since 2023 member of “Österreichischer Arbeitskreis Corporate Governance”, responsible for the Austrian Corporate Governance Code
- Since 2017 co-editor of the Austrian “Zeitschrift für Finanzmarktrecht” (Journal of Financial Markets Law)
- Since 2015 member of the European Company Law Experts (ECLE; <https://europeancompanylawexperts.wordpress.com/>)
- Since 2014 member of the European Commission’s „Informal Expert Group on Company Law (ICLEG)“
- Since 2012 member of the “Working Group Financial Markets Legislation at the Ministry of Finance” in Germany

Activities at WU Vienna:

- Since 2023 Vice Rector for Human Resources and Digital Infrastructure
- 2009 to 2025 Director of the Research Institute of Central and Eastern European Business Law
- 2013 to 2020 Deputy Chairman of the Works Council for Academic Employees
- 2012 to 2015 Head of the Department for Private Law
- Repeatedly elected as a member of the Senate

Practical Experience:

- Since 2014 regular advisory work for the European Commission on company law issues
- 2009 to 2021 Chairman of the Austrian Takeover Commission; continuous cooperation with national and international supervisors of the securities markets; member of ESMA’s Takeover Bids Network
- Advisor to the Austrian Ministry of Justice (e.g. Takeover Act 1998, implementation of the Takeover Directive 2006); member of numerous working groups in the Ministry of Justice; participation in working groups of the Council of the European Union for the Ministry of Justice

- 2007 to 2009 full-time advisor to the Albanian Minister of Justice for the reform of business law in the course of an EU twinning project
- 1998 to 2006: Chairman of a panel of the Control Commission for Public Procurement

Languages:

- German (first language)
- English and Spanish (excellent)

Civil Status:

- Married, one child