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An Agenda from a European Perspective for the Interdisciplinary Training of a New
International Commercial Lawyer

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One effect of the extensive processes of globalization has been an increasing demand for cross-border legal services that must take account of several national, international or supranational legal systems and cultures. The international practice of law at law firms, corporate legal departments and consulting organizations has become a significant field of work for lawyers and shows considerable potential for growth. The increasing internationalization of law and legal culture is also changing the conditions under which international lawyers operate.

At the same time, education in this field has also become more international. In Switzerland as well as in other continental European jurisdictions this trend calls for a new focus for education and research from an international perspective. The author's study sets out an overall concept for the re-shaping of legal education in this field, which draws together all the players involved both inside and outside of universities into a single network and takes account of the interaction of law and commerce. He describes the new professional roles of international lawyers and managers working together in commerce and management in international legal matters and sets out two possible agendas for educational reform at university level in this field. The first proposal could be implemented without a general reform of higher education; the second is based on a fundamental reform of the structure of university studies. The author underlines the need for a theoretical basis for this new educational focus and sets out possible fields of research on law and management with the purpose to train a new international lawyer and a new international manager co-operating on bringing law into action.

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