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## Profile

Felix Addor serves as the Deputy Director General, General Counsel and Director of the Legal & International Affairs Division at the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, the federal agency in charge of all intellectual property matters in the Swiss Federal administration. He has been responsible for legal and policy matters regarding all fields of intellectual property at both the national and international level since 1999. Among other things, he leads Swiss negotiating delegations in the relevant international fora, such as the World Trade Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization, and in bi- and multilateral negotiations.

Mr. Addor is also the co-initiator and co-chair of the Swiss interdepartmental working group on health, innovation and intellectual property. In an interview with Intellectual Property Watch, he and his co-chair of the Federal Office of Health presented an insightful view on the Swiss policy coherence mechanisms in the field of public health, innovation and intellectual property in light of the on-going WHO activities ([Swiss Initiative seeks to dispel black and white view of patents](#)).

Mr. Addor is a Professor in the Faculty of Law, University of Bern. He lectures on international negotiations, intellectual property and global governance at the University of Bern and the World Trade Institute, among others. In addition, he is a Member of the Boards of the Swiss Association of Competition Law and of the Swiss Forum of Communication Law, and he is a Member of the International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property. Felix Addor has authored numerous articles and he is a regular guest lecturer on international negotiation challenges and all fields of intellectual property at a number of institutions, including, the Global Health Programme of the Graduate Institute Geneva. He received a MLaw (magna cum laude) and a Dr. iur. (summa cum laude, awarded by the Professor Walther Hug Foundation) from the University of Bern, and he was admitted to the Canton Bern State Bar in 1990.