



Total revision of the Insurance Contract Act; A Commission of Experts has been established

Bern, 13.02.03. The total revision of the Insurance Contract Act has been initiated. At the request of the Federal Office for Private Insurance (FOPI), Federal Councillor Ruth Metzler has established an academic commission of experts under the direction of Prof. Anton K. Schnyder, to develop an appropriate revision proposal by 2004.

The work of the academically oriented commission of experts will not only include addressing the longstanding political concerns that have not already been taken into account in the pending partial revision of the Insurance Contract Act. The commission will in particular also need to pay close attention to the development of insurance contract law in our neighbouring countries and in the rest of Europe, and to the delimitation of the law of social insurance.

The following experts are part of the commission:

- Prof. Anton K. Schnyder, Law School at the University of Basel (as of March 2003: Zurich), (President);
- Chief Justice Alexander Brunner, Member of the federal commission for consumer concerns and of the Swiss commission for integrity, Commercial Court of canton Zurich;
- Olivier Carré, Attorney, Lausanne, (formerly head of the branch in western Switzerland of the Ombudsman foundation for private insurances);
- Dr. Stefan Fuhrer, Law Schools at the Universities of Basel and Fribourg, Basler Versicherungen;
- Prof. Peter Gauch, Law School at the University of Fribourg;
- Prof. Franz Hasenböhler, Law School at the University of Basel;

- Prof. Bettina Kahil-Wolff, Law Schools at the Universities of Neuchatel, Lausanne and Fribourg, she is covering the delimitation of social insurances;
- Dr. Andrea Kiefer, Assistant Prof. at the University of Basel and Research Assistant for FOPI;
- Prof. Alfred Koller, Law School at the University of St. Gallen;
- Dr. Matthias Nast, Special Editor and Project Director of the Swiss foundation for consumerism;
- Peter Pfund, Attorney, FOPI;
- Stephan Weber, Leonardo Productions AG, Eglisau, Judge at the Zurich Commercial Court, Board Member of the Swiss Association for Liability and Insurance Law;
- Prof. Franz Werro, Law Schools at the Universities of Fribourg, Geneva, Lausanne and Neuchatel.

Specific arrangements have been made to consult the ombudsperson for private insurance. The lobbies that are affected by the revision are included in this work within the framework of hearings. Interested organisations will also have the opportunity, in due course, to comment on proposals during the consultation process.

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