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#### education

- 1980 Master of Law, University of Utrecht (with honours)
- 1985 Doctoral dissertation (cum laude), University of Leiden. The thesis was published as a book with the title "Compensation for crime victims in the criminal justice system" (400 pp.). The book was awarded the prestigious "Moddermanprijs" in 1986, a bi-annual prize for the dissertation which has contributed significantly to the development of research in criminal law and criminal procedure.

#### employment

- 1980-1985 assistant professor criminal law & criminal procedure, University of Leiden
- 1985-1987 associate professor criminal law & criminal procedure, University of Leiden
- 1987-present professor criminal law & criminal procedure, Tilburg University. Head of Department of Criminal Law. Since 2005 professor in criminal law, criminal procedure and victimology
- 1992-1995 Dean of the Law Faculty, Tilburg University
- 1997-1998 Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Tilburg University
- 1986-present part time judge in the District Court of Rotterdam
- 1992-present part time judge in the Court of Appeals of Arnhem
- 2005 founder and first director of INTERVICT (International Victimology Institute Tilburg)

#### other professional activities

- 1983-present editor, since 1993 editor-in-chief of the comprehensive multi-volume commentary on the Dutch Code of Criminal Procedure, now comprising some 10.000 pages (A.L. Melai & M.S. Groenhuijsen c.s., Het Wetboek van Strafvordering)
- 1987-1995 Chair of the Dutch Association for Victim Assistance, an organisation operating a nationwide network of Victim Support Schemes
- 1990-present editor of Delikt en Delinkwent, the most prominent Dutch legal journal specialised in Criminal Law & Criminal Procedure
- 1985-1988 member of a specialist ministerial advisory committee for reconstruction of legislation on the position of victims in the criminal justice system
- 1991 chair of a specialist government advisory committee on proposed legislation concerning the duty to carry identification papers

1991-1993	member of a specialist ministerial advisory committee to make recommendations for a comprehensive restructuring of the Code of Criminal Procedure (10 voluminous reports were issued, which have subsequently led to major legislative innovations)
1991-2004	member, between 1994 and 2001 Chair, of the Executive Committee of the European Forum for Victim Services (an umbrella organisation comprising 17 national organisations for victim assistance)
1995-2002	Chair of the Advisory Board of the Research and Documentation Centre of the Dutch Ministry of Justice
1998-2001	Chair of the Research Committee of the World Society of Victimology
1998-present	Chair of the Editorial Board of the International Victimology Website
1994-present	Chair of the Board of Overseers of the St. Elisabeth Hospital in Tilburg
1999-2004	member of the Editorial Board of the International and Comparative Corporate Law Journal
1998-2003	Commissioned by the Dutch Minister of Justice as project-leader of a research project to re-examine the structure and foundations of the Code of Criminal Procedure (co-project leader prof. Knigge from Groningen). The project resulted in the publication of four volumes of findings (a total of appr. 3000 pages) which have been submitted to the Ministry for preparation of new legislation. The minister of justice has accepted the main findings of the project and has announced in parliament that these will be at the heart of the legislative program during the next years.
2003-present	First President of the Dutch-Flemish Association for Criminal Law
2004-present	Member of the International Editorial Advisory Board of the International Journal of Criminal Justice Sciences (peer-reviewed, online)
2004-present	Foreign member of the 'Commission on Legal Research' from the 'Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek', Vlaanderen (Research Fund, Flanders)
2005-present	Member Board of Directors International Society of Criminology
2005-present	Member Group of Specialists on Assistance to Victims and Prevention of Victimisation (PC-S-AV), Council of Europe
2005-present	Member of the 'Advisory Board' of the 'International Organization for Victim Assistance' (IOVA)
2006-present	Vice-president Executive Committee of the World Society of Victimology
2006-present	Member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences
2007-present	Member of the Group of Specialists on Remedies for Crime Victims (CJ-S-VICT), Council of Europe

### Awards

1985	Moddermanprijs
1995	Honorary member of the Dutch Association for Victim Assistance
1996	Royal decoration: Knight in the Order of Orange Nassau
1997	'Commemorative Medal of the Hungarian Parliament' for activities 'in the interest of the European victim services and for helping the Hungarian victim support'
1999	'Golden Sword' of the Hungarian Minister for the Interior, for accomplishments in the interest of victim support in Hungary
2003	Certificate of Appreciation Award 2003, awarded by the World Society of Victimology "to honor a deserving person for major accomplishments significant to the field of victimology"
2003	Stephen Schafer Award "for outstanding contributions to the victims' movement in the field of research", awarded by the National Organisation for Victim Assistance (USA)
2006	Member, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences
2007	Dr Hendrik Muller Prize for Behavioural and Social Sciences, awarded by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences
2007	Honorary member of the Victimology Society of Serbia