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Starting in 2003, the legal specialist developed the domestic work of Germany's national human rights institution, the German Institute for Human Rights (Deutsches Institut für Menschenrechte e.V.) in Berlin.

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