

Werner Rumphorst

Werner Rumphorst, born in 1942, received a classical education in his home town of Münster/Westphalia, before entering Münster University to study Latin and English. He continued to read those subjects in Munich, but later decided to switch faculties and to study law instead. He obtained his first and second law degrees in Munich, a Master of Comparative Law degree from George Washington University and a doctorate in law (with a thesis on US copyright law) from Munich University. After several years of research fellowship with the Munich Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Patent, Copyright and Competition Law, where he specialized in international copyright law, he joined the Legal Department of Süddeutscher Rundfunk (one of the ARD stations) in Stuttgart in 1972. Four years later, he joined the EBU Legal Department in Geneva, of which he was the Director from 1986 to his retirement in 2007.

His numerous publications, mainly on copyright law and broadcasting law, include a Model Law on Public Service Broadcasting which inspired legislation in a number of countries in Central and Eastern Europe, and even beyond.