

Biography

Born on 8 August 1973 in Bad Säckingen; Roman Catholic; married; three children.

Obtained *Abitur* (higher-education entrance qualification) in 1993; completed compulsory basic military service in the German-French brigade from 1993 to 1994; studied law at the University of Freiburg from 1994 to 1999; passed first state examination in law in Freiburg; completed compulsory period of practical legal training at Waldshut-Tiengen regional court from 1999 to 2001; passed second state examination in law.

Practised as a lawyer from 2001 to 2002; civil servant at the Baden-Württemberg State Ministry from 2002 to 2004, serving as personal assistant to the Minister for State and European Affairs; mayor of Donaueschingen from 2004 to 2013.

Member of Bad Säckingen municipal council and chairman of the CDU parliamentary group on Bad Säckingen municipal council from 1999 to 2004; member of the assembly of the Hochrhein-Bodensee Regional Association from 2000 to 2004; chairman of the Waldshut county branch of the CDU from 2001 to 2004; chairman of the Baden-Württemberg Land branch of the Local Government Policy Association of the CDU from 2006 to 2016; deputy chairman of the Baden-Württemberg Land branch of the CDU since 2007; member of the Schwarzwald-Baar county council and chairman of the CDU parliamentary group on the council since 2009.

Member of the German Bundestag since October 2013. Deputy Chairman of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the German Bundestag for legal affairs and consumer protection, internal affairs, sport and voluntary work, expellees, repatriates, and German minorities since December 2018.