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Professor Kronke is author of some 150 books and articles in the fields of the law of contracts, commercial law, company law and capital markets law, conflict of laws, international civil procedure and arbitration.

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The President of the Federal Republic of Germany conferred the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic upon him. The Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil honoured him with the Ordem do Rio Branco.