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## **EDUCATION**

### **July 2012**

Associate Professor Title, Faculty of Law, University of Tirana

### **May 2009**

PhD in Civil Law graduated with the thesis: “Arbitral Award. Challenge, Recognition and Enforcement of the arbitral award”, Faculty of Law, University of Tirana

### **2001 -2004**

Master in Law, Faculty of Law, University of Tirana, Albania

### **1991- 1995**

Legal Degree (Juris Doctor) Faculty of Law, University of Tirana, Albania

## **EMPLOYMENT**

### **October 2005 – present**

Lecturer of Civil Procedure Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Law, Faculty of Law, University of Tirana

Attorney at law/Partner in “Kola& Associates” Law Firm

### **MAY 2000 – OCTOBER 2005**

Legal Officer, International Judicial Support Division, Department of Justice, UNMIK

### **September 1995 – May 2000**

Lecturer of Civil Procedure Law, Faculty of Law, University of Tirana (Full-time)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **3-31 October 2016**

Scientific research in Max Planck Institute on Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg, Germany

### **8-15 June 2015**

Scientific research in Max Planck Institute on Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg, Germany

### **2-18 December 2014**

Scientific research in University Montesquie Bordeaux IV, France, Bordeaux, France

**2 May- 30 June 2014**

Scientific research in Max Planck Institute on Comparative and International Private Law on a monograph “On interim measures in Arbitration”, Hamburg, Germany

**8-20 December 2013**

Scientific research in the University “Montesquie Bordeaux IV”, France on the “Means of Appeal in the judicial jurisdiction” Bordeaux, France

**January –May 2011**

Certificate of participation at the Junior Faculty Development Program organized by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States of Department State, Boston, USA

**October - December 1999**

Certificate, Research regarding my Ph.D. thesis at UNIDROIT, International Institute for the Unification of Private Law, Rome

**October 1999**

Certificate, Study program on “Teaching and Course Management for the Faculty of Law” organized by USAID, different universities of New York State and Washington D.C

**October-December 1998**

Certificate, HERMES program for the introduction of the Tempus Joint European Project to the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana with the participation of the universities of Bordeaux, Naples and Athens

**January-February 1998**

Certificate, “Enterprise and Investment Law course” organized by International Development Law Institute, Rome

**May-June 1997**

Certificate, Scientific and linguistic course for researchers from the Central and East European Countries, organized by “Centre National Des Recherches Scientifique”, SOROS Foundation and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris

**July 1996**

Certificate, 27<sup>th</sup> Session on Human Rights Issues in Strasbourg organized by the International Institute for Human Rights and the Council of Europe

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS****February 2017-**

Legal expert appointed by GIZ to draft the report on the topic: “Collective Redress in Consumer Protection in Albania”

**February-March 2017**

Member of the legal experts group discussing the amendments of the Albanian Code of Civil Procedure, in the context of the reform in the justice system

**October 2016- April 2017**

Coach of the Tirana University team in the competition XXIV Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Vienna, Austria

**October 2014- April 2015**

Coach of the Tirana University team in the competition XXII Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Vienna, Austria

**December 2014**

Member of Arbitral Woman; The International Network of Woman in Dispute Resolution

**October 2013- April 2014**

Coach of the Tirana University team in the competition XXI Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Vienna, Austria

**September 2012**

Legal expert appointed by GIZ as part of the working group on international cooperation and legal assistance in civil and commercial matters for the review of the Draft of Sarajevo Convention “On mutual recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments in civil and commercial matters”.

**October 2012**

Legal expert appointed by GIZ to draft the report on the topic: “Analysis of the legal framework on electrification of notary service in Albania”

**2012 – Ongoing**

Accreditation expert contracted by the Public Accreditation Agency for Higher Education

**2011-2012**

Part of the working group on drafting the commentary on the law “On the settlement of disputes by mediation”

**January 2010**

Legal expert selected by GTZ to make a General Assessment of the Commentary of the Code of Civil Procedure of the Republic of Kosovo.

**November 2010**

Legal expert selected by GTZ to make a General Assessment of the Commentary of the Family Code of the Republic of Kosovo.

**June 2010- ongoing**

Professional representative at the European Patent Office

**2008 – Ongoing**

Part-time expert on the training processes in the School of Magistrates

**2008-2009**

Co-arbiter in a ICC Arbitration, Paris

**2007-2008**

Member of the working group for drafting the New Concession Law

**October 2005 – ongoing**

Authorized Representative for patents of inventions, trademarks, industrial design and origin denominations, License from the Albanian Patent and Trademark Office

**May 1998**

Co-founder and presiding member of the “Centre for advanced legal studies”

**January - April 1997**

Member of the Parliamentary Commission for the transparency of the pyramidal schemes

**October 1996 – ongoing**

Attorney at law, Member of the Tirana Bar Association

**PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES****23-24 September 2016**

Presentation on Tirana Young ICCA Workshop “Filing an arbitration and drafting a request”, Tirana

**11-13 November 2015**

“The need for unification of recognition and enforcement of foreign non-EU judgments within EU - Albanian case” presented in the International Conference “Launch conference of the SEE I EU Cluster of Excellence in European and International Law”, Saarbrücken, Germany.

**29-30 October 2015**

“Novelties of rules on jurisdiction in civil and commercial disputes in EU and Albania”, paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Itinerant Summer University in the Balkans, Tirana, Albania

**28 June 2014**

Presentation of a national report in a WORKSHOP: Collective redress in South East Europe, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina

**09 May 2013**

“Positive effects and problematic issues involving the most recent amendments of the Code of Civil Procedure regarding the enforced execution phase” presented at the International Scientific Conference “100 Years of Justice and Doctrine”, organized by Faculty of Law University of Tirana and Appeal Court of Tirana.

**28 February 2013**

“Consumer redress in Albania Civil proceedings” presented at the Congress on harmonization of European private law, organized in Istanbul, Turkey.

**12 November 2012**

“Analyses of the provisions of the Albanian Law on determining jurisdiction by parties agreement *vis a vis acquis communautaire*” presented at the Symposium of Private European Law organized by Faculty of Law University of Tirana in collaboration with Max Planck Institute on Comparative and International Private Law.

**07 May 2012**

"The history of civil procedure law sources in 100 years state", presented at the National Scientific Conference "The state and justice in 100 years of independence", organized by the Faculty of Law of the European University of Tirana.

**08 May 2012**

"History of the development of arbitration in Albania in 100 years state", co-author, presented at the National Scientific Conference "The legal system in consolidation" organized by the Faculty of Law, UT in cooperation with the Albanian University

### **20/21 April 2012**

"Effects involving the reasonable doubts on the existence of elements of an offense in international arbitration", presented at the International Scientific Conference "Development of Criminal Science on the eve of the New Millennium" organized by the University Justinian I in collaboration with the University of Roma - La Sapienza.

### **02 December 2011**

"The jurisdiction of the Albanian courts in reviewing the issues with foreign elements and cases of derogation of jurisdiction" presented at the National Scientific Conference "Development and innovation of private law", organized by the Department of Civil Law, Faculty of Law, University of Tirana.

### **02 December 2011**

"Novelties of the Albanian legislation in the field of mediation for dispute solution" co-author, presented at the National Scientific Conference "Development and innovation of private law", organized by the Department of Civil Law, Faculty of Law, University of Tirana.

### **13 September 2010**

"Euthanasia, last life right and Albanian Legislation", co-author, presented at the International Scientific Conference "Criminal Protection of Human Dignity in the globalization era", organized by the University of Pristina, Faculty of Law, published in *Diritto & Diritti*, Italian Legal Magazine on-Line ISSN: 1127-8579

### **21 May 2010**

"The expansion of the scope of mediation in the context of the recommendations of the Council of Europe" presented at the International Scientific Conference "Albanian justice and legislation facing the challenges of integration in the European Union" organized by the University "Justinian I", Tirana, in collaboration with the School of Magistrates Tirana, Prishtina State University and the State University of Tetovo Macedonia, published in the journal no. 1, May 2010, of the University "Justiniani I".

### **May 2010**

"Albanian legislation on interim measures of protection in an arbitration procedure in the view of *acquis communautaire*", presented in the Conference organized by the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana in collaboration with the "La Sapienza" University, Italy, UFO University, and European University of Tirana, Tirana, Albania.

### **June 2009**

"The Albanian legal framework regarding ionizing and non-ionizing radiation" presented at the Conference organized by the Faculty of Law of the University of Tirana in collaboration with the Naples University, Italy, Tirana, Albania.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **March 2016**

Co-Author in the Report "**Legal Protection against Discrimination in SEE**", Center for SEELS publication, August 2016, ISBN 978-608-4697-12-1

Textbook on "**Alternative Dispute Resolution**", Co-author, Albas Editions, October 2015

Textbook on "**Civil Procedure Part II**", Co-author, ILAR Editions, January 2014

"**Calling the party against whom it is given an international arbitration award in the process of recognition of this award**" published in the journal 'Jus & Justitia' of the European University of Tirana no.7, autumn 2011, ISSN 2223-8654, pp.223.

**“Privacy and Confidentiality in Arbitration”** published in the Law Review “Juridical Life” of the Albanian School of Magistrates, no. 4, Year XI of publication, Tirana, December 2011, ISSN 2219-4134, p. 24.

**“Objective factors that determine the opening of bankruptcy in Albania”**, co-author, published in the Albanian Social-Economic Review, XVIII, no.1 (65) 2011, three monthly social-economic magazine (January-March 2011) ISSN2222-5846, pp.155.

**“Implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights in Arbitration Proceedings”** published in the German Arbitration Journal, SchiedsVZ, July/August 2012, ISSN 1610-322X.

**“One stop shop reform and electronic governance”**, co-author, publication at the journal “The annals of the “Stefan Cel Mare” University Suceava, Fascicle of the Faculty of Economics and Public Administration

**“Arbitration in Albania”**, co-author, chapter of the World Arbitration Reporter, Second Edition, published by JurisNet LLC, December 2012, pp.64.

Available at: [http://www.jurispub.com/cart.php?m=product\\_detail&p=13831](http://www.jurispub.com/cart.php?m=product_detail&p=13831)

**“The request for the insolvency of Commercial Companies in Albania”**, co-author, publication at the International Journal of Management Cases (IJMC), Volume14, issue1.

**Textbook “Civil Procedure Law” Part I**, co-author, Tirana2011.

**“Independence and impartiality of the judiciary”** published in the Law Review “Juridical Life” of the Albanian School of Magistrates, no.1, Year VII of Publication, Tirana, March 2010, ISSN 2219-4134, pp.101.

**“Arbitration, an alternative of dispute resolution outside the judiciary”** Mediation Journal, Foundation “Conflict resolution and reconciliation of disputes”, Tirana, 2008.

**“Civil Procedure Law”**, Primary handbook for Civil Procedure Law at Faculty of Law, Pegi Publishing House, Tirana, March 2000.

**“Introduction to the Albanian Code of Civil Procedure”**, “The Law”, Pristina, January 1998.

**“The relationship between parents and children”**, “Women Rights”, Tirana, November 1997.

**“The African system for the protection of human rights”**, ‘Albanian Human Rights Documentation Center’, Tirana, March 1996.

## **LANGUAGES**

Albanian (mother tongue), English (excellent), French (very good)

## **COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE**

Very good knowledge of Applications on Windows (Microsoft Project, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Lotus Notes etc.