

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

## Flutura Kola Tafaj



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Sex Female | Date of birth 07/09/1973 | Nationality Albanian

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Oct 1995–Present **Lecturer of Civil Procedure and Alternative Dispute Resolution**  
University of Tirana, Faculty of Law, Tirana (Albania)
- Oct 2007 – Present **Part-time Lecturer of Civil Procedure and Arbitration**  
School of Magistrates
- Oct 2005–Present **Attorney at law/ Sole Partner**  
"Kola & Associates" Law Firm, Tirana (Albania)
- May 2000–Oct 2005 **Legal Interpreter and Legal Officer**  
International Judicial Support Division, Department of Justice, UNMIK (Kosovo)

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Jul 2012 **Associate Professor**  
University of Tirana, Faculty of Law, Tirana (Albania)
- May 2009 **PhD in Civil Law Thesis: "Arbitral Award. Challenge, Recognition and Enforcement of the arbitral award"**  
University of Tirana, Faculty of Law, Tirana (Albania)
- 2001–2004 **Master of Law**  
University of Tirana, Faculty of Law, Tirana (Albania)
- 1991–1995 **Jurist**  
University of Tirana, Faculty of Law, Tirana (Albania)
- Oct 1999 **Certificate, Study program on "Teaching and Course Management for the Faculty of Law"**  
USA
- Oct 1998–Dec 1998 **Certificate, HERMES program for the introduction of the Tempus Joint European Project**  
The Faculty of Law, University of Tirana with the participation of the universities of

Bordeaux, Naples and Athens

- Jan 1998–Feb 1998 **Certificate, “Enterprise and Investment Law course”**  
International Development Law Institute, Rome, Italy
  
- May 1997–Jun 1997 **Certificate, Scientific and linguistic course for researchers from the Central and East European Countries**  
“Centre National Des Recherches Scientifique”, France, SOROS Foundation and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris, France
  
- Jul 1995 **Certificate, 27th Session on Human Rights Issues in Strasbourg**  
International Institute for Human Rights and the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

**PERSONAL SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s) Albanian

Foreign language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
French	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user  
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills Very good communication skills gained through my work as lecturer and counsel to many clients

Organisational / managerial skills

- Very good organizational skills gained through my work as lecturer and expert in different workshops, training and projects
- Very good team-leading skills gained as students' coach in arbitration competitions

Job-related skills Very good research and critical thinking skills

Digital skills

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient user	Proficient user	Independent user	Independent user	Independent user

Digital skills - Self-assessment grid

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Memberships

**2016 – ongoing**  
Member of the Editorial Board of SEE Cluster of Excellence in European and International Law for the SEE|EU Cluster of Excellence Series of Papers

**2017-ongoing**

Board member of the non-profit organization “SOS Children's Villages Albania”

**2014- ongoing**

Member of the Board of Directors of the non-profit organization “Albanian Children Foundation”

**2014 – ongoing**

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

**October 1996 – ongoing**

Member of the Tirana Bar Association

**Publications**

Book, “**Commentary of the private international law**”, co-author, published and financed by KAS (*Konrad Adenauer Stiftung*), Ombra GVG Editions, March 2019.

Textbook, “**Civil Procedure Part I**”, co-author, Second Edition, Tirana, Albas Editions, ISBN 978-9928-282-66-8, January 2019

Article, “**Invalidity of procedural acts**” published in the Law Review “Juridical Life” of the Albanian School of Magistrates, No. 3, December 2018

Comparative study “**Collective redress mechanisms in consumer protection in the European Union and South East Europe**”, co-author, published by GIZ (*Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit*) Print house Evropa 92, Dooel, Skopje, ISBN 978-608-4536-20-8, March 2018.

Textbook, “**Civil Procedure Part II**”, co-author, Second Edition, Tirana, Albas Editions, ISBN 978-9928-258-06-9, January 2018

Article, “**International *lis pendens* in the Albanian judicial jurisdiction as an innovation in the Albanian procedural law**” published in the Law Review “Juridical Life” of the Albanian School of Magistrates, no. 3, December 2017

Regional study “**Legal Protection against Discrimination in South East Europe**”, co-author, published by Centre for SEELS, ISBN 978-608-4697-12-1, August 2016

Textbook on “**Alternative Dispute Resolution**”, co-author, Albas Editions, ISBN 978-9928-02-588-3, October 2015

Textbook on “**Civil Procedure Part II**”, co-author, ILAR Editions, ISBN 978-9928-107-86-2, January 2014

Textbook on “**Civil Procedure Part I**”, co-author, ILAR Editions, ISBN 978-9928-107-85-5, May 2013

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

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

Article, **“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, ISSN 2219-4134, p. 24. December 2011

Article, **“Summoning 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, , ISSN 2223-8654, pp.223, Autumn 2011

Article, **“Objective factors that determine the opening of bankruptcy in Albania”**, co-author, published in the Albanian Social-Economic Review, XVIII, no.1 (65) 2011, ISSN 2222-5846, pp.155. March 2011

Article, **“One stop shop reform and electronic governance”**, co-author, publication at the International Journal of Management Cases (IJMC), Volume/15, issue 3, ISSN 1741-6264, July 2012

Article, **“The request for the insolvency of Commercial Companies in Albania”**, co-author, publication at the International Journal of Management Cases (IJMC), Volume/15, issue 3, ISSN 1741-6264, July 2012

Article, **“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, ISSN 2219-4134, pp.101, March 2010

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

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

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

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

## Conferences and workshops

### 23-24 September 2016

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

“Collective redress in Albania” - 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, Tirana

**28 February – 1 March 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, in Tirana

**17 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, published in the journal 'Jus & Justitia' of the European University of Tirana no.8/2014, ISSN 2223-8654.

**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, University of Tirana in cooperation with the Albanian University in Tirana

**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, in Tirana.

**12 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. ISBN: 978-9928-228-96-3

**12 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. ISBN: 978-9928-228-96-3

**11-13 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”.

**6-7 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. ISBN: 978-99956-19-84-8

**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.

## Research

**5-31 October 2016**

Scientific research regarding interim measures in international arbitration in Max Planck Institute on Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg, Germany

**8-15 June 2015**

Scientific research regarding interim measures in international arbitration in Max Planck Institute on Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg, Germany

**2-18 December 2014**

Scientific research regarding the application of the EU Brussels Regulation 1215/2012, in University Montesquieu Bordeaux IV, France, Bordeaux, France. Scholarship granted by the French Embassy in the Republic of Albania

**2 May- 30 June 2014**

Scientific research regarding arbitration in Max Planck Institute on Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg, Germany. Scholarship granted by DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)

**8-20 December 2013**

Scientific research regarding the means of appeal in the judicial jurisdiction in the University “Montesquieu Bordeaux IV”, Bordeaux, France. Scholarship granted by the French Embassy in the Republic of Albania

**7 January – 25 May 2011**

Scientific research in the Suffolk University at Boston, Massachusetts, USA on the “Teaching methodology, curriculum development and interim measures in arbitration”. Scholarship granted by the Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP), Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State (ECA) and administered by the American Councils for International Education.

**October - December 1999**

Research on international private law at the UNIDROIT, International Institute for the Unification of Private Law, Rome

## Legal expertise

**2008 – Ongoing**

Expert in the continuous training programme in the School of Magistrates

**20-23 Mars 2018**

Expert in the training program: “Novelties of the amendments of the Albanian Code of Civil Procedure increasing the efficiency of the civil adjudication” organized by the School of Magistrates and Albanian National Bar in collaboration with EURALIUS

**6-9 November 2017**

Expert in the training program: “First instance and appeal courts adjudication in the context of the recent amendments of the Code of Civil Procedure” organized by the School of Magistrates and Albanian National Bar in collaboration with EURALIUS

**January-March 2017**

Expert appointed by the Albanian Legal Parliamentary Commission for drafting the new amendments of the Albanian Code of Civil Procedure, in the context of the reform in the justice system

**September 2012**

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**

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

**2011 – 2014**

Accreditation expert contracted by the Public Accreditation Agency for Higher Education

**2011-2012**

Member 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.

**2007-2008**

Member of the working group for drafting the New Concession Law

**January - April 1997**

Legal expert in the Parliamentary Commission for the transparency of the pyramidal schemes

**Other professional activities**

Counsel in domestic and international arbitration

Co-arbiter in domestic and international arbitration

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

Authorized Representative for patents of inventions, trademarks, industrial design and origin denominations, License from the Albanian Patent and Trademark Office (2007-2015)