

Qerkin Berisha

Personal information:

Family name: Berisha
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Education

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<i>Institution (Date from – Date to):</i>	<i>Degree obtained:</i>
University of Prishtina – Faculty of Law – (2013 – ongoing)	PHD candidate (Civil and Property Law)
University of Prishtina – Faculty of Law - 2009	Master of Law (Mr.Sc) (Civil and Property Law)
University of Prishtina – Faculty of Law – 2004	Bachelor of Law

Language skills: Competence on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)

<i>Language</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Speaking</i>	<i>Writing</i>
Albanian	1	1	1
English	1	1	1
Serbian	3	4	3

Membership of professional bodies:

Member of Civil Cathedra at the Law Faculty of the University of Prishtina;
 Member of editorial Board of Human Rights and Policy Journal of The University of Prishtina,
 Member (editor) of editorial Board of Law Review “E drejta” of the Faculty of Law etc.
 Secretary of Civil Department at the Law faculty – University of Prishtina.

Key qualifications:

Civil and property law; human rights, legal drafting; legal research; strategic analysis and planning; strategy development, public finances etc

Professional experience/ Permanent Positions

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Company/Organisation</i>	<i>Position</i>
Oct 2009 – ongoing	Kosovo	University of Prishtina	Teaching Assistant on civil and property law

Teaching and research on the following subjects: Civil Law and property law, cadastral law, legal clinics, commercial law and competition. Position is an academic carrier position and part of activities are: organizing lectures; seminars, examination of students; legal research activities etc.

May 2016 – Dec. 2017	Kosovo	EU funded Project “Support to the implementation of the Government Strategy for Cooperation with Civil Society implemented by WYG International Ltd.	Senior Expert on Public Funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafting the Regulation on Criteria, Standards and procedures of Public Funding of CSO-s, including related manuals on its implementation; • Developing the methodology for monitoring and reporting of overall public funding of CSO-s • Supporting the development of an integrated and transparent system of planning and execution of state budget lines for funding of CSO programs and projects, including annual plans for grant schemes for CSO Programmes; • Strengthening capacities of government structures related to public funding of CSO-s; 			

<i>May - June 2016</i>	<i>Kosovo</i>	<i>UNDP</i>	<i>Expert on Sector Budget Support</i>
<p>Supporting Ministry of Public Administration and Ministry of European Integration to finalize the Sector Reform Contract on Public Administration Reform by addressing comments and suggestion of EU Office and European Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support the collection of necessary information with regard to PAR policies and institutional framework; • coordinate activities with involved stakeholders; • address and harmonize comments from Kosovo institutions and European Commission in the action document; • identify indicators and finalize the action document 			
<i>May 2015 – April 2016</i>	<i>Kosovo</i>	<i>Support to Kosovo’s Policy and Strategic Planning - an EU funded project managed by European Union Office in Kosovo, Implemented by CPM Consulting Group, Euro Partners Development Group; Sustainable Strategy Development Consulting; WYG International; and Public Administration International)</i>	<i>National short term expert</i>
<p>Support to the IPA programming process as following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting the Ministry of European Integration and related sector stakeholders, particularly the various offices of the Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Public Administration to finalize the draft action document (in sector reform contract format) for the Sector Budget Support Public Administration Reform 2016-2020. • Support to the Ministry of European Integration and Prime Minister’s Office on Drafting Rule of Law Strategic Planning Document (SPD) - Sub Sector related to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms for IPA Programming Process 2016 - 2020. • Support to Ministry of European Integration on finalizing Strategic Planning Document (SPD) on Public Administration Reform. 			
<i>July 2015- Sep 2015</i>	<i>Kosovo</i>	<i>UNDP</i>	<i>Expert</i>
<p>Support Office of Prime Minister of Kosovo on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafting the Strategy and Action Plan on Prevention of Violent Extremism and Radicalism that leads to Terrorism 2015 – 2020. • Developing necessary analysis on the identification of the problem, of Violent Extremism and Radicalism that leads to Terrorism with the purpose of drafting strategic objectives, measures and activities. • Co coordination the process of drafting the strategy and action plan with Prime Ministers office and relevant international and local stakeholders. 			
<i>Dec 2015 – July 2016</i>	<i>Kosovo</i>	<i>USAID and KLSC - Legal Support for Handling Appeals of Decisions related to Constructions without Permit</i>	<i>Legal Expert</i>
<p>Under the Project: Legal Support for Handling Appeals of Decisions related to Constructions without Permit supporting Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish clear and simple rules of procedures for review of appeals to ensure swift, simple and inexpensive process. Ensure the process is corruption free • Establish a sound base of knowledge and evidence to support development of a sound process for review of appeals for legalization. • Build MESP Capacities and Ensure citizens are informed of their rights and of the appeal process. 			
<i>July – September 2015</i>	<i>Kosovo</i>	<i>USAID – Assessment of USAID programming and opportunities in increasing transparency and accountability in managing public resources in Kosovo, implemented by NOVUS consulting</i>	<i>Anti-Corruption Expert</i>
<p>The main focus of this assignment was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify types of the technical assistance to fill perceived gaps and increase oversight capacities to combat corruption; • Identify policy issues that need to be addressed that will increase transparency in budgeting and improve public procurement processes; • Identifying areas to be targeted at the municipal level, within the budgeting and procurement processes, that have the 			

- most potential for increasing transparency therefore reducing corruption; and
- Identifying best practices other countries have used to minimize corruption related to the management of the public resources and how can they be tailored to fit into the Kosovo Public procurement processes.

<i>Feb 2015 – June 2015</i>	<i>Kosovo</i>	<i>University of Peja</i>	<i>Lecturer</i>
Lecturer in Contract Law			

<i>April 2015- April 2015</i>	<i>Kosovo</i>	<i>Forum For Civic Initiatives (NGO)</i>	<i>Legal expert</i>
Drafting a research report on the national legislation related to public finance, tax legislation and legislation related to NGO-s with the focus on the legal environment to develop philanthropy in Kosovo.			

<i>Oct 2014- Jan 2015</i>	<i>Kosovo</i>	<i>Government of Kosovo Ministry of Finance</i>	<i>Short term legal expert</i>
Support to Ministry of Finance on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting and harmonisation with Acquis of specific legislation in the field of public finances; Supporting Ministry of Finance on negotiation of international agreements related to double taxation; Supporting Ministry of Finance on negotiation of Agreement implement FATCA with United States. 			

<i>April 2014- Sep 2014</i>	<i>Kosovo</i>	<i>Capacity Development Facility (UNDP/KFOS)</i>	<i>Legal Advisor to Ministry of Finance</i>
Support to Ministry of Finance on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing capacities on legal issues, including drafting and harmonisation of specific legislation with Acquis such as: state aid legislation, property tax legislation, and legislation related to auditing and accounting; Support to MoF on negotiation of international agreements related to double taxation and international tax treaties. Supporting Ministry of Finance with IPA planning and the process of negotiation of Stabilization and Association Agreement for the part of MoF. 			

<i>Oct 2013 – Nov 2014</i>	<i>Kosovo</i>	<i>Project “Supporting Kosovo Institutions for combating financial and economic crimes, An EU Funded project managed by European Commission Office in Kosovo, implemented by B&S Europe</i>	<i>Short Term - Legal Expert</i>
The main tasks of Short Term - Legal Expert: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Financial Intelligence Unit and Ministry of Finance on drafting secondary legislation related to prevention of financial crimes, money laundering and terrorist financing; Support on evaluation of extent of informal economy in Kosovo; Support to Ministry of Finance on Drafting the National Strategy and Action Plan of the Republic of Kosovo to prevent and combat the informal economy, money laundering, terrorist financing and financial crimes 2014-2018 			

<i>Mar 2012 – Aug 2013</i>	<i>Kosovo</i>	<i>Government of Kosovo Ministry of Finance</i>	<i>Director of Legal Department</i>
Heading the Legal Department of the Ministry of Finance; managing with staff of department; drafting primary and secondary legislation related to public finances, tax legislation, property tax legislation, legislation related to expropriation etc; drafting legal opinions, drafting and negotiating international agreements related to public finance sector, drafting strategies, concept papers and other documents related to public finance sector; being part of different project steering committees, government committees; working groups; etc. I was member of Governmental committee on classification of civil service positions as part of public administration reform.			

<i>Mar 2010 – Mar 2012</i>	<i>Kosovo</i>	<i>Government of Republic of Kosovo Office of the Prime Minister</i>	<i>Senior Strategic Planning Officer</i>
Advice to the Cabinet of Prime Minister and Government on Strategic Issues, Priorities, and strategic planning. Drafting and reviewing different strategic documents, concept papers, working plans etc. Working closely with Ministry of Finance on Public Finance Management issues and Government priorities. Member of committee on Strategic Expenditure Review, headed by Ministry of Finance			

Nov 2012 –Dec 2012	Kosovo	OSCE - Mission in Kosovo	Consultant and Trainer on trainings: 1. Strategy Development training 2. Data collection and analysis training
Organizing and heading trainings for 60 participants from Kosovo Police and other Law Enforcement institutions on Strategy Development and on data collection and analysis trainings.			
Aug 2009 –Mar 2010	Kosovo	Government of Kosovo - Office of the Prime Minister	Manager of Brain Fund Scheme
A Government Programme on Capacity Building of Governmental institutions. In this position I was responsible for evaluation, coordination and monitoring of the Brain Fund implementation in all governmental institutions. My tasks were related also to evaluation of institutional requests for support by brain fund.			
Mar 2005 – Aug 2009	Kosovo	University of Prishtina Human Rights Centre (A research Institute within Rectorate of the University of Prishtina)	Programme Manager – Project Coordinator
Management responsibilities, organizing trainings, researches and other related activities, drafting and reviewing project proposals, working plans, etc. As part of the Centre I carried out different research papers related to human rights, national policies and legislation etc. As part of this position I was engaged also in international research projects with different international institutions.			
Oct 2008 – April 2010	Kosovo	“FRIDOM” Functional Review and design of Ministries and Government, managed by: Corporate & Public Management Consulting Group Estonia OU, HELM Corporation, Governance institute Slovakia and Altair Asesores. This project is funded by DFID.	Short Term Expert
As the entire project was related to support public administration reform, my specific engagement was related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horizontal Review anticorruption systems in Kosovo, see report on: http://map.rks-gov.net/userfiles/file/FRIDOM/Fridom_en/Horizontal_Reviews/Functional_Review_of_Anti_Corruption_Systems_20.pdf • Horizontal Review of Gender Equality and Human Rights Systems in Kosovo, see report on: http://map.rks-gov.net/userfiles/file/FRIDOM/Fridom_en/Horizontal_Reviews/Functional_Review_of_Human_Rights_and_Gender_Equality_System_211e.pdf • Horizontal Review of administrative procedure and public administrative decision making and e-governance; 			
Jan 2008 – Nov 2008	Kosovo	EU Founded Programme: Strengthening Kosovan Capacity to Combat Money Laundering and Corruption – supported by European Commission Liaison Office to Kosovo – implemented by B&S Europe	Office Manager AML – EAR Programme
Administrative, coordination and other related activities on the frame of the project.			
June 2008 – Sep 2008	Kosovo	Strengthening Kosovan Capacity to Combat Money Laundering and Corruption – EU Founded Programme supported by European Commission Liaison Office to Kosovo – implemented by B&S Europe	Short Term Expert in "national criminal law and criminal procedure law" within training programme of the project
Trainer on training of trainers on financial crimes for law enforcement agencies: police, customs, tax authorities, anticorruption agency etc. as part of these trainings specific issues related to property law; contract law and company law have been treated, in order to develop the capacities of national institutions on investigation of these issues.			
Oct 2007 – Oct 2009	Kosovo	AAB University – Law Faculty	Teaching Assistant
Teaching in civil an property law, Civil Procedure Law, law on obligations and Contract Law, company law, insolvency and bankruptcy law			

Mar 2003 – Mar 2005	Kosovo	Finnish OHCHR Kosovo – Finnish Government Programme on HR	Legal Researcher
Researcher in different legal and social issues, law, Human Rights law, humanitarian law, etc.			

Other relevant information (eg. Publications):

Education and trainings:

Name of Educational Institutions	Major fields of study / training	Obtained Qualifications/certification	Year/s
OECD	Training on International Agreements on Double Taxation	Certificate	2014
University of Zagreb - Law Faculty and Inter-University Centre	Crime Prevention through Criminal Law & Security Studies	Certificate	2011
USAID	Training of Trainers – Legal Education	Certificate	2011
University of Bologna	Beyond Enlargement. The Wider Europe and the New neighbourhood	Certificate	2010
University of Graz, Austria	HUMSEC Summer Academy	Certificate	2006
Council of Europe	Advanced Compass Training on Human Rights Education	CoE Certified Trainer on Human Rights Education with young people	2006
Pittsburgh University - Center for International Legal Education	International Commercial Law, International Business Transactions,	Summer University Certificate	2005
Pittsburgh University - Center for International Legal Education	Law, English For Lawyers, Civic Participation "Training the Trainers" program,	Summer University Certificate	2004
Bologna Center for Constitutional Studies and Democratic Development	European Union and Legal Reform Program	Certificate	2005
Fourth International Prishtina Summer University 2004	European Enlargement and Process of Deepening	Certificate	2004
USAID	Contemporary International Business Transactions	Diploma	2004
FINNISH OHCHR	Training For Trainers on Human Rights	Diploma	2004
Kosovo Law Centre	Continuing Education for Lawyers	Certificate	2004
Kosovo Law Centre	Legal Clinic Program for Lawyers	Certificate	2003 - 2004

Publications:

- University of Skopje – Faculty of Law; Conference presentation: Harmonization of Kosovo Legislation in the field of EU private Law; Conference presentation; 2015
- Civil Law System in Kosovo: Harmonization and unification of Civil Law with EU Law; Conference Article: IXth International meeting of ALB- Science, Prishtina, Kosovo 2014; Revista Shqiptare për Studime Ligjore Vol. 8 (2015) <http://ajls.org/doc/5.%20Pershtatja%20e%20te%20drejtes%20civile%20ne%20Kosove%20me%20te%20drejten%20e%20BE-se.pdf> ; 2015
- Juvenile Justice and Children Rights in Kosovo: A country Report; Juvenile Justice Academic Paper: 3rd International Crime and Punishment Film Festival Academic Programme Proceedings; Istanbul University Faculty of Law ; <http://www.icapff.com/en/archive/academic2013.php>; 2015
- UN PERCORSO DI STUDIO SUI DIRITI UMANI; Book (382 pages) Luciana Goisis & Qerkin Berisha(Eds) published in English and Italian Language; Bergamo University Press 2011, Italy, ISBN:9788866420200; http://www.sestanteedizioni.com/new/index.php?pagename=product_info&products_id=389&osCsid=40a7e41fa07493916d4c5f254d8216a2; 2011

- Political and legal perspective of anticorruption measures in Kosovo Conference/seminar presentation; University of Zagreb https://www.pravo.unizg.hr/download/repository/4.Qerkin_Berisha;Political_and_Legal_Perspective_of_anticorruption_measures_in_Kosovo%5B1%5D.pdf; 2011
- The Process of Unification of EU Contract Law; Law Journal (Revista e Drejta) Nr. 1/2011, (pages 55 90); University of Prishtina - Faculty of Law; 2011
- Analysis to the Human Rights Training Curricula of Kosovo Police: achievements, problems and recommendations; Analytical study (co-author Valon Murati & Qerkin Berisha) (31 pages); University of Prishtina - Human Rights Centre; 2010
- Social Policies in Kosovo Social Schemes in Kosovo Context ; Analytical study (co-author Valon Murati & Qerkin Berisha) (56 pages) published in English and Albanian languages; Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation and University of Prishtina ; <http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/bueros/kosovo/09744.pdf>;2010
- Legal and political perspective of anti-corruption in the Republic of Kosovo; Presentation on Dissemination Conference 23-24 April 2009, Brussels Project: Human Security in the Western Balkan Region: the impact of transnational terrorist and criminal organizations on the peace-building process of the region http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/humsec-final-agenda-programme_en.pdf; 2009
- Freedom of movement and security: security of passports, visas, border control, asylum and migration as precondition in the process of EU integration ;Analytical study (co-author Blerim Ahmati, Qerim Qerimi, Qerkin Berisha and Valon Murati) (50 pages) Research Centre for Human Rights and European Integration and SOROS Foundation; 2009
- The Role of Education on Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency; Research (co-author Valon Murati and Qerkin Berisha) (177 pages) in Albanian, Serbian and English languages. University of Prishtina ISBN9789951000741; 2008
- Problems and Achievements in the field of Civil Law in Kosovo; Research (20 pages) in Albanian and English languages; Albanian Journal of Legal Studies ISSN20740360; <http://ajls.org/doc/QBerisha-AJLS-VOL-I.pdf> ; 2007
- Problems and achievements in the Kosovo Judicial System: Human Rights and European Integrations; Analytical study (co-author Albert Zogaj, Qerkin Berisha, Valon Murati) (94 pages); University of Prishtina and SOROS Foundation ISBN9789951000697; 2007
- The Right to Non Discrimination in the Context of Kosovo; A human Rights Monograph (co-author Qerkin Berisha & Behlul Zeka) (206 pages), in English Albanian and Serbian languages; Finnish OHCHR Human Rights Programme Kosovo and University of Prishtina. ISBN9951402259; 2005
- Missing persons in Context of Kosovo; A human Rights Monograph (co-author Qerkin Berisha & Bleta Brovina) (200 pages), in English Albanian and Serbian languages; Finnish OHCHR Human Rights Programme Kosovo and University of Prishtina.; 2004
- Labor Law and child labor in Kosovo ; Research ; University of Prishtina - Human Rights Centre; 2003