

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

2009-2014
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University of Pittsburgh School of Law – PhD (Doctorate degree)

Area of Study and Research: International Law and International Commercial Law

Phd Thesis: The influence of the CISG on domestic law and its application through rules of succession, in Kosovo.

PhD mentor: Prof. Harry Flechtner (Un. of Pittsburgh)

2004 – 2005

University of Pittsburgh School of Law – LL.M (Master of Laws)
Graduated with Honors (*cum laude*)

Main areas of study: International Public Law and International Commercial Law.

2001 – 2004

University of Prishtina, Faculty of Law – Bachelor of Law
Graduated first (*summa cum laude*) out of 2000 students

Summary of relevant work experience:

Feb. 2011-ongoing

MP (Member of Parliament) - Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo

Chairwoman of the Parliamentary Committee on European Integration

Vice-Chair of the Committee for Constitutional Amendments

Aug. 2006 – Sep. 2010

Office of the President of the Republic of Kosovo

Chief-of-Staff to the President and Senior Adviser on Legal and International Affairs

Main responsibilities: Advising the President of Kosovo on Foreign Policy and Legal matters; Coordinating the work of other members of the cabinet; Reviewing all the legislation passed by the

Assembly of Kosovo to determine whether the law should be signed or returned; Representing the President in the National Security Council; Representing the President in the Consultative Council for Communities, Representing the President in the Panel for the selection of Kosovo's diplomatic personnel; Representing the President in the Constitutional Commission; Other responsibilities related to the competencies, functions and policies in the Cabinet of the President.

Oct. 2006 – ongoing

University of Prishtina, Faculty of Law
Teaching Assistant – International Law Department
Courses: International Public Law, International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights Law.

Dec.2010- ongoing

American University in Kosovo
Lecturer
Courses: Constitutional Law, International Law and Organizations, Fundamentals of Legal Research, Human Rights, Law and Society.

2010-2011

University of Pittsburgh, School of Law
Visiting Professor
Course: State-building and the Law

Oct.2007-Dec.2010

AAB-Riinvest University
Lecturer – Department of Business and Information Technology
Course: Business Law

Jan.2010-ongoing

First Legal Solutions, LLC (Law Firm)
Founding Partner

2008- 2010

Bearing Point – USAID
Commercial Law Trainer
Major Accomplishments:
Preparing Manuals (treatises) in different areas of commercial law for the use of judges, lawyers and other legal professionals in Kosovo and delivering trainings on those areas.

Sept. 2005 – Aug.2006

Council of Europe Mission in Kosovo:
Legal Advisor to the Head of Mission
Major Accomplishments:
Advising the Head of Mission on law related matters, participating in working groups for drafting legislation, training judges and prosecutors, contributing to presentations; legal research, etc.

Dec.2005-Dec.2007

International Committee of the Red Cross
Part-time expert in International Humanitarian Law

Major Accomplishments:

Providing training for teachers, government officials and other interested stakeholders in International Humanitarian law (IHL)
Attending and contributing to regional and international meetings of IHL experts; Attending and contributing to conferences, seminars, moot courts, etc, that involve IHL related matters.

May – Jul. 2005

Buchanan & Ingersoll PC – Law firm situated in Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Major Accomplishments:

Working with law firm partners and shareholders in different cases, providing legal assistance, preparing legal memorandums regarding cases, legal research, etc.

Apr. 2000 – Jul. 2004

United Nations Mission in Kosovo (Kosovo), Department of Justice

Legal assistant (Kosovo District Courts and Supreme Court)

Major Accomplishments:

Working for the International Judicial Support Division of the Department of Justice; providing legal and administrative assistance to international judges and prosecutors; attending and working on investigations and trials (including trials of genocide and war crimes); dealing with complex legal information.

**May 2003- Oct. 2003
Feb. 2006 – Apr. 2006**

Finnish Human Rights Support Program

Major Accomplishments:

2003: Working on a project on International Standards for the Protection of Children’s Rights, focus on ‘Street Children’.

2006: Mentoring Univ. of Prishtina students in their research work on Education of Roma in Kosovo.

Representation/Affiliation/Conferences /Consultant services

Nov.2010-ongoing

Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK) - Member of Presidency

2008-2010

Team Coordinator and member of the Kosovo legal team representing Kosovo before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the Advisory Proceedings on the question of compliance with international law of Kosovo’s Declaration of Independence

2010-2011

Legal Representative in four cases before the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo

2009

Co-Chair of the Working Group on the Establishment of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo

- 2007- 2008** Representative of the President in the Constitutional Commission in charge of drafting the first Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo
- 2006-2010** Representative of the President in working groups drafting the basic laws of the Republic of Kosovo and other legal instruments for the establishment of key institutions of the Republic of Kosovo
- Jun.2009** Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, 21st Century Governance in an Era of New American Leadership
- 2002 - ongoing** Faculty Advisor/ Coach for the University of Prishtina team for the International Commercial Law & Arbitration Annual Intl' Competition in Vienna (VIS Competition).
- 2004-2006** Legal Representation and Consultant Services
Working with international law firms in representing the interests of high profile clients
- 2005 – 2008** Representing Kosovo in Regional & International Meetings of International Humanitarian Law experts
- Nov.-Dec. 2005** Coaching the University of Prishtina team for the International Moot Court Competition on International Humanitarian Law and representing Kosovo as team coach during the competition.
- March-April 2005** ASIL Annual Meeting of International Law – organized by the American Society of International Law, Washington D.C., USA;
- 2001-ongoing** Other trainings, conferences and seminars in different areas, including international public law, constitutional law, security and terrorism, etc.

Awards, Scholarships and Memberships

- 2011** **'Social Inclusion Champion'** – awarded by UNDP for her role as Member of Parliament in the area of social inclusion and welfare in Kosovo.
- 2009** **Full PhD tuition scholarship** awarded by the University Center for International Studies (UCIS) – University of Pittsburgh
- 2005** **Faculty Award for Excellence in Legal Scholarship** – awarded each year by the Univ. of Pittsburgh School of Law to only one student for the best thesis/paper in the University;

- 2005** **Semester Honors (cum laude)** – awarded by the Univ. of Pittsburgh School of Law;
- 2005** **“Excellence for the Future Award”** for excellent achievement in the study of International Sales Law – awarded by the Univ. of Pittsburgh;
- 2005** **“Excellence for the Future Award”** for excellent achievement in the study of European Union Law– awarded by the University of Pittsburgh;
- 2004** **Awarded a tuition scholarship** by the University of Pittsburgh’s University Center for International Studies (UCIS);
- 2004** **Awarded scholarships** from the University of Pittsburgh’s Center for Russian and East European Studies (REES) and the Center for International Legal Education (CILE);
- 2004** **Awarded a scholarship from the Konrad Adenauer Foundation** in Kosovo, as the best student in the Faculty of Law and one of best five students in Kosovo;
- 2002, 2003** **Awarded scholarships from the Faculty of Law, University of Prishtina** for the highest GPA;
- 2002, 2003** **Awarded scholarships from the Ministry of Education** in Kosovo for top grades in all exams;
- Alumni Memberships:** University of Pittsburgh Alumni, Harvard University Alumni, Kokkalis Foundation Alumni, Kosovo-United States Alumni (KUSA), ASPEN Institute (Germany), Atlantik-Brücke Alumni.

PUBLICATIONS

THE ROLE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY IN SHAPING THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO (University of Pittsburgh Law Review, expected publication: Fall 2014)

BALKANS – FOREIGN AFFAIRS, POLITIC AND SOCIO-CULTURES (co-author of section of Kosovo’s Foreign Policy (EPOKA University Publications, Tirana, October 2011, ISBN:978-9928-4044-4-2)

KOSOVO’S FOREIGN POLICY: FIVE YEARS ON (in “Political Thought: Foreign policy and aspects of international diplomacy”, co-author, Year 11, No 43, September 2013, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung)

ARBITRATION – A GUIDE FOR JUDGES AND PRACTITIONERS (published by USAID, 2008)

BAR EXAM MANUAL – Section on Commercial Law (published by UNDP and Kosovo Chamber of Advocates, co-author, 2008)

REPRESENTING KOSOVO BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (published by the Center for International Legal Education (CILE Notes), September 2010, University of Pittsburgh School of Law)

BUSINESS LAW – Authorized Lectures (published by Riinvest University, Kosovo, 2008)

THE BIG IMPACT OF A SMALL PROGRAM IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RULE OF LAW IN KOSOVO (in “The Export of Legal Education: Its promise and impact in transition countries, published by Ashgate, 2009)

MONOGRAPH: “STREET CHILDREN IN KOSOVO”, (published by the Finish Human Rights Program in Kosovo in three languages (English, Albanian and Serbian, 2004)

Numerous articles published in local and international dailies

OTHER RELEVANT PAPERS

A Comparative Analysis of the Good Faith Doctrine in Different Legal Systems

Eminent Domain and Constitutional Protection of Property Rights

The influence of the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods on Kosovo Law: A comparative analysis of the CISG, Kosovo Law of Obligations and UNMIK Regulation 2000/68

Precedents and Statutes in the practice of Kosovo and the United States

“Battle of Forms” under the UCC and the CISG

Conflict of Laws in the International Sale of Goods

References: Available upon request.