



Dr. Vesna Bergant Rakočević
Slovenia, EU

CURRENT POSITION:

Senior Higher Judge
Ljubljana Court of Appeals, Slovenija

PERSONAL DATA:

- born 1970 in Ljubljana, Slovenia

SPORTING ACHIVEMENTS

Alpine skier (Junior National Team)
Amateur marathon runner

EDUCATION:

Doctor of Civil Law (Ph. D.), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia): *TV-Rights of Sports Events Organizers*

Master of Laws (LLM), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia): *Neighbouring Rights of Broadcasting Organizations*

Slovenian State Bar Exam (Ministry of Justice)

Law Degree, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

LANGUAGES:

- English, Croatian & Serbian (fluent; C2),
- German (good command; B2)

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2015 - present: Senior Higher Judge, Ljubljana Court of Appeals, Slovenija
Head Deputy of Civil Department (2014 – 2023)
Vice President of the Court (2019 – 2024)

2007 – 2015: Higher Judge (Ljubljana Court of Appeals, Slovenija – Civil Department)

2001- 2007: District Court Judge (District Court of Ljubljana, Civil Department)

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS:

- Arbitrator with the Ljubljana Arbitration Centre, Slovenija
- President of Slovenian Association of Judges (2021-2025)
- Judge trainer, Mentor and Supervisor at the Judicial Training Centre Ministry of Justice
- Member of State Commission for the National Bar Exam
- Member of the Examination Board for Bar Exam for Lawyer from other countries
- Guest lecturer at Faculty of Law in Ljubljana (Civil Law, Intellectual Property, Arbitration Law, Sports Law)
- Associate of the Institute for Comparative Law, Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana

Recent International projects

- Regional Dialog in cooperation with USA State Department and Supreme Judicial Council of Uzbekistan: International Conference on Judicial Independence and Gender in Courts, Tashkent, November 2022, Expert Speaker
- ERA European Research Academy:
 - Applying EU Anti-Discrimination Law (On-line training for Judges, Trier 2020)
 - Workshops on Better Use of EU Regulation on Family Law and Law of Succession (Ljubljana 2107)
- WIPO Intellectual property in Sports Law (World Conference Ljubljana 2019, Speaker)
- EJTN European Judicial Training Network; Judicial Training in Sports Law speaker (Sports Law Seminar Lisbon; Image Rights of Athletes - Scope and Protection) (2016)

SPECIAL REFERENCES

**Ad hoc Judge for Slovenija at European Court for Human Rights
(2022-2026)**

Member of CAS Ad Hoc Division for Beijing Olympic Games 2022

Cases: CAS OG 22/06, CAS OG 22/07, CAS OG 22/08, CAS OG 22/09, CAS OG 22/10
(*Bobsleigh and Skeleton, Figure Skating*)

SLOADO (Slovenian Antidoping Agency) member of the Appeals Committee (from 2022)

Other selected cases:

CAS 2010/A/2234 (*Basketball / Contract*)

CAS 2012/A/2813 (*Golf/ Jurisdiction issue*)

CAS 2012/A/2957 (*Football /Agent Fee*)

CAS 2016/A/4921 & 4922 (*Horse Dressage /Disciplinary measure*)

CAS 2023/A/9715 (*Football /Match fixing*) – *Expedited procedure*

RECENT RELEVANT PUBLICATION:

- *Sport & Law*, Monography, coauthor and editor, Official Journal and Law Faculty of Ljubljana, 2020
- *The Specificity of Sport in particular Football; Analysis of the Bernard Case (ECJ C-325/08)*, Liber Amicorum Marko Ilešič, Ljubljana 2018,
- *COVID-19: the impact on players' contractual rights & obligations (key principles from case law)*, LS - LawInSport.com, 2020
- Athletes' right to a public hearing before an independent tribunal, The analysis of the Pechstein case, Legal Practice Journal 2018, No. 41/42

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