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CURRICULUM VITÆ

CURRENT POSITION:

Senior Higher Judge Vice-president of the Higher Court of Ljubljana

Ad hoc Judge for Slovenia at the European Court for Human Rights (ECHR)

PERSONAL DATA:

- born on March 22, 1970, in Ljubljana, Slovenia
- married, one child

SPORTING ACHIVEMENT:

- alpine skier (Junior National Team 1982-1986)
- amateur marathon runner

EDUCATION:

Doctor of Civil Law (Ph. D.), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia): *TV-Rights of Sports Events* Organizers; Mentor: dr. Marko Ilešič (ECJ Judge) Master of Laws (LLM), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia): Neighboring 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:

From 2015: Senior Higher Judge, Head Deputy of Civil Department

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

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

1995-2000: Legal Adviser at District Court of Ljubljana

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS:

- ERA European Research Academy, Trier; Expert Workshops on Better Use of EU Regulation on Family Law and Law of Succession (2107)
- EJTN European Judicial Training Network; Judicial Training in Sports Law speaker (Sports Law Seminar Lisbon; Image Rights of Athletes Scope and Protection) (2016)
- Arbitrator with the Ljubljana Arbitration Center, Slovenija (current)
- EU Expert for TAIEX project in Macedonia (Fight Against Domestic Violence) (2012)
- Expert for the EU Commission; Member of the Group considering extracontractual liability for GALILEO project (2010)
- Judge trainer, Mentor and Supervisor at the Judicial Training Centre Ministry of Justice (current)
- Mentor to visiting judges in the Exchange Program (EJTN/Judicial Training Center) (current)
- International Sports Law Association (IASL): annual Congress; speaker (TV Rights) (2008)

- Member of State Commission for the National Bar Exam (current)
- Guest lecturer at Faculty of Law in Ljubljana (Arbitration Law, Sports Law) (current)
- Slovenian Candidate for European Court for Human Rights Ad hoc Judge (2021 procedure still open)
- SLOADO (Slovenian Antidoping Agency) member of the Appeals Committee (2022)

Special references:

Member of 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)

Other SELECTED CAS CASES – member of the arbitration panel:

CAS 223/A/2010 (Basketball)

CAS 2813/A/2012 (Golf)

CAS 2957/A/2012 (Football)

CAS 2016/A/4921, 2016/A/4922 (Horse Dressage)

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

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