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Court elects a new Vice-President of the Court and two new Section Presidents

The European Court of Human Rights has today elected a new Vice-President of the Court – Judge Ivana Jelić (elected in respect of Montenegro). She will take up her duties on 1 November 2024.

The Court has also today elected two new Section Presidents – Judges Lado Chanturia (elected in respect of Georgia) and Ioannis Ktistakis (elected in respect of Greece). They will also take up their duties on 1 November 2024.

Judges' CVs

Ivana Jelić

Born on 17 March 1975 in Podgorica, Montenegro

Law degree, Faculty of Law, University of Montenegro, 1998

Legal Officer in charge of dissemination of IHL at the International Committee of the Red Cross Geneva, sub-Delegation in Montenegro, 1999-2001

Teaching Assistant at the Faculty of Law, University of Montenegro, 2001-2007

Visiting Scholar at the Faculty of Law, University of Bergen, Norway, 2002

Master degree in Law (LL.M), Public International Law and International Human Rights Law, Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade, Serbia, 2004

Doctoral Scholar of the JFDP academic mobility program, Boalt Law School, University of California in Berkeley, USA, 2004-2005

Visiting Scholar at the Centre for the study of human rights, Columbia University, New York, USA, 2005 Doctor of Law (PhD), Public International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade, Serbia, 2007

Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher at université Panthéon-Assas Paris II, Centre de Recherche sur les Droits de l'Homme et le Droit Humanitaire, 2007

Member of the Committee of experts of the Council of Europe for the Improvement of Procedures for the Protection of Human Rights (DH-PR), Strasbourg, 2008-2010

Member of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2008-2012 Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law and Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Montenegro, 2008-2013

Vice-President (2008-2018) and Senate Member (since 2018) of the Montenegrin Association of Lawyers Member of the ad hoc Working Group of CDDH on drafting the agreement on accession of the EU to the ECHR, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2010-2011

Visiting professor at International interdisciplinary postgraduate program European Regional Master in Human Rights and Democracy (ERMA), University of Bologna and University of Sarajevo, 2010-2017

Member (2012-2016), Gender Equality Rapporteur (2013-2016) and Second Vice Chair (2014-2016) of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (ACFC), Council of Europe, Strasbourg

Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law and at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Montenegro, 2013- (on leave)

Vice Dean in charge of international cooperation and academic mobility program of the Faculty of Law, University of Montenegro, in two mandates (2011-2012) and (2015-2016)

Academic Member of the Court of Honor of the University of Montenegro, 2011-2015

Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher at the Faculty of Law, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, 2013-2014 Visiting Scholar, *Faculté de Droit et Science Politique*, université Nice Sophia Antipolis, France, 2015



Member of the Committee of Legal Sciences of Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts (elected in 2015)

Member (2015-2018), Vice-President (2017-2018) of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, Geneva, Switzerland

Distinguished Visiting Professor - Mercator Fellow at the Faculty of Law, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, 2016-2017

Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 12 July 2018

President of Section since 2 July 2024

Lado Chanturia

Born on 14 April 1963 in Tsalenjikha, Georgia

Graduated in Law, Faculty of law, State University of Tbilisi, 1985

Ph.D. post-graduate fellowship at the Moscow Institute of Legislation and Comparative Law, 1986-1989

Docent, Faculty of Law, Tbilisi State University, 1990-1995

DAAD (German Academic Exchange) fellowship, Faculty of law, Georg-August-University, Göttingen, Germany, 1991-1993

Member of the Private Law Reform State Commission which drafted the Civil Code of Georgia, 1991-1996

Member of the State Commission which drafted the Constitution of Georgia, 1992-1995

Advisor to the Minister of Justice of Georgia, 1993-1997

Doctor of law, State University of Tbilisi, 1994

Professor of Private and Comparative Law, Ivane Javakhishvili State University of Tbilisi, since 1995

Member of the Council of Justice of Georgia, 1997-2004

Minister of Justice of Georgia, 1998-1999

President of the Supreme Court of Georgia, 1999-2004

Research fellow of the Humboldt Foundation at the Hamburg Max Planck Institute of Foreign and International Private Law, Germany, 2004-2006

Director of the Project "Civil and Economic Law in the Countries of the Central Asia and Caucasus" at the University of Bremen, Germany, 2006-2009

Senior Advisor of the German International Cooperation (GIZ) in field of Legal and Judicial Reforms in Eschborn, Germany, 2009-2011

Visiting Professor (DAAD-Gastdozent) at the Institute for Eastern European Law, Christian-Albrechts-Univertiy in Kiel, Germany, 2011-2014

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Georgia to the Federal Republic of Germany, 2014-2018

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg, since 2015

Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 8 January 2018

Vice-President of Section since 18 May 2023

Ioannis Ktistakis

Born on 3 January 1971 in Thebes, Greece

Law Degree, Democritus University of Thrace, Komotini, Greece, 1993

Master's degree in Political Science, Institute of Political Sciences, University Robert Schuman, Strasbourg, France, 1995

Master's degree in Legal Theory, European Academy of Legal Theory, Catholic University of Brussels and Universities faculties Saint-Louis, Brussels, Belgium, 1996

PhD in Law, University of Athens, 2003

Member of the Thebes and, then, of the Athens Bar Associations, 1995-2021

Lawyer at the Court of Cassation and at the Council of State, 2004-2021

Associate Professor Dr., Faculty of Law, Democritus University of Thrace, Komotini, 2007-2021 Assistant Professor Dr., Faculty of Political Science and International Relations, Bosphorus University, Istanbul, Turkey, 2012-2015

Lecturer, Greek National School for the Judiciary, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2013-2018

Substitute Member of the Greek National Commission for Human Rights, 2004-2006

Member of the Executive Board of European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Intolerance, European Union, 2004-2006

Member of the Greek Equal Treatment Committee, 2005-2006

Substitute Member of the European Commission for the Democracy through Law of the Council of Europe, 2019-2021

Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 8 March 2021

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