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EDUCATION

Fordham Law School, New York, NY

S.J.D. Candidate and Doctoral Fellow

Dissertation: "Subsequent Conduct of International Organizations: Theory and Practice" (2011-present)

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

LL.M. in International Legal Studies (May 2004)

Sokhumi University, Sokhumi, Georgia

Law Degree, June 1991

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Ministry of Justice of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia

2012-present

Deputy Minister

Supervised/es Department on State Representation in International Courts, International Public Law Department, Department on International Arbitration, European Union Law Department, Analytical Department, coordinates international relations of the Ministry of Justice, including international organizations (Council of Europe, EU, ICC, OSCE, NATO)

- Led/leads litigation/represented Georgia in major cases before the European Court of Human Rights on behalf of victims in *Georgia v. Russia* (I) (deportations), *Georgia v. Russia* (II) (2008 war case), *Georgia v. Russia* (IV) (administrative practices);
- Directs Department on State Representation in International Courts in execution of judgements/decisions of European Court of Human Rights with respect to victims of violations of European Convention on Human Rights;
- Represents Georgia in relations with International Criminal Court (ICC), including cooperation with ICC and Trust Fund for Victims;
- Leads the policy on women, gender and children rights; as co-chair of the National Interagency Commission on Gender Equality, Violence against Women and Domestic Violence, contributes to and coordinates interagency efforts to drafting and meeting commitments under the action plans on gender equality, violence against women and domestic violence and UN Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace and security;
- Led drafting of Human Rights Strategy of Georgia (2014-2020) adopted in 2014 as a co-chair of Interagency Council;
- Led a Ministry team on drafting an Anti-discrimination Law to introduce inter alia a notion of "multiple discrimination" to protect vulnerable groups such as women, children, IDP's, persons with disabilities;
- Directs the work of the Secretariat of Interagency Council against Human Trafficking mandated to deal with street children; coordinates interagency efforts in elaboration of guidelines for law enforcements on human trafficking issues with the focus on the identification of THB victims, treatment of women and child victims, providing/offering needs-based assistance to the victims;
- Coordinates and leads efforts in Interagency Humanitarian Commission (IHL) to further develop the legal framework concerning missing persons in time of armed conflict; put in place relevant instruments to combat and prevent the sexual and gender-based violence during and after the armed conflict, as well as during natural disasters or other emergency

situations; Promote protection of IDP women from sexual, domestic and gender-based violence, ensuring their access to medical, psychological and legal assistance service.

**Gender Equality Commission, Council of Europe
Member**

Under the mandate of the CoE Gender Equality Commission, advocate/d for

- Putting on the agenda the issue of multiple discrimination;
- Upgrading the work with perpetrators of violence against women and domestic violence as one of the items for thematic discussions during 14th GEC meeting scheduled for 5-7 December 2018.

Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, New York, NY 2009-2013

Adjunct Professor

Taught a postgraduate course “Human Rights in Post-Communist Eurasia” on human rights and democracy in Eurasia; led workshops on Trafficking in Persons and Violence in Georgia, Gender Mainstreaming in Education and IDP’s Political Participation in Peacebuilding and Governance in Georgia

Columbia Law School, New York, NY 2007-2008

Fulbright Scholar

Pursued a research into deficient acts of international institutions in international law, including crosscutting UN/ICC practice

Government of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia 2005-2007

Foreign Affairs & International Law Adviser to Prime-Minister of Georgia

Advised the Prime-Minister of Georgia on international law, human rights and foreign affairs; advised on legal, political and humanitarian aspects of the conflict resolution in Abkhazia and Tskhinvali regions of Georgia

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia 2004-2005

Adviser, then Ambassador-at-Large

Advised on special issues of relations with international organizations (UN, OSCE, Council of Europe, EU, NATO); led the Ministry task group on conflicts resolution, advised on international law, humanitarian and human rights aspects of UN-led peace process in Abkhazia, Georgia and OSCE driven peace process in Tskhinvali region, Georgia; prepared analytical briefs, position papers and recommendations on international law and human rights instruments

Permanent Mission of Georgia to the UN, New York, NY 1999-2003

Senior Counsellor

Served as legal counsel on international law, international organizations and human rights; represented Georgia in the Third (human rights) and Sixth (legal) committees and Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court (ICC), UN Special Committee on Charter, Peacekeeping Committee

Max Planck Institute of Criminal and International Law, Freiburg, Germany 2002

Visiting Scholar

Carried out research on Problems of Definition of the Crime of Aggression in the context of the Preparatory Commission on Establishment of the International Criminal Court

British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London, England 1997-2000

NATO Research Fellow

Carried out research on Euro-Atlantic Community of Democracies and Georgia

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia
Chief, UN Division**

1991-1999

Worked on Georgia's relations with UN and UN system, including rule of law and human rights, advised on legal, political and humanitarian aspects of the conflicts' resolution in Georgia. In particular

- Participated in humanitarian aid operation in the zone of conflict in Abkhazia, Georgia (1992);
- Drafted the mandate of Georgian delegation for negotiation of the Rome Statute, proposed and advocated Georgia's joining of Like-minded Group of States, participated in negotiations leading to adoption of Rome Statute in 1998;
- Drafted Georgia's report on the policy of ethnic cleansing in Abkhazia, Georgia and the necessity of bringing perpetrators of those international crimes to justice (distributed as an official document of UN General Assembly and Security Council on 16 April 1997)
- Acted as a liaison between the Ministry and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Georgia, UNDP Resident-Coordinator, Heads of the UNHCR and UNICEF offices
- Drafted reports to the UN Human Rights treaty and non-treaty based bodies

Academic/Other Experience and Training

Harvard Law School, Human Rights Program

2004

Training in working with victims of human rights violations

**Georgian Red Cross Society, Tbilisi, Georgia
Member of the Board**

1997-1999

Coordinated program on increasing awareness in international humanitarian law in Georgia

ELECTED/APPOINTED NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL POSITIONS

- Member of Council of CoE Gender Equality Commission 2014-until now
- Vice-Chairman of the 19th meeting of the States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, 2002
- Vice-Chairman of the UN Special Committee on Charter, 2001
- Vice-Chairman of the 19th meeting of the States Parties to the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights, 1997

PUBLICATIONS

European Security Identity and the South Caucasus, Longo, Geistlinger, Lordkipanidze, Nasibov., Vienna 2007, Neuer Wissenschaft Verlag GmbH 2008

Segmentation and Integration in the Foreign Policy of Georgia in Problems of Federalism, B. Coppieters, D. Darchiashvili and N. Akaba, Vrije University, Brussels, 2000

1373(2001) Resolution, Human Rights Obligations of Georgia and International Human Rights Law/Tbilisi 2002

Scope of Reservations' Acceptance to Human Rights Treaties, International law Journal of Tbilisi State University, 1998

Some Reflections on the Scope of the UN Security Council's Acquiescence, Journal of International Law, Young Lawyers Association 1998

Some Reflections on the Issue of State Succession with respect to Georgia, Journal of International Law, Tbilisi State University, 1998