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EDUCATION:

LL.M in Democratic Governance and Rule of Law, Ohio Northern University, USA, 2008-2009
Graduated lawyer, Law Faculty of University of Prishtina, Kosovo, 2000-2006

EXPERIENCE:

10/2010 – present UBT College for Business
Lecturer

04/2014 – present USAID Project: Partnerships for Development (PFD), implemented by
Chemonics Int. (follow up of BEEP project 2010-2013)

Legal and Regulatory Specialist

Duties: I support the National Council for Economic Development (NCED), an inter-ministerial body established by the Prime Minister and lead by the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) to develop policies to improve Kosovo's ranking in World Bank Doing Business Report; support the Government of Kosovo and various ministries, particularly MTI, in identifying needed economic reforms; support other ministries by providing technical expertise in drafting necessary legislation and tracking and reporting on their implementation; monitor Kosovo Parliament and promote among members of parliament (MEPs) legislation that would enable business reforms; organize and coordinate high level government conferences (with participation of the Prime Minister of Kosovo) and other events to discuss economic reforms and achievements; organize workshops and training for municipal civil servants on how to provide better services for business and partner with key people in the government to expedite drafting of new policies and legislation.

Since 2010 (initially with BEEP project) I am in charge of supporting the Office for the Publication of the Official Gazette within the Office of the Prime Minister to functionalize and modernize the Official Gazette, in an effort to promote the transparency and predictability of the legal framework in Kosovo, by ensuring that all normative acts are available for free to the public. I coordinate and train civil servants across Kosovo's institutions both in central and local level. Over 6,000 normative acts are uploaded successfully. Today the Official Gazette is easily accessible, always up to date and has become the single largest and most reliable source of legal information in Kosovo.

Overall aim of the project is to contribute in the implementation of Stabilisation and Association Agreement (the contract between Kosovo

and the European Union prior to membership) and improve Doing Business Report rating from World Bank. The project has already resulted in creating an environment for a more sustainable economic growth. The World Bank's *Doing Business Report 2017* ranked Kosovo four positions ahead of 2016 report: from 64th to 60th worldwide.

08/2013 – 03/2014

The World Bank Group International Finance Corporation (IFC) Project:
The Kosovo Investment Climate

Regulatory Reform Expert

Duties: The mayor of Gjilan (Kosovo municipality) initiated the registration of all the services received by citizens and business from local public administration. On behalf of IFC, I was in charge of compiling the catalogue with the respective services. The job required regular meetings with eight political directors of the municipality of Gjilan; training of the staff in identifying the requested information, collecting statistics and analyzing the information. After mapping the information, I was in charge also of reviewing them and providing recommendations on streamlining costly portions of formalities. I supported the municipality to draft, relevant legislation and policy documents to enable implementation of recommended changes and coordinate input from other short-term local experts.

As a result, all business formalities such as permits, licenses, approvals, were mapped in a catalogue of the municipality for the first time and the number of the formalities in the municipality of Gjilan reduced significantly.

09/2010 – 07/2013

USAID Project: Business Enabling Environment Program in Kosovo (BEEP) implemented by Chemonics Int.

Business Environment Reform Coordinator

Duties: I supported the National Council for Economic Development established by the Government of Kosovo and its ministries in identifying needed economic reforms; supported several ministries by providing technical expertise in drafting necessary legislation to enable business accessibility and public procurement efficiency; supported government in drafting legislation to simplify the regulatory framework at both national and local level related to private sector; organized and coordinated high level government conferences and events to discuss business reforms and liaised with key people in the government to expedite drafting of new policies and legislation.

Particularly, I was in charge of providing support to Kosovo Business Registration Agency (KBRA) which operates under the umbrella of the Ministry of trade and Industry. As part of its ongoing efforts to institutionalize business registration reforms and further improve the

business registration process. My work focused on institutionalizing the performance measurement system that allows KBRA to measure the efficiency of services provided to citizens by the business registration centers. KBRA improved its services significantly, which was also noted in Doing Business Report.

In addition, I supported the Legal Office within the office of Prime Minister and the respective ministries to draft, amend and change – among others - the following laws: Law on Business Organizations; Law on Internal Trade and Law on Normative Acts. All of them were approved by the Parliament and contributed in improving business environment in Kosovo. This was noted also in Doing Business 2014 report of the World Bank, where Kosovo was recognized as #5 Top Reformer and moved up to #86 rank in overall rankings amongst 189 world economies surveyed.

01-09/2010

Kosovo Law Centre (KLC)

Project Manager

Duties: KLC has provided for a long time the only hard copy compilations of applicable laws in Kosovo. I was in charge of managing the project on publishing complications of laws by identifying collecting and preparing legislation for publication. As a result, when public institutions had hardly access to Internet and online databases, the project successfully made available legislation from various fields – business, administrative, civil and penal- to judges, prosecutors, lawyers, police officers and other members of legal community.

10/2007 – 08/2008

IPKO Telecommunications LLC

Business and Corporate Lawyer

Duties: Ensure that the contractual obligations of company are in line with applicable laws in Kosovo; provide legal advice to the CEO and the Directing Board; develop internal bylaws; liaise with regulatory bodies and relevant institutions; participate in investigation of breaches of the Code of Conduct and policies of the company and deal with third party claims against the company. (IPKO is the second biggest telecommunication company in Kosovo)

During the time I worked at IPKO, three major successes were achieved: IPKO managed to get the second GSM license in Kosovo; managed to get licensed for providing cable TV in Kosovo and signed the Mobile Virtual Network Operator Network that allowed to operate across Kosovo.

10/2006 – 09/ 2007

Kosova Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims (KRCT)

Operational Manager / Head of Human Rights & Advocacy Sector

Duties: Responsible for the day to day management of running projects and ensure that projects are delivered within time; keep track of and prepare projects contracts and donor reports; proactively coordinate current projects, seek and apply for new funding opportunities and liaise externally with donors and stakeholders; engage in advocacy efforts and outreach activities and supervise 40 employees on daily basis.

CONSULTANCIES/FREELANCE:

Since 2005, the Council of Europe, the European Commission, OSCE, Ministry of Education, the institution of Ombudsperson and public and non-governmental stakeholders have contracted me as short-term freelance legal expert. A detailed list of engagements is available upon request.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

I am a founder of Kosova Young Lawyers and Law Students Association of University of Prishtina where I have been active since 2005.

Participated in the Philip Jessup Moot Court in Washington DC, initially as a participant and then as a judge.

I have attended more than 50 conferences, seminars, summers schools, training sessions and workshops in the capacity of participant, speaker and trainer in Kosovo, across Europe and the United States. A list of events will be sent upon request.

LANGUAGE:

Albanian – mother tongue
English – Excellent
Serbian – intermediate