

CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

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Key Qualifications:

- 10 years of judicial experience and more than 12 years' experience of working with international organizations (UN Human Rights Committee, European Court of Human Rights, CoE/Venice Commission, the British Council, etc.); First-hand experience in fields of rule of law and administration of justice, good governance, institutional reform and capacity building;
- Experience in providing legal advice and technical assistance to governments in constitutional and legal reforms, supporting their efforts to modernize and improve human rights safeguards, monitoring and assessment of implementation of the recommendation, etc;
- Through the work in national as well as international organizations developed knowledge and experience of the legal developments in the region, co-authored Amicus Curiae Briefs, and opinions of the Venice Commission as well as acted as a co-rapporteur of the Human Rights Committee considering reports of the countries of Easter Europe and Former USSR;
- Extensive experience of working in: governmental and non-governmental sector; project development and implementation; leading the task forces, mobilizing stakeholders and partners; acting on behalf of national government and international organizations,
- Consistent contribution to civic education and formal academic education in partnership with various national and foreign institutions, designing and delivering specialized courses, summer school, publishing periodicals and education materials;

Working experience and visits to the region:

Country	Dates
Albania	2015, 2016
Armenia	2015
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2013, 2014
Kazakhstan	2011, 2012, 2017
Kyrgyzstan	2011, 2012, 2014, 2015
Moldova	2014, 2017
Serbia	2013, 2014
Tajikistan	2013
Tunisia	2012
Azerbaijan	2003
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia (regional project)	2001-2003

Current Position:

- Since 2012, Professor at Ilia State University (Tbilisi, Georgia), since 2016, Member of Academic Council of Ilia State University. Area of academic interest: Constitutional and Human Rights Law, Public Policy and Law;

Membership in Professional Associations and Publications:

- Since 2015 - Member of Advisory Board, Max Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law;
- Since 2010 - Member of Advisory Board of the Constitutional Law Review (published jointly by Constitutional Court of Georgi and Ilia State University);

Language Skills (indicate only languages in which you can work):

English – fluent; Russian – fluent; Georgian (native)

Past Professional Experience (brief overview):

- 2012-2016 - Member of the Human Rights Committee, UN
 - 2015 – 2016 - Rapporteur of the Committee;
 - 2014 – 2015 - Vice-Chair of the Committee;
- 2006 – 2016 - Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia;
- 2007 – 2015 - Substitute Member of the European Commission for Democracy Through Law (Venice Commission);
- 2009 – acted as an Ad Hoc Judge to the European Court of Human Rights;
- 2004-2006 – Deputy Minister of Justice of Georgia;
- 2001 – 2004 – British Council Georgia, Development Project Manager;

Education:

Institution [Date from - Date to]	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
Tbilisi Institute of Law – 1999-2002	Graduated with Honours in Law
University of Edinburgh, faculty of Social Sciences, United Kingdom - 1997	Awarded OSI and Chevening scholarships and was enrolled in PhD research program in the fields of Theory of Nationalism and State: Comparative Study (Academic Research programme)
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary 1994- 1995	MA degree in Modern History
Tbilisi State University 1989-1994	Graduated with Honours in History

Detailed Employment record relevant to the assignment:

Period	Employing organization and your title/position. Contact info for references	Country/ location	Summary of activities performed relevant to the Assignment
03/2012-present	Ilia State University Professor at the School of Law;	Tbilisi, Georgia	Area of academic interest: Constitutional and Human Rights Law, Public Policy and Law;

	<p>Elected Member of Academic Council of the University (since 2016);</p> <p>Member of Faculty Board of the Law School (since 2012)</p>		<p>Scope of Work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Developed course materials, the syllabi and handouts; Conducted a need assessment analysis to identify training curriculum requirements; ✓ Designing and lecturing courses: Constitutional and Human Rights Law, Public Policy and Law, Freedom of Expression and Religion, Comparative Constitutional Law; developing course materials, the syllabi and handouts; conducting needs assessment analysis to identify training curriculum requirements; planning, evaluating, and revising training curricula, course content, course materials, and methods of instruction. ✓ Planned, evaluated, and revised training curricula, course content, course materials, and methods of instruction; ✓ Organized trainings, seminars and conferences.
09/2012-12/2016	<p>Member of the Human Rights Committee, UN</p> <p>Was elected as a Vice-Chair of the Committee for the period of 2013-2014;</p> <p>Was elected as a Rapporteur of the Committee for the period of 2015-2016.</p> <p>Ref: Maria Giovanna Bianchi, Secretary, Human Rights Committee registry@ohchr.org, Telephone: +41 22 917 9000</p>	Geneva, Switzerland	<p>As a member of the Committee was involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ in the evaluation of periodic reports submitted by the states parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), monitoring the implementation of the obligations under the Covenant, application of the Covenant in law and practice; ✓ participated in a dialogue with the state delegations, took part in drafting and adoption of concluding observations and recommendations; ✓ considered and adopted views with respect to individual communications (cases) alleging violation of the ICCPR by the state party. ✓ involved in drafting and adoption of General Comments 35, analyzing the jurisprudence of the Committee with respect to article 9, Right to Liberty and Security and drafting General Comment 36 on Right to Life (yet to be adopted). The aim of the GC is to enable Committee to reflect on important legal issues, systematize the jurisprudence of the Committee, ensure coherent and consistent practices; ✓ analyzed the Committee's case law with respect to the "supervisory review" of the judicial decisions as applied by state parties

			and presented it to the joint meeting of the Members of the HRC and representatives of the ECtHR (Geneva, 2016).
09/2006 – 09/2016	<p>Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia</p> <p>Ref: Lia Bagashvili, Head of Organizational Department +995 422-27-66-46</p>	Batumi, Georgia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ as a Chair of the First Collegium presided over the Court hearings and deliberations; ✓ as a Chair of the Collegium of the Court has an experience of supervision of the department for legal research and development which provide judges with analytical output and overviews of the jurisprudence of the ECtHR, other courts and international bodies; Coordinated public education activities; ✓ as a Vice-President of the Constitutional Court and member of the Plenum of the Court was engaged in analysis of the case law of the Court Chambers, with a view to harmonize admissibility criteria, clarifying standards for standing and analyzing and reviewing practices in specialized publication. As a result of the work, and with the view to ensure consistency, the Constitutional Court has adopted approach (later reflected in relevant legislation) of submitting a case to the Plenum (grand chamber) of the Court if the Chamber identifies inconsistency in approaches, or if the constitutional appeal is related to important legal issue, or if it may affect the scope of competencies of the Court. ✓ as a Vice-President of the Constitutional Court was involved in the process of the institutional development and work aimed at improving efficiency and effectiveness of the Court; has an experience of supervising donor funded projects and programs in support of capacity building and institutional development, establishment of regular training programs and internships for the Court's staff; was in charge of planning and organisation of study visits for judges, planning and organization of the international conferences and seminars. Etc.; ✓ supervised projects aimed at improving public awareness about the work of the Court, organizing educational projects for the law students (such as summer and winter schools), moots courts, etc.; designed training curriculum, manuals, and other training materials; ✓ designed and lectured the short-term courses on Constitutional Rights in Criminal Procedure, Freedom of Expression and Religion, Property Rights.

<p>10/2007 – 09/2015</p>	<p>Substitute Member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)</p> <p>Ref: Mr Thomas Markert, Secretary, Venice Commission +33 3 88 41 20 67</p>	<p>Strasbourg, France;</p> <p>Venice, Italy;</p> <p>Astana, Kazakhstan;</p> <p>Tbilisi, Georgia;</p> <p>Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan;</p> <p>Tirana, Albania;</p> <p>Tunis, Tunisia;</p> <p>Chisinau, Moldova;</p> <p>Dushanbe, Tajikistan;</p>	<p>Co-author of number of other Opinions and Amicus Curiae Briefs on behalf of the Venice Commission, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Opinion on the Draft Constitutional Amendments on the Judiciary of Albanian, 2016); ✓ Opinion on the Draft law on High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2014); ✓ Amicus Curiae Brief for the Constitutional Court of Moldova, 2015; ✓ Opinion on the draft amendments to the Law on the High Judicial Council of Serbia, 2014; ✓ Opinion on the draft amendments to the Law on the Judiciary of Serbia, 2013 ✓ Opinion on the Draft law on the Judicial Code and Evaluation of Judges of Armenia, 2014; ✓ Opinion on the Draft Code on Judicial Ethics of the Republic of Tajikistan, 2013; ✓ Opinion on the draft law on Courts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2013; ✓ Joint Opinion of the Venice Commission and OSCE/ODIHR on Constitutional Law of Kazakhstan on the Judicial System and Status of Judges (2011); ✓ on Draft Constitutional Law on the Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court of Kyrgyzstan, 2011); ✓ on the Draft Constitutional Law “On Introducing Amendments and Additions to the Constitutional Law “On the Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court of Kyrgyzstan”, 2014; ✓ on the Draft Law of the Kyrgyz Republic “On Introduction of Changes and Amendments To The Constitution” Of The Kyrgyz Republic, 2015 ✓ on the Rules of Procedure of the Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court of Kyrgyz Republic, 2015; ✓ Authored of the Report on the Reform of Judiciary in the Kyrgyzstan, 2012; <p>During the period of 2011 – 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Took part in the missions of the Venice Commission to Albania (2016), Moldova (2015), Serbia (2014), Kyrgyzstan (2011, 2012, 2015), Tajikistan (2013), Tunisia (2012), Kazakhstan (2011) meeting governmental officials, legislators, civil society, international organizations and other stakeholders and discussing legal reform agenda under review;

			<p>Represented Venice Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ during the Public Discussion (the Dialogue) “On Main Directions of the Judicial Reform in Kyrgyz Republic”, co-sponsored by the EU, UNDP, OHCHR, Soros Foundation, OSCE and the GIZ in 2012; ✓ at the Conference held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on “International experience on introducing Constitutional amendments and on Constitutional revisions”, April 2015; ✓ at the Conference in Support of the Judicial and Reform of Kazakhstan (on “Political Systems: Mechanisms, Advantages, Disadvantages”, 2012). ✓ during the hearing by the National Constituent Assembly of Tunisia at the Conference on “International experience on introducing Constitutional amendments and on Constitutional revisions”, April 2015
05/2004 – 07/2006	<p>Ministry of Justice of Georgia, Deputy Minister</p> <p>Ms Mariam Metivishvili, Head of Human Resources, Ministry of Justice of Georgia (+995 32) 2 40 5148, 2192928, 240 5836 info@justice.gov.ge info@hr.gov.ge</p>	Tbilisi, Georgia	<p>As a Deputy Minister of Justice was primarily responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Experience of working on justice sector reform, coordination establishment and the reform of the Legal Aid Service in Georgia; elaboration of the draft laws and regulations relevant to the registration system of non-profit organizations and entities of public law; supervision of the work of the department responsible for citizenship and migration issues and the Notary Public; ✓ implementation of the first phase of reform of the Civil Registry Agency and National Agency of Public Registry, ensuring establishment of transparent and free from corruption system of public service under the Ministry of Justice; ensuring effective and smooth cooperation between different donors and international agencies. ✓ leading process of dismantling of old and corrupt soviet type passport system, supervising its transfer from the Ministry of Interior and establishing modern public services under the Ministry of Justice (MoJ); elaborating strategy and action plan, drafting legislation and coordinating the work with the Parliament and government stakeholders; fighting corruption and maladministration, optimisation of the

			<p>document processing, digitalization and unification, elimination of unnecessary procedures, establishing “single window” and “one stop-shop” principles, introduction of new technologies, ensuring effective public communication, effective and smooth cooperation between different stakeholders, public and private players, donors and international agencies; overseeing recruitment and training new public employees, establishing new offices with modern technical equipment all over Georgia; establishing monitoring and evaluation mechanism of the reform processes in partnership with international institutions and civil society organizations acting as watchdogs.</p> <p>✓ coordination of drafting of laws on restitution and rehabilitation of the victims of conflict in South Ossetia; supporting the Governmental Working Group in drafting law on repatriation of persons deported by Soviet regime from territory of Georgian SSR;</p>
2009	<p>European Court of Human Rights Ad Hoc Judge European Court of Human Rights Council of Europe F-67075 Strasbourg cedex Tel : +33 (0)3 88 41 20 18 Fax : +33 (0)3 88 41 27 30</p>		<p>Acted as Ad Hoc Judge with respect to the Case of Jashi v. Georgia (Application no. 10799/06), decision adopted on June 8, 2013.</p>
09/2001-05/2004	<p>The British Council Georgia, Development Projects Manager</p> <p>Mr Zaza Purtseladze, Director, the British Council Georgia zaza.purttseladze@ge.britishcouncil.org Telephone +(995 32) 225 04 07</p>	<p>Tbilisi, Georgia;</p> <p>Manchester, UK</p>	<p>Coordinated activities in support of criminal justice reform, including preparation of concepts, recommendations and darts for the reform of criminal procedure legislation;</p> <p>acting as a liaison between the government agencies, national and foraging legal experts; designed and supervised the project on the Reform of the Prosecutor’s Office of Georgia, elaborating and advocating amendments to the code of the criminal procedure;</p> <p>organised legal and human rights education programs, including trainings for young lawyers, moot court competitions, etc.</p> <p>Manager of the projects in legal and human rights education, voters education, reform of the criminal procedure and prosecution in Georgia, elaborating and advocating amendments to strengthen defense rights in the criminal process;</p> <p>Coordinated activities in support of criminal justice reform, including preparation of concepts, recommendations and darts for the reform of criminal procedure legislation with the British Council of Georgia;</p> <p>Was commissioned to the British Council headquarters (Manchester, UK) to support the team in a preparation of a bid for the reform of the prosecution office of Georgia.</p>

11/2017	Public Defender's Office of Georgia Ref: Mr Levan Meskhoradze, Head of EU Project, imeskhoradze@ombudsman.ge	Georgia	Designed and delivered trainings with a view to enhance capacity of the Public Defender's Office of Georgia under the EU project: Fighting All Forms of Discrimination in Georgia.
07/2017	EastWest Management Institute / USAID Prof. George Vashakidze, Dr. jur., LL.M, MES Director for Legal Education gvashakidze@ewmi.org	Georgia	Delivered training on Using Treaty Body Shadow Reporting and Amicus Brief Writing as Clinic Projects at the Human Rights Clinical Legal Education Training Workshop.
06/2017	Constitutional Court of Moldova Ref; Ambassador Mamuka JGENTI Senior Key Expert on ECHR Jurisprudence	Moldova	Lecturer at the Summer School organised by Constitutional Court of Moldova and EU funded project Constitutional Jurisdiction - Effective remedy of Human Rights Protection.
04/ 2017	ICCPR Centre (Geneva) Ref: Patrick Mutzenberg Director Centre for Civil and Political Rights +41(0)22 / 33 22 555	Kazakhstan	Mission to Kazakhstan on behalf of ICCPR Centre (Geneva) as a follow up visit to the periodic report of Kazakhstan to Human Rights Committee, discussing with the government representatives and civil society implementation of the Committee's recommendation;
02/2017	Independent Expert Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva, Switzerland)	Philippines	Mission to the Philippines on behalf of OHCHR discussing legal implications of possible reintroduction of the death penalty, engaging in discussions with Members of the Senate, representatives of civil society, national human rights institutions;
2002 – 2003	Member of Task Force on Communications and Broadcasting Law	Georgia	Developing strategy and framework legislation for establishment of the Public Service Broadcasting in Georgia.
2001 – 2002	Independent Council of Public Oversight	Georgia	Monitoring human rights conditions in penitentiary, drafting recommendations, appeals and requests to the Ministry of Justice.
06/2000 – 09/ 2001	Open Society Georgia Foundation, Member of the Analytical Team Ms Ketik Khutsishvili, Executive Director, Open Society Georgia Foundation (+995 32) 2 250463, 2 291052	Georgia	MegaProject operated by Open Society Georgia Foundation in cooperation with Research Triangle Institute (USA) in Support of the Education Reform in Georgia.
03/1998 – 06/2000	Liberty Institute NGO Coordinator Mr Levan Ramishvili, Chair of the Board of Liberty Institute levanrami@gmail.com	Georgia	Coordinator of Public Education, Legal Assistance and Monitoring Programmes, with a special focus on freedom of expression and religion.

- Co-author of numerous reports and opinions for / on behalf of the Venice Commission during the period of 2007-2015;
- Editor for the Georgian edition of the Human Rights in Criminal Proceedings by Stefan Trechsel, first published in 2005 by Oxford University Press Inc., published in 2009;

- Member of editorial board, *Constitutions of the Foreign States*, published in 2006;
- Editor of *Human Rights: Freedom of Expression Manual*, published in 2003.