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CURRICULUM VITÆ

CURRENT POSITION:

Senior Higher Judge
Higher Court of Ljubljana

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

PERSONAL DATA:

- born 1970, Ljubljana, Slovenia

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

Relevant ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS:

- SLOADO (Slovenian Antidoping Agency) member of the Appeals Committee (2022 -)
- Arbitrator with the Ljubljana Arbitration Center, Slovenija
- ERA European Research Academy, Trier; Expert – Applying EU Law; Workshop on preliminary questions to SEU (2021)
- WIPO conference; Image Rights of Athletes, speaker, Ljubljana (2019)
- EJTN European Judicial Training Network; Judicial Training in Sports Law speaker (Sports Law Seminar Lisbon; Image Rights of Athletes - Scope and Protection, speaker) (2016)
- Member of State Commission for the National Bar Exam and of examination committee for lawyers from foreign countries
- Guest lecturer at Faculty of Law in Ljubljana (Arbitration Law, Sports Law)

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/Contract)

CAS 2813/A/2012 (Golf/Jurisdiction issue)

CAS 2957/A/2012 (Football/Agent Fee)

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

CAS 2023/A/9715 (Football/Matchfixing)

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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