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List and curricula vitae of candidates submitted by the Government of Poland

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1. Letter from Mr Zbigniew Rau, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, to Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, dated 6 December 2021

Acting on the basis of Article 22 of the European Convention on Human Rights, I have the honour to submit a list of three candidates for the post of judge of the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Poland (in alphabetical order):

– Ms Elżbieta Karska

– Mr Aleksander Stępkowski

– Ms Agnieszka Szklanna

As requested per your letter dated 20 April 2021, attached hereby are the curricula vitae of the candidates in both English and French, prepared in accordance with the model adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly, as well as detailed information on the national procedure by which the candidates were selected.

I would also like to confirm that the Advisory Panel of Experts on Candidates for Election as Judge to the European Court of Human Rights was consulted on 29 October 2021 as envisaged by the Committee of Ministers' Resolution No. CM/Res(2010)26 of 10 November 2010.

At the same time, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland remains at your disposal should the Parliamentary Assembly have any questions concerning the above candidates or the selection procedure applied.

2. Information on the national selection procedure applied in Poland to designate three candidates for the post of Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

The procedure, by which three candidates were selected, was conducted on the basis of Ordinance No. 1 of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of 13 January 2012 on the establishment of the Committee responsible for the selection of candidates for the post of Judge at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, as amended in 2020 and 2021 (hereinafter referred to as the “Ordinance”).

The composition of the Selection Committee was significantly changed as compared to the procedure conducted in 2020 and a possibility was introduced for non-governmental organisations, including legal professions, to appoint observers of interviews with candidates.

2.1. The Selection Committee

The Committee responsible for the selection of candidates for the post of Judge at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg (hereinafter referred to as the “Selection Committee”) was appointed by Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Justice, Head of the Prime Minister’s Chancellery and President of the General Counsel to the Republic of Poland. It was composed of:

1. Mr Piotr Wawrzyk, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs responsible for legal and treaty affairs, habilitated doctor of social sciences, lawyer, assistant professor at the Institute of European Studies at the University of Warsaw’s Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, graduate of the Institute of Political Science and Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw, former employee of the Bureau of Sejm Committees of the Sejm Chancellery and of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, collaborator of the Office of the Committee for European Integration, participated in Poland-EU accession negotiations and in works to align the Polish law with the EU *acquis*, author of many publications – the Committee’s chairperson;
2. Mr Paweł Sobczyk, habilitated doctor of legal sciences, professor and dean of the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Opole, head of the Department of State and Law Studies and Coordinator of the Fundamental Rights Research Centre of the University of Opole, member of several scientific societies, scientific and editorial committees, specialised in constitutional law, human rights, religious law, axiology of law, lecturer in human rights and constitutional law, author of over 100 scientific publications and over 30 expert opinions;
3. Mr Przemysław Saganek, habilitated doctor of legal sciences, professor and head of the Department of Public International Law at the Institute of Legal Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences, specialised in public international law, author of numerous publications;

4. Mr Krzysztof Szczucki, habilitated doctor of legal sciences, President of the Government Legislative Centre, assistant professor at the Department of Comparative Criminal Law at the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Warsaw, former head of the Centre for the Promotion of Polish Legal Studies at the University of Warsaw, expert for legislation in the Chancellery of the Polish Sejm, former employee of the Polish Ombudsman's Office, specialised in criminal and constitutional law, bioethics and law philosophy;

5. Ms Izabela Hasińska, doctor of law, field Plenipotentiary of the Ombudsman for Small and Medium Entrepreneurs in Poznań, assistant professor and lecturer in the Department of Law and Organization of Enterprises in Agribusiness at Poznań University of Life Sciences, an attorney, previously a long-time employee of the justice system (Civil Division of the Regional Court in Poznań and Commercial Division of the District Court in Poznań), specialised in business law, commercial law, civil law and proceedings, protection of intellectual property, author of numerous publications;

6. Ms Agnieszka Gracz, representative of the Foundation "Centre for Supporting Initiatives for Life and Family" (non-governmental organisation), graduate of political science and expert on social policy, including its international dimension, also specialised in issues related to the right of peoples to self-determination, as well as human and civil rights in the context of war, authoritarianism and political transformation (notably in relation to the wars in Chechnya and the transformation in Russia), former journalist and collaborator of book publishers, has experience in voluntary work for people in need and in the public administration;

7. Mr Jan Sobczak, Plenipotentiary of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for proceedings before the European Court of Human Rights (Government Agent) – a secretary to the Committee without the right to vote.

In sum, apart from highly qualified representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (which is the ministry responsible for the representation before the European Court of Human Rights) who acted as a chairman and a secretary without the right to vote, respectively, the Selection Committee comprised several recognised representatives of academic and scientific circles (*i.e.* professors and lecturers specialised in public international law, constitutional law and human rights, criminal or civil law and legislative matters), as well as representatives of a non-governmental organisation and an institution advocating individual rights. The Selection Committee thus relied not only on the legal knowledge of the majority of its members but also on the practical experience related to the advocacy for rights and engagement in a civil society organisation.

2.2. Advertisement to announce the vacancy

On 6 August 2021, the Minister of Foreign Affairs published an announcement, specifying the formal and substantive requirements to be met by the candidates, in three daily newspapers of a nationwide coverage, including *Dziennik Gazeta Prawna* (meaning Daily Legal Newspaper) and *Rzeczpospolita* (a newspaper publishing a legal supplement), thus two leading daily newspapers for lawyers in Poland. A four-week deadline was fixed for submitting applications (expiring on 7 September 2021). The announcement was also placed on the MFA's website. At the same time, the Deputy Foreign Minister also sent a letter to 130 institutions asking them to disseminate the announcement further. In addition to the relevant governmental authorities and the Chancelleries of the President, Sejm and Senate of the Republic of Poland, this request was addressed to three ombudsmen functioning in Poland (*i.e.* the Commissioner for Human Rights, Children's Rights Ombudsman, Patient's Rights Ombudsman), the Constitutional Court, the Supreme Court, the Supreme Administrative Court and the National Council of the Judiciary, the presidents of all courts of appeal and all voivodeship administrative courts, the presidents of the relevant legal professions: the Polish Bar Council, National Bar Council of Attorneys-at-Law and the National Council of Court Bailiffs, the chairpersons of the human rights commissions of advocates and attorneys-at-law, deans of the faculties of law of 18 universities throughout the country, the Polish Academy of Sciences, several non-governmental organisations (namely those that co-operate on a permanent basis with the interministerial Committee for matters of the European Court of Human Rights) and to 16 regional centres for international debate.

2.3. Applicants

In total, 19 persons submitted their candidatures before the expiry of the time-limit. Prior to the examination of the candidates' applications, the members of the Selection Committee were required to declare a potential conflict of interests between them and any of the candidates. Five applying persons were requested by the Selection Committee to remove formal shortcomings of their applications. There was no shortlisting and all applicants were invited for interviews held at the second meeting of the Selection Committee. Three persons had withdrawn their candidatures shortly before that meeting.

2.4. Interviews and observers

All interviews were held according to the same rules fixed by the Selection Committee at the first meeting. Those rules were announced to all candidates in advance and were published on-line on the ministry's website. The interviews were conducted in principle in alphabetical order (with some exceptions made upon justified motions of the candidates) and the time afforded to each candidate was identical (30 minutes). At the beginning, all candidates were given an opportunity to present their candidatures as well as to share their vision of the role of judge and that of the Convention and the Court. Subsequently, all candidates received the same set of five questions. The questions were proposed by the members of the Selection Committee who also decided on the final list of questions at the second meeting. One of the questions was posed in English, and one in French, the candidates having the right to reply in the official language of the Court of their choice.

All interviews were observed by observers appointed by non-governmental organisations, including legal professions (more information – see below section "Transparency").

2.5. Evaluation and selection of candidates

Following the interviews and deliberations, the Selection Committee decided by agreement on the list of three candidates. According to the Ordinance, the Selection Committee members should assess the candidates taking into account the requirements of holding the office of judge at the European Court of Human Rights as set out in Article 21(1) of the Convention, as well as: 1) knowledge of issues related to the protection of human rights; 2) extensive knowledge of the law, in particular Polish law, and experience in its practical application; 3) the candidate's academic achievements. The Ordinance also requires that the list of three successful candidates should include at least one representative of each sex (unless in view of exceptional circumstances it would not be possible).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs took additional effort to make the members of the Selection Committee aware of all standards and criteria applied by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and by the Advisory Panel of Experts in their assessment of candidates for the post of judge. Notably, the Memorandum of the Parliamentary Assembly on the "Procedure for the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights" and the Advisory Panel's publication called "A short guide on the Panel's role and the minimum qualifications required of a candidate" were both translated into Polish and made available to the members. Their attention was drawn to two checklists applied by the Parliamentary Assembly members (as annexed to the aforementioned memorandum). A similar checklist, comprising the criteria stemming from the Convention, the Committee of Ministers Guidelines, the Parliamentary Assembly checklists and from the Ordinance was prepared as an assessment tool for members of the Selection Committee during the interviews.

2.6. Transparency

Throughout the whole selection process, special care was taken to ensure its transparency. Not only was the announcement widely disseminated, but the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also launched a dedicated website (https://www.gov.pl/web/dyplomacja/wybor-sedziego-etpc) where it regularly published news on the respective stages of the selection process, including information on persons appointed to sit as members of the Selection Committee, detailed information on both meetings of the Selection Committee, the rules of conducting interviews with candidates, and – after the interviews – the questions posed to the candidates. All relevant domestic legal regulations and documents of the Council of Europe could also be found on that website, including the aforementioned memorandum of the Parliamentary Assembly and the Panel's short guide in Polish[1]. All necessary documents and written forms for the candidates were also made available in one place to facilitate applying. In addition, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs replied to many individual requests for information on the selection process.

1. Other documents published on the ministry's website included the Parliamentary Assembly Resolution 1646 (2009) on the nomination of candidates and election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights; the applicable extract from the Rules of the Parliamentary Assembly on Elections by the Parliamentary Assembly; Committee of Ministers Resolutions Nos. CM/Res(2009)5 on the status and conditions of service of judges of the European Court of Human Rights and of the Commissioner for Human Rights and CM/Res(2010)26 on the establishment of an Advisory Panel of Experts on Candidates for Election as Judge to the European Court of Human Rights; and Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers on the selection of candidates for the post of judge at the European Court of Human Rights, as well as two relevant reports of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH).

What needs to be particularly emphasised, all non-governmental organisations whose statutory activity includes activities in the sphere of promotion and protection of human rights and freedoms and civil liberties were entitled to appoint (by 7 September 2021) one observer each to the interviews with candidates. The following 15 non-governmental organisations availed themselves of the possibility to appoint observers:

– Action Democracy Foundation (Fundacja Akcja Demokracja)
– Association for Legal Intervention (Stowarzyszenie Interwencji Prawnej)
– Citizens Network Watchdog Poland (Sieć Obywatelska Watchdog Polska)
– Federation for Women and Family Planning (Federacja na rzecz Kobiet i Planowania Rodziny)
– Foundation Ordo Iuris Institute for Legal Culture (Fundacja Instytut na rzecz Kultury Prawnej Ordo Iuris)
– Frank Bold Foundation (Fundacja Frank Bold)
– Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (Helsińska Fundacja Praw Człowieka)
– Polish Society of Anti-discrimination Law (Polskie Towarzystwo Prawa Antydyskryminacyjnego)
– Professor Zbigniew Hołda Association (Stowarzyszenie im. prof. Zbigniewa Hołdy)

among which also were the leading organisations representing legal professions:

– National Bar Council (Naczelna Rada Adwokacka)
– National Bar Council of Attorneys-at-Law *(Krajowa Izba Radców Prawnych)*
– Polish Judges Association "IUSTITIA" (Stowarzyszenie Sędziów Polskich "IUSTITIA")
– Judges Association “Themis” (Stowarzyszenie Sędziów „Themis”)
– “Defensor Iuris” Bar Association (Stowarzyszenie Adwokackie “Defensor Iuris”)
– Human Rights Section of the Regional Bar Council in Warsaw (Sekcja Praw Człowieka przy Okręgowej Radzie Adwokackiej w Warszawie).

All 15 observers were invited to attend the interviews. 12 persons were present on the first day and 9 persons on the second day.

The observers signed a declaration that they would keep personal data of the candidates confidential. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reassured the observers that they could publish any information they consider relevant in order to comment on the fairness of the conduct of the interviews or on the organisation of the selection procedure. It further explained that they could also comment in general on the quality of the candidates, without however revealing their personal data. At the same time, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs invited the observers to submit any critical remarks they may have to the Ministry for consideration.

Under the Polish legislation, there is no legal provision limiting the right to respect for private life of candidates for the post of European Court of Human Rights judge and envisaging the publication of their personal data. Nevertheless, the applying persons were asked to state if they agreed to the publication of their candidature by filling in the relevant form prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In consequence, seven candidates (out of 16 who eventually participated in the interviews) consented and their data were revealed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to any person applying for such information. Obviously, the observers had full access to the information on the names of the candidates during the interviews and were also informed upon request of the names of the candidates who had agreed to publicise their candidatures.

The regulations in force in this respect are compatible with both EU General Data Protection Regulation and the Committee of Ministers Guidelines which do not contain any recommendation to publish personal data of all applying persons (*cf.* paragraphs. V.2-3). The approach adopted in Poland is similar to that of many other Council of Europe member States. It is worth recalling here that serious concerns were expressed in two reports of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) reports about the publication of personal data of all applying persons. Such a practice was described as a challenge that could possibly discourage potential applicants and for this reason was avoided in the Polish regulations.

Appendix 1 – Professor Elżbieta KARSKA

Curriculum Vitae

I. Personal details

Name, forename: KARSKA, Elżbieta

Sex: female

Date and place of birth: 13 September 1977, Wrocław, Poland

Nationality: Polish

II. Education and academic and other qualifications

– 2010 – Habilitated Doctor of Law (Higher Doctorate, Post-Ph.D. Degree) / specialisations: international law and European law, Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics, University of Wrocław;

– 2004 – Ph.D. (*summa cum laude*) / specialisation: international law; Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics, University of Wrocław; doctoral dissertation awarded the Prime Minister's Award – at the request of the Rector of the University of Wrocław (*Concurrent and Complementary Jurisdiction between International Criminal Tribunals and National Courts // Zbieżność a komplementarność jurysdykcji międzynarodowych trybunałów karnych i sądów krajowych*, 'Acta Universitatis Wratislaviensis', Wrocław 2004);

– 2018 – Master of Business Administration (MBA), Faculty of Management, Warsaw School of Business;

– 2002 – Course on International Humanitarian Law, International Committee of the Red Cross;

– 2001 – Master in Law, Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics, University of Wrocław.

III. Relevant professional activities

a. Description of judicial activities

– **2018-present – Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague**;

– **2010-2012 and 2018-present – Judge *ad hoc* of the European Court of Human Rights**, Strasbourg.

b. Description of non-judicial legal activities

– **2019-present – Director of the Doctoral School, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw**; conducting seminars on human rights protection; research activity, administrative responsibilities and educational management of the Doctoral School; co-operation with similar domestic and foreign academic and research centres;

– 2014-2019 – Director of the Institute of International Law, European Union and International Relations, Faculty of Law and Administration, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw; research activity, administrative responsibilities and educational management of the Institute; co-operation with similar domestic and foreign academic and research centres;

– **2010-present – Professor and Head of the Department of Human Rights Protection and International Humanitarian Law, Faculty of Law and Administration, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw**; lecturer on human rights protection, international criminal law, international humanitarian law, public international law, European Union law, history of the law of nations; co-operation with similar domestic and foreign academic and research centres;

– **2019-present – Adjunct Professor; Indian Institute of Finance, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR (*pro bono*);**

– 2016 – guest lecturer in human rights at the *Universidade do Oeste de Santa Catarina* (UNOESC), Brazil (series of lectures in the campuses of Joaçaba, São Miguel do Oeste, Xanxerê and Chapecó);

– 2001-2011 – Ph.D. student and subsequently Assistant Professor at the Department of International and European Law, Faculty of Law, Economics and Administration, University of Wrocław;

– 2005 – research internship at the Faculty of Law, Ruhr-University Bochum.

c. Description of non-legal professional activities

Not applicable

IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights

– **2017-present – Member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), Council of Europe, Strasbourg;**

– **2017-present – Member of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), Vienna;**

– **2017-present – Expert for the Human Dimension Mechanism, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (independent expert enrolled on the list of the ODHIR 'Moscow Mechanism');**

– **2018-present – UN Independent Human Rights Expert; Member**, and **Vice-Chairperson** (January-June 2019 and **since July 2021**), and Chairperson-Rapporteur (July-December 2019) of the UN Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, UN Human Rights Council (Special Procedures), Geneva; participation in the drafting and adoption of annual reports for the UN General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council on the Group's work, focusing in particular on human rights due diligence, improving accountability and access to remedy for victims and the activity and protection of human rights defenders; as part of the Group's work travelled to, among others, Georgia, with the findings being recorded in detailed reports; as Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group presided over the *8th UN Forum on Business and Human Rights: Time to act: Governments as catalysts for business respect for human rights*, held from 25 to 27 November 2019 in the Palace of Nations in Geneva;

– 2011-2018 – UN Independent Expert on Human Rights; Member and, from 2014 to 2016, Chairperson-Rapporteur of the UN Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, UN Human Rights Council, Geneva; participation in the drafting and adoption of annual reports on the Group's work for the UN General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council, focusing in particular on domestic regulations concerning private military and security companies, and foreign fighters; as Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group, presented these reports to sessions of the UN Human Rights Council and the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly; as part of the work in the Group also travelled to several countries (including Honduras, Tunisia, and Belgium) and visited EU institutions, with the findings being recorded in detailed reports;

– **2011-present – Member of the International Law Association (ILA), London**; Member of the ILA's Committee on International Human Rights Law, which finished its work in 2016; Member of the ILA's Committee on Complementarity in International Criminal Law (active since 2013) and Alternate Member of the ILA's Committee on Human Rights in Times of Emergency (active since 2017); I organised and was a participant in numerous conferences devoted to human rights protection.

V. Public activities

a. Public office

– 2016-2018 – Member of the Experts Committee for the reform of the personal data protection law in the European Union at the Inspector General for the Protection of Personal Data, Poland;

– 2017-2018 – Adviser to the Ombudsman for Children (*pro bono*), Poland.

b. Elected posts

I do not hold and have never held or run for elected posts.

c. Posts held in a political party or movement

I am not and have never been a member of a political party or political movement, and so I can confirm that I do not hold and have never held any positions in such organisations.

VI. Other activities

a. Field

International Relations.

b. Duration

2020-present.

c. Functions

Member of the Committee of the Award of the Polish Association for International Studies.

VII. Publications and other works

Author of over 100 publications (monographs, articles and other works, in Polish, English and other languages) on international law, including human rights law. List of selected publications:

– Elżbieta Karska, *Drafting an International Legally Binding Instrument on Business and Human Rights – The Next Step towards Strengthening the Protection of Human Rights*, 'International Community Law Review' 2021, Vol. 23, Issue 5, pp. 466–485;

– Elżbieta Karska, *Some Remarks on Refugeehood as a Legal Issue // Kilka uwag o uchodźstwie jako zagadnieniu prawnym*, [in:] Elżbieta Karska (ed.), Refugeehood in the 21st Century from the Perspective of International, European Union and National Law // Uchodźstwo XXI wieku z perspektywy prawa międzynarodowego, unijnego i krajowego, Department of Human Rights Protection and International Humanitarian Law Press (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University), Warsaw 2020, pp. 9-21 (book: 275 pages);

– Elżbieta Karska, *New Trends in International Human Rights Protection Law as a Response to Changes // Nowe tendencje w międzynarodowym prawie ochrony praw człowieka jako odpowiedź na zmiany*, [in:] Anna Tarwacka (ed.), Tempora Mutantur Cum Legibus, Wolters Kluwer, Warsaw 2019, pp. 48-58;

– Elżbieta Karska (ed.), *Refugees. Current Issues of Law and Practice // Uchodźcy. Aktualne zagadnienia prawa i praktyki*, Department of Human Rights Protection and International Humanitarian Law Press (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University), Warsaw 2017, 148 pages;

– Elżbieta Karska, *Human Rights and International Criminal Law – Selected Aspects of Jurisdiction*, [in:] Elżbieta Karska, Narciso Leandro Xavier Baez, Amalia Particia Cobos Campos (eds.), *Human Dignity and Human Rights Serious Violations*, Qualis Editora (Brazil), Florianópolis-Santa Catarina 2016, pp. 11-38 (book: 244 pages);

– Elżbieta Karska (ed.), *Global Problems with the Protection of Human Rights // Globalne problemy ochrony praw człowieka*, Department of Human Rights Protection and International Humanitarian Law Press (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University), Warsaw 2015, 444 pages;

– Elżbieta Karska, *The Relationship Between Business and Human Rights – Some Remarks from the International Law Practice and Doctrine's Point of View // Relacje biznesu i praw człowieka – kilka uwag z punktu widzenia praktyki i doktryny prawa międzynarodowego*, [in:] Anna Tarwacka (ed.), Iura et negotia, Wolters Kluwer, Warsaw 2015, pp. 106-127;

– Elżbieta Karska (ed.), *Rights of the Child in International Law // Prawa dziecka w prawie* międzynarodowym, Department of Human Rights Protection and International Humanitarian Law Press (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University), Warsaw, 1st ed. 2013, 2nd ed. 2014, 356 pages;

– Elżbieta Karska (ed.), *The Impact of the European Convention on Human Rights on Human Rights Protection Systems and International Criminal and Humanitarian Law // Wpływ Europejskiej Konwencji Praw Człowieka na systemy ochrony praw człowieka oraz międzynarodowe prawo karne i humanitarne*, 'Mówią Wieki', Warsaw 2013, 367 pages;

– Elżbieta Karska, *Gaps in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Relation to Accountability Involving Private Military and Security Companies*, 'Polish Review of International and European Law' 2013, Vol. 2, Issue 2, pp. 61-79;

– Elżbieta Karska, *Subsidiarity of Governmental and Non-governmental Organisations' Resolutions in the Jurisdiction of International Criminal Tribunals // Subsydiarność uchwał organizacji rządowych i pozarządowych w jurysdykcji międzynarodowych trybunałów karnych*, 'Acta Universitatis Wratislaviensis', Wrocław 2009, 336 pages.

VIII. Languages

Language	Reading			Writing			Speaking		
	very good	good	fair	very good	good	Fair	very good	good	fair
***a*. First language:**									
Polish	X			X			X		
***b*. Official languages:**									
– English	X			X			X		
– French		X			X			X	
***c*. Other languages:**									
– Russian		X			X			X	
– German		X			X			X	

IX. In the event that you do not meet the level of language proficiency required for the post of judge in an official language [the second], please confirm your intention to follow intensive language classes of the language concerned prior to, and if need be also at the beginning of, your term of duty if elected a judge on the Court

I can confirm my intention to participate in intensive French language classes prior to and, if necessary, also at the beginning of my term of duty, if I were to be elected a judge on the Court.

X. Other relevant information

– Member of editorial boards and advisory boards of numerous journals, including *'Polski Rocznik Praw Człowieka i Prawa Humanitarnego'* / *'Polish Review of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law'* (Publisher: University of Warmia and Mazury), *'Problemy Współczesnego Prawa Międzynarodowego, Europejskiego i Porównawczego'* / *'Issues of Contemporary International, European and Comparative Law'* (Publisher: Jagiellonian University), *'Polski Przegląd StosunkówMiędzynarodowych'* / *'Polish Review of International Relations'* (Publisher: Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University), *'Polish Review of International and European Law'* (Publisher: Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University), *'Międzynarodowe Prawo Humanitarne'* / *'International Humanitarian Law'* (Publisher: Naval Academy), *'Finance India'* (Publisher: Indian Institute of Finance), *'Wojskowy Przegląd Prawniczy'* / *'Military Juridical Review'* (Publisher: Department of Military Affairs of the National Public Prosecutor's Office) and *'Stosunki Międzynarodowe – International Relations'* (Publisher: University of Warsaw // Taylor & Francis Group);

– 2021-present – Deputy Editor-in-Chief and Vice-Chairperson of the Editorial Board of the '*Przegląd Legislacyjny' / 'Legislative Review Quarterly'* (Publisher: Wolters Kluwer);

– 2014-present – Special Issues Editor of the *'International Community Law Review'* (Publisher: Department of Law, Queen Mary University of London // Nijhoff | Brill, Leiden-Boston); the tasks of the Special Issues Editor include supervising the publication of all Special Issues of the ICLR; the Special Issues Editor may also be an Editor/Co-editor for a specific issue; in this latter category are included the following Special Issues: *The Use of Private Military and Security Companies by the United Nations: International Legal Aspects*, ICLR 2014, Vol. 16, Issue 4, 95 pages (Co-editor); *Extraterritorial Scope of Human Rights*, ICLR 2015, Vol. 17, Issue 4-5, 122 pages (Co-editor); *Foreign Fighters and Foreign Terrorist Fighters: An International Law and Human Rights Perspective*, ICLR 2016, Vol. 18, Issue 5, 122 pages (Co-editor); *Judicial Dialogue in Human Rights*, ICLR 2019, Vol. 21, Issue 5, 104 pages (Co-editor); *Business and Human Rights: Legal Aspects*, ICLR 2021, Vol. 23, Issue 5, 118 pages (Co-editor).

– 2013-present – Editor-in-Chief of the academic monographs series *'Prawa Człowieka i Prawo Międzynarodowe'* / *'Human Rights and International Law'* (Publisher: Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University);

– 2016-present – Member of the Advisory Board of the academic monographs series *'Prawo i Stosunki Międzynarodowe'* / *'International Law and Relations'* (Publisher: Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University);

– Active participant in several dozen academic and expert legal conferences (as a key speaker, chairperson and panel member), including international conferences, and organizer or co-organizer of more than a dozen academic law conferences, including the *Warszawsko-Toruńskie Kolokwia Naukowe Praw Człowieka i Międzynarodowego Prawa Humanitarnego / Warsaw-Toruń Academic Seminars on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law*, which have been organized for more than 10 years alternately in Warsaw and Toruń by the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University and the Nicolaus Copernicus University;

– 2014 – Member of the Panel of Judges of the Polish National Round of *'The European Human Rights Moot Court Competition'*, ELSA Poland and National Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law;

– Supervisor on several Ph.D. dissertations, more than 200 master's theses and several dozen bachelor's theses on international law and international relations, including protection of human rights. Reviewer of more than 30 Ph.D. and habilitation (Higher Doctorate) dissertations on law, including dissertations on the law on the protection of human rights.

XI. Please confirm that you will take up permanent residence in Strasbourg if elected a judge on the Court

I confirm my readiness to take up permanent residence in Strasbourg, if I were to be elected a judge on the Court.

Appendix 2 – Aleksander STĘPKOWSKI

Curriculum Vitae

I. Personal details

Name, forename: STĘPKOWSKI, Aleksander Bogusław

Sex: male

Date and place of birth: 20 May 1974, London, United Kingdom

Nationality: Polish

II. Education and academic and other qualifications

– Certificate in English and European Law (1996) – Board of Continuing Education University of Cambridge;

– Master in law (1997) – University of Warsaw;

– Diploma in classical solo singing (1999) – F. Chopin High School (prof. Leonard A. Mróz class)

– PhD in legal science (2001) – University of Warsaw (thesis: Trusts in Scots Law as a Mixed Legal System).

– Habilitated Doctor (2010) – University of Warsaw (thesis: Principle of Proportionality in European Legal Culture. Judicial Review of Discretionary Powers in Modern Europe).

III. Relevant professional activities

a. Description of judicial activities

Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Poland (current, since 2019).

I was appointed judge directly to the Supreme Court, with no prior judicial experience. This is however long established practice in Poland as envisaged in the statutory provisions, providing for the senior members of academia opportunity to apply for judicial posts in Supreme Court or in Constitutional Tribunal.

I have been adjudicating in the Chamber of Extraordinary Control and Public Affairs within which constitutional review of final judgments delivered by common courts is provided. This constitutional review of final judgments supplements constitutional complaint as administered by the Constitutional Tribunal in relation to statutory provisions.

Constitutional review, which I perform in the Supreme Court, allows to verify the common courts' final judgments as to their conformity with fundamental constitutional rights and principles. In this field, I was able to provide some innovative case-law solutions (subsequently followed in other cases) stopping long-established practice of circumvention of EU consumer protection law.

In cases I NsNc 22/20 and I NsNc 57/20, as the judge rapporteur, I have provided a complex analysis reviewing conformity of extraordinary constitutional review with the ECtHR principles protecting legal certainty (protection of the *res iudicata* principle) upon Article 6 of the ECHR.

This kind of constitutional review of the final judgments allows also applications to be based directly upon the ECHR. It could be illustrated by the case I NsNc 89/20 in which I was the judge rapporteur, considering application based on manifest breach of ECHR Article 10.

I have been also adjudicating as judge providing cassatory control over decisions of public regulators in matters including *i.a.* consumer protection, transport regulations, energy market, media market and others.

I have been also considering cases for excessive length of the proceedings in appellate jurisdiction, applying standards of the ECHR in this respect, as implemented into Polish legislation.

Other important field of judicial activity is review of the resolutions taken by the National Council of the Judiciary, including presentation for the appointment to the office of judge.

I have been adjudicating also in electoral complaints (so called: “election protests”) raised in the national parliamentary elections, as well as elections to the European Parliament in 2019 and elections of the President of the Republic of Poland in 2020.

b. Description of non-judicial legal activities

Professor of Law at the University of Warsaw, Faculty of Law and Administration.

I have been formally working at the Faculty of Law and Administration University of Warsaw since November 2001 after being granted with the PhD degree in law, however I had been teaching there already since 1997. In 2001 I have started my employment as associated professor and after being granted with the degree of the habilitated doctor in legal sciences in 2011 (specialisation in *public comparative law*) I was promoted in November 2014 to the post of the full professor of the University of Warsaw. In 2016 I was nominated the head of the Sociology of Law Chair at the Faculty of Law and Administration.

My postdoctoral degree was granted to me upon the examination of the book focused on the way judicial review was imposed on exercising of discretion vested in executive or legislative powers. I have analysed *principle ofproportionality* considered as a means enabling such an *extraordinary judicial review*. My book starts with detailed description and analysis of the formation of administrative courts jurisdiction in leading national legal cultures (French, English, German, Austrian and Polish) and continues through the analysis of the subsequent formation of constitutional courts jurisdiction in those countries, as well as jurisdiction of international tribunals (ECtHR and CJEU). I took particular focus on the emergence, development and pan-European dissemination of the *proportionality review*, considered as a kind of common European concept integrating also particular domestic means of similar character.

In my teaching activity I am focused on intellectual foundations and development of the principles of freedom and equality in European legal culture as well as the issue of legal axiology, including theory and the development of the human rights.

c. Description of non-legal professional activities

None.

IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights

– from November 2015 to August 2016 – Coordinating relationships between Poland and the Human Rights International Institutions (i.a. Council of Europe; UN Human Rights Council; ODHIR – OSCE) in capacity of the deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs.

– from 2013 to October 2015 – President of the Foundation Institute for Legal Culture Ordo Iuris – NGO providing assistance for people suffering from discrimination or abuse of administrative power (including litigation assistance), as well as information coverage on the human rights issues and training for law students in this field. Participation in the proceedings before the Polish Constitutional Tribunal, the European Court of Human Rights and the European Committee of Social Rights (presenting *amici curiae* briefs).

V. Public activities

a. Public office

– Acting First President of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Poland (May 2020).

– Undersecretary of State in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs responsible for Human Rights and Legal Affairs (from November 2015 to August 2016).

In my short diplomatic activity, I had particularly intensive and close relationships with the Council of Europe. I am often presented in the public opinion as a person who had inspired the first application by the Polish government for the opinion of the Venice Commission in 2015/2016. I was also defending this decision when it was criticised.

b. Elected posts

None.

c. Posts held in a political party or movement

None.

VI. Other activities

a. Field

Communication.

b. Duration

Since 26 May 2020.

c. Functions

Spokesperson of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Poland (current)

As a spokesperson to the Supreme Court, I have organised two international visits to the European Court of Human Rights and to the Council of Europe. I have also organised several remote (due to Covid-19 restrictions) meetings of the representatives of the Supreme Court with the delegations from various Council of Europe bodies.

VII. Publications and other works

- *Zasada proporcjonalności w europejskiej kulturze prawnej. Sądowa kontrola władzy dyskrecjonalnej w nowoczesnej Europie [Principle of Proportionality in European Legal Culture. Judicial Review of Discretionary Powers in Modern Europe]*, Warszawa: Liber 2010, pp. 458.
- *L'institution du trust dans le système mixte du droit privé écossais*, Varsovie: Liber 2005, pp. 198.
- *Human Rights*, [in:] *Social Dictionaries: Political Ethics*, ed. P. Świercz, Krakow: Ignatianum University Press 2021, p. 277-294.
- *Human Dignity and Two Ways of its Understanding* [in:] New Challenges for law: Studies on the Dignity of Human Life, ed. J.M. Puyol Montero, Valencia: Tirant lo Blanch 2020, p. 43-58.
- *Between Wines and Spirits. Classification Challenges of Polish 'Fruit Wine'-based Products in EU Perspective* [in:] Wine Law and Policy. From National Terroirs to a Global Market, ed. Julien Chaisse, Fernando Dias Simões, and Danny Friedmann, Brill 2020, p. 146-174 (co-aut. J. Pawlikowska, L. Wiwała).
- *Contemporary Conscience-Related Controversies against Philosophical Background* [in:] Contemporary Challenges to Conscience. Legal and Ethical Frameworks for Professional Conduct, ed. A. Stępkowski, Berlin: Peter Lang 2019, pp. 294.
- *The Emergence of the Right to Life in Polish Constitutional Law* [in:] Unborn Human Life and Fundamental Rights. Leading Constitutional cases under Scrutiny, ed. P. Zambrano, W. Saunders, Berlin: Peter Lang 2019, p. 115-128 (co-aut. J. Ferenz).
- *The Necessity for a Holistic Approach to Protecting Human Life* [in:] Protection of Human Life in Its Early Stage: Intellectual Foundations and Legal Means, ed. A. Stępkowski, Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang 2014, pp. 266.
- *Problem „istoty" prawa podstawowego w perspektywie klasycznych teorii prawa podmiotowego [The Core-Content of the Fundamental Right in the Perspective of Classical Subjective Rights Theories]*, «Zeszyty Prawnicze UKSW» 13.4/2013, p. 115-126.
- *Koncepcja gender-based violence i perspektywy jej empirycznej ewaluacji [The concept of the gender-based violence and the perspectives for its empirical evaluation]* [in:] Studia nad formalnymi i nieformalnymi źródłami prawa, ed. T. Barankiewicz, J. Potrzeszcz & others, TN KUL: Lublin 2020, p. 247-263.

VIII. Languages

Language	Reading			Writing			Speaking		
	very good	good	fair	very good	good	fair	very good	good	fair
a. First language:									
Polish	X			X			X		
b. Official languages:									
– English	X			X			X		
– French	X					X		X	
c. Other languages:									
– Russian		X			X			X	
– German			X			X			X

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I believe that my knowledge of French is fair enough for performing judicial activity. I was working in French while preparing publication of my doctoral thesis (*L'institution du trust dans le système mixte du droit privé écossais*), as well as analysing case law of the Conseil d'Etat and the Conseil Constitutionnel while preparing my habilitation on the principle of proportionality. I was also *i.a*. invited speaker by the (then) Advocate General of the CJEU Melchior Wathelet during the *Grande Conférence européenne Jean Rey* (Université de Liège 28.10.2016) delivering presentation on*La Situation juridique en Pologne dans un contexte Européen*.

However, I do confirm that I am going to further improve my French during intensive language course prior to the beginning of the term of my duty, if elected.

X. Other relevant information

I have considerable experience in co-operation within international environment both diplomatic and scientific, as well as experience in international co-operation between NGOs. Being editor of two English volumes devoted to the protection of human rights and published by the international scientific publisher (Peter Lang), I have gathered a variety of academic authors from different countries within these academic projects. I have also organised several big international academic conferences on human rights at the University of Warsaw (in 2012, 2015, 2016). I have also participated as a speaker in several international conferences in France, Germany, Austria, Spain, Belgium, United States (Washington, Harvard), as well as in the UN, including being keynote speaker at *Grand conférence européenne Jean Rey* in Liège (2016). I have also participated in the scientific undertakings as a contributor to international scientific volumes.

XI. Please confirm that you will take up permanent residence in Strasbourg if elected a judge on the Court

I confirm that I will take up permanent residence in Strasbourg if elected.

Appendix 3 – Dr Agnieszka SZKLANNA

Curriculum Vitae

I. Personal details

Name, forename: SZKLANNA, Agnieszka

Sex: Female

Date and place of birth: 25 December 1973, Gdańsk, Poland

Nationalities: Polish and French

II. Education and academic and other qualifications

– 2008: PhD in legal sciences (*doktor nauk prawnych*), PhD thesis (in Polish) on "Aliens' protection under the case law of the European Court of Human Rights", Faculty of Law and Administration, International Law Institute, Warsaw University, Warsaw, Poland.

– 2004: Diploma certifying passing the bar exam at the Warsaw Bar Association, Warsaw, Poland.

– 1998: MA in legal sciences (*magister nauk prawnych),* Faculty of Law and Administration, Warsaw University, Warsaw, Poland.

– 1998: Master of Arts in European Studies, field of study – law, College of Europe – Natolin, Warsaw, Poland (branch of the College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium).

– 1997: MA in applied linguistics (*magister lingwistyki stosowanej)*, French and English translation, Department of Applied Linguistics and East Slavic Studies, Applied Linguistics Institute, Warsaw University, Warsaw, Poland.

– 1997: Certificate of Studies in French and European Law, Warsaw University, Faculty of Law and Administration, Warsaw, Poland, in cooperation with the Poitiers University, France.

III. Relevant professional activities

a. Description of judicial activities

– 2003-2004 – lawyer at the Polish division, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France. Drafting decisions for committees of three judges and chamber judgments.

– 2000-2001 – in the framework of the traineeship at the Warsaw Bar Association, trainee at six different courts in Warsaw (first and second-instance criminal and civil courts, regional commercial court and land register division of the regional court). Attending court hearings and drafting judgments.

b. Description of non-judicial legal activities

Since August 2009 until now – Secretary to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France.

Main activities:

– drafting draft reports, resolutions, recommendations and opinions for committee rapporteurs on various issues concerning the protection of human rights, European legal co-operation and public international law (such as the implementation of European Court of Human Rights judgments and the functioning of the system based on the European Convention on Human Rights, the rule of law, access to courts and the status of Ombudsman institutions, the situation of human rights defenders, the rights to freedom of association and peaceful assembly and to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, national minorities' rights, non-discrimination, the right to nationality, human rights and business, human rights and climate change, combatting terrorism and impunity for serious human rights violations, abolition of the death penalty and relations between the European Union and the Council of Europe).

– researching and conducting legal analysis on those issues.

– organising fact-finding visits for committee rapporteurs in Council of Europe member States and international organisation, and taking part in such visits.

– speaking at seminars concerning the activities of the committee for MPs, MEPs, judges and prosecutors, civil servants, lawyers, students and PhD students in law, and representatives of civil society, as well as at various conferences organised by the Council of Europe and other international organisations.

– 2020-2021 – visiting lecturer, Law Faculty, Paris-Dauphine University, Paris.

– 2012-2020 – visiting lecturer, Political Sciences Institute, Strasbourg University, France.

– 2004-2009 – legal officer and head of section (2007-2009), Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, General Directorate of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe. Main activities: analysing judgments of the ECtHR in order to determine the execution measures to be taken by the respondent States, drafting documents for the Committee of Ministers (draft notes, decisions, interim or final resolutions); taking part in negotiations with the respondent States' delegations; supervising other lawyers; giving conferences on the activities of the Department to lawyers, judges, prosecutors, law students and PhD students, staff members of the ECtHR Registry and at external events in member States of the Council of Europe.

– 2002 – visiting lecturer, Madonna University, Okija Campus, Nigeria.

– 1999-2004 – trainee barrister, Karniol Małecki i Wspólnicy Sp. z o.o. law firm, Warsaw. Main activities: drafting legal opinions, draft agreements, judicial correspondence and other documents in cases concerning civil, commercial and criminal law, pleading on behalf of clients before courts and translating legal documents into/from French and English.

– 1999-2004 – academic assistant, PhD student, International Law Institute, Faculty of Law and Administration, Warsaw University. Giving tutorials on public international law.

– 2000 – consultant, Ministry of Health, Warsaw. Drafting legal opinions on the compatibility of Polish legislation with European Union law on public health and consumers' protection.

– 2000 – trainee, DG Health and Consumer Protection, European Commission, Brussels.

– 1999 – lawyer, law firm Gide Loyrette Nouël Polska Sp. z o.o., Warsaw. Main activities: drafting legal opinions on issues of administrative and civil law and translating legal documents into/from French and English.

c. Description of non-legal professional activities

1998-2003 – translation of legal texts (including European Union directives, Polish laws and articles on legal issues) for private entities, the Warsaw University and the Ministry of Telecommunications.

IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights

See items III a) and b) above. Outside the scope of my main professional activities, I spoke at several seminars and conferences, namely:

– 2021 (May) – "The legal situation of national minorities in Lithuania in the context of national and international law", conference organised by the European Human Rights Foundation, Vilnius;

– 2017 (May) – "The Representation of the Republic of Poland before the European Court of Human Rights: Over Two Decades of Experience of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs", conference organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Warsaw;

– 2015 (June) – "The Status of Alien in Poland *vis-à-vis* Current International Challenges", organised by the Polish Helsinki Foundation on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, Warsaw;

– 2010 (December) – conferences on the protection of human rights and the rights of national minorities for the European Human Rights Foundation, Vilnius;

– 2008 (May) – seminar on the ECtHR case law against Poland, organised for Polish judges and prosecutors by the European Centre of the Warsaw University, Warsaw.

Moreover, in 2016 and 2017, I was a member of the jury of the Moot Court competition organised by the European Law Students' Association (ELSA), Council of Europe.

V. Public activities

a. Public office

See item III above.

b. Elected posts

None.

c. Posts held in a political party or movement

None.

VI. Other activities

a. Field

Law, European integration.

b. Duration

Respectively since 2004, 2007 and 2001.

c. Functions

Member of the Warsaw Bar Association (as a non-practicing barrister), of the European Society of International Law (ESIL) and of the College of Europe Alumni Association.

VII. Publications and other works

One book: *Legal protection of aliens under the case law of the European Court of Human Rights* (in Polish), Europrawo, Warsaw, 2010, 413 pp.

Total number of articles: 23, including:

– 2019: *The Right to a Nationality in Recent Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights and Council of Europe Bodies' Work*, 'European Yearbook on Human Rights 2019', ed. Ph. Czech and others, Intersentia, pp. 313-336.

– 2018: *Delays in the Implementation of ECtHR Judgments: The Example of Cases Concerning Electoral Issues*, 'European Yearbook on Human Rights 2018', ed. W. Benedek and others, Intersentia, pp. 445-464.

– 2017: *Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights: The Interaction Between the Court, the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*, 'European Yearbook on Human Rights 2017', ed. W. Benedek and others, Neuer Wissenschaflticher Verlag, Vienna, Graz, pp. 289-306.

– 2016: *Respect for Human Rights and the Principle of Rule of Law within the European Union* (in French: *Le respect des droits de l'Homme et du principe de l'Etat de droit au sein de l'UE*), proceedings of the 6th conference of researchers' federation "A changing Europe" under the tile "The Relations between the Council of Europe and the European Union. Complementarity or Competition?", ed. F. Berrod and B. Wassenberg, Strasbourg University, l'Harmattan, pp. 157-181.

– 2012*: The Standing of Applicants and NGOs in the Process of Supervision of ECtHR Judgments by the Committee of Ministers,* 'European Yearbook on Human Rights 2012', ed. W. Benedek and others, Neuer Wissenschaflticher Verlag, Vienna, pp. 269-280.

– 2011: *The Role of Interim Measures Indicated by the ECtHR under Rule 39 of Its Rules of Procedure for the Protection of Aliens Against Their Removal Contrary to the ECHR*, 'European Yearbook on Human Rights 2011', ed. W. Benedek and others, Neuer Wissenschaflticher Verlag, Vienna, pp. 361-374.

– 2010: *The Impact of the Pilot Judgment Procedure of the European Court of Human Rights on the Execution of its Judgments,* 'European Yearbook on Human Rights 2010', ed. W. Benedek and others, Neuer Wissenschaflticher Verlag, Vienna, pp. 223-232.

– 2010: *Violations of the Right to Respect One's Family Life,* article (in Polish) published in 'Europejski Przegląd Sądowy', Warsaw, pp. 18-28.

– 2009: *The Supervision of the Execution of ECtHR's Judgments by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe – Evolution, Proceedings and State of Play*, article (in Polish) published in the book "60 Years of the Council of Europe – Standards' Creating and Applying", ed. H. Machińska, Oficyna Prawa Polskiego, Warsaw, pp. 247-266.

– 2008: *The Execution of Judgments of the ECtHR – General Matters and Specific Issues Related to the Polish Cases,* article (in Polish) published in the 'Bulletin of the Warsaw Information Office of the Council of Europe', Scientific Editions Scholar, No. 2/2008, Warsaw, pp. 5-23.

VIII. Languages

Language	Reading			Writing			Speaking		
	very good	good	fair	very good	good	fair	very good	good	fair
***a*. First language:**									
Polish	X			X			X		
***b*. Official languages:**									
– English	X			X			X		
– French	X			X			X		
***c*. Other languages:**									
– Spanish	X				X			X	
– German		X				X			X
– Russian			X			X			X

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X. Other relevant information

– 2007 – Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera (Nivel Superior), Spanish language diploma, Cervantes Institute.

– 1995-1996 – holder of a scholarship from the General Council of Maine-et-Loire Département, studies at the Institute of Training in Modern Languages (French and English translation), *Université Catholique de l'Ouest*, Angers, France.

– 1981-1985 – French primary school *Lycée Pasteur*, Oran, Algeria.

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I currently live in Strasbourg and will continue to live there if elected a judge on the Court.