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

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1. List and curricula vitae of candidates submitted by the Government of Poland¹

Letter from Mr Jerzy Bauriski, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to the Council of Europe, to Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, dated 29 July 2024

[...] please find attached the letter of Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, Mr Radosław Sikorski containing information on consultation with the Advisory Panel of Experts on Candidates for Election as Judge to the ECHR, and the attachments – CVs of three candidates for the position of a judge of the European Court of Human Rights on behalf of Poland, as well as information on the national selection procedure applied in Poland to designate the three candidates. [...]

Letter from Mr Radosław Sikorski, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland Warsaw to Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, dated 25 July 2024

[...] Acting pursuant to Article 22 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, I am pleased to submit herewith 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 Anna Adamska-Gallant,
- Ms Małgorzata Wąsek-Wiaderek,
- Mr Adam Wiśniewski.

As requested per your letter dated 31 January 2023, please find attached the candidates' curricula vitae in both English and French, [...], 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 7 June 2024, as envisaged by the Committee of Ministers' Resolution No. CM/Res(2010)26 of 10 November 2010.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland remains at your disposal should the Parliamentary Assembly have any questions concerning the above-mentioned 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 regulated by two new acts:

- Ordinance No. 8 of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of 13 March 2024 on the establishment of the Committee responsible for the selection of candidates on behalf of the Republic of Poland for the post of Judge at the European Court of Human Rights ("Ordinance");

and

- Rules of the selection of candidates on behalf of the Republic of Poland for the post of Judge at the European Court of Human Rights ("Rules").

The new regulations were passed in order to implement the highest Council of Europe standards related to the selection of candidates. In particular, the method of appointment of the Selection Committee was changed to involve bodies independent from the executive and to define in advance the expected profiles of the members appointed by the respective bodies.

The standards of fairness and transparency were increased throughout the whole selection procedure and the professional examination of the applicants' linguistic competences was introduced as an obligatory part of the process. Special emphasis was put on an in-depth evaluation of the applicants' merits, including notably their compliance with the Convention's Article 21 requirements. A possibility was maintained for non-governmental organisations and legal professions to appoint observers of interviews with applicants. A public meeting with the candidates in the Senate was held before the submission of the final list to the Parliamentary Assembly.

1. The curriculum vitae are presented and published as submitted by the Government of Poland.

The new regulations were consulted with the Polish Ombudsman, legal professions and NGOs, both in the written process and at a meeting on 5 March 2024, as a result of which some changes were introduced.

2.1. The Selection Committee

The following persons were appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to sit as members of the Selection Committee:

1. Dr Henryka Mościcka-Dendys, Undersecretary of State for Legal Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Chairperson (ex officio);
2. Dr hab. Marcin Wiącek, Professor of the University of Warsaw, Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman);
3. Dr Hanna Machińska, Deputy Ombudsman in 2017–2022 – designated by the Minister of Justice;
4. Prof. Piotr Hofmański, judge of the Supreme Court in 1996–2015, judge of the International Criminal Court in 2015–2024 – designated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs²;
5. Prof. Andrzej Wróbel, retired judge of the Supreme Court, judge of the Constitutional Tribunal in 2011–2017 – designated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs;
6. Prof. Marek Safjan, retired judge of the Constitutional Tribunal, judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union in 2009–2024 – designated by the Minister for the European Union;
7. Dr hab. Celina Nowak, Professor and Director of the Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences – designated by the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences;
8. Att. Magdalena Witkowska, Dean of the Council of the Regional Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law in Gdańsk – designated by the President of the National Bar Council of Attorneys-at-Law;
9. Adv. Małgorzata Mączka-Pacholak, Vice-Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission at the Polish Bar Council – designated by the President of the Polish Bar Council.

Director of the Legal and Treaty Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Government Agent and Co-Agents before the Court acted as the Committee's secretaries without the right to vote.

The new Ordinance strictly defines the expected profile of the relevant bodies' appointees to the Selection Committee³ so as to ensure that they possess the relevant and diversified qualifications and experience and to ensure balanced composition, independence and high standing.

As a result, the new Selection Committee comprised high-level experts of recognised competence in human rights, representing all relevant professional backgrounds, including former judges of international and Polish supreme courts, the incumbent ombudsman and a former deputy ombudsman, professors specialised in human rights, as well as representatives of legal professions active in the defence of human rights.

2.2. Vacancy announcement

On 19 March 2024, 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 *Gazeta Wyborcza*, a journal with the highest circulation of all papers considered, *Dziennik Gazeta Prawna* (a daily paper with a focus on legal matters) and *Rzeczpospolita* (a newspaper with a law supplement), the latter two being the leading daily newspapers for lawyers in Poland. A six-week deadline was fixed for submitting applications (expiring on 30 April 2024).

2. Participated in the first meeting of the Selection Committee.

3. The Ministers (of Foreign Affairs, of Justice and for the European Union) were only authorised to appoint persons who had been members of international courts and tribunals or held the highest judicial office in Poland or the position of ombudsman or ombudsman for children or their deputies. The President of the Polish Academy of Sciences could only appoint representatives of the academia with recognised competence in the field of human rights, international law or constitutional law. Presidents of the National Bar Council of Attorneys-at-Law and the Polish Bar Council could only appoint persons with recognised experience in acting for the protection of human rights, cooperating with non-governmental organisations active in the field of human rights protection or conducting proceedings before international human rights protection bodies.

The announcement was also published thrice on the MFA's main website. At the same time, the Foreign Minister sent letters to 130 institutions asking them to disseminate the announcement further. In addition to the relevant governmental authorities and the Chancelleries of the President, the Sejm and the Senate of the Republic of Poland, the request was addressed to three Ombudsmen functioning in Poland (i.e. the Commissioner for Human Rights, the Ombudsman for Children, and the Commissioner for Patients' Rights), the Supreme Court, the Supreme Administrative Court, all courts of appeal and all voivodeship administrative courts, the presidents of the relevant professional bodies of legal practitioners: 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 22 universities or other higher schools throughout the country, the Polish Academy of Sciences, and 16 non-governmental organisations (those that cooperate on a permanent basis with the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Matters Concerning the European Court of Human Rights and those that had appointed observers in the previous selection procedures).

2.3. Applicants

In total, 27 persons submitted their candidatures before the expiry of the time-limit; however, one of them withdrew his application before the first meeting of the Selection Committee.

Prior to the first examination of the applications, the members of the Selection Committee were required to declare any potential conflict of interests between them and any of the applicants.

Eight applicants were requested by the Selection Committee to remove formal shortcomings of their applications. There was no shortlisting and all 26 applicants were invited for interviews with English and French language experts and with the Selection Committee.

2.4. Interviews with English and French language experts

For the first time, interviews with English and French language experts were envisaged in the selection procedure in order to confirm the applicants' competences in both Council of Europe official languages. According to the Rules, the candidates should be proficient in at least one official language of the Council of Europe and should possess at least a passive knowledge of the other. Interviews were conducted by independent English and French language experts selected for this purpose by the Diplomatic Academy from among persons possessing a master's degree in foreign philology or applied linguistics. Bearing in mind that the interviews focused on the Convention system terminology, they were obligatory for all applicants notwithstanding the submission of language certificates.

Interviews were conducted to confirm either proficient or passive knowledge of both official languages of the CoE, according to the applicants' declared choice.

During the interviews aimed at confirming the proficiency in the Council of Europe official language, the applicants were given the following tasks:

- to translate into Polish a legal summary of the Court's judgment;
- to comment in the Council of Europe official language on the contents of a 2-minute excerpt from a hearing before the Court;
- to answer in the Council of Europe official language one general question related to the Convention system.

In contrast, the following tasks were envisaged for the interviews aimed at confirming passive knowledge of the Council of Europe official language:

- to translate into Polish a legal summary of the Court's judgment;
- to comment in Polish on the contents of a 2-minute excerpt from a movie about the Court (taken from the Court's website).

All applicants were given the same amount of time for an interview (no more than 30 minutes). Written opinions on the applicants with conclusions on whether they possess a proficient or at least passive knowledge of the language evaluated were submitted by the language experts to the Selection Committee before its second meeting.

2.5. Evaluation of the applicants by the Selection Committee

The new Rules have significantly changed the process of evaluation of the candidatures received.

Firstly, the Rules codify both formal and substantive requirements that should be satisfied by the applicants. As far as the latter are concerned, the Rules provide that a person applying for the post of Judge should meet the following substantive requirements:

- be a person of high moral character;
- be qualified to hold high judicial office or be a jurisconsult of recognised competence;
- have good knowledge of issues related to the protection of human rights;
- be distinguished by a high level of legal knowledge;
- have extensive experience related to the practice of law, or extensive academic experience and achievements;
- have proficiency in one of the official languages of the Council of Europe and at least passive knowledge of the other.

Secondly, the Rules require that the Selection Committee evaluates the applicants, taking into account the requirements indicated in Article 21 of the Convention. For this purpose, the Committee should consider in particular whether the applicants have:

- knowledge of issues related to the protection of human rights and the Council of Europe system;
- legal knowledge, especially in the areas of Polish law covered by applications lodged to the Court and public international law;
- national or international experience related to the practice of applying the law or academic experience and achievements in areas relevant to the protection of human rights.

In addition, the Committee should also take into account the applicants':

- level of knowledge of the official languages of the Council of Europe;
- motivation behind applying for the office of judge and commitment to human rights;
- guarantees of independence and the need to avoid the necessity for systematic or long-term appointment of ad hoc judges if a person is elected;
- communication skills, including clarity and precision of thought and expression;
- judgmental skills.

Thirdly, the Rules determine precise steps in the evaluation of each candidature by the Selection Committee:

- analysis of the curriculum vitae and other documents submitted by the applicants (including an obligatory motivation letter in which they are required to justify compliance with Article 21 and linguistic requirements) – all members of the Selection Committee were provided with the applicants' files for in-depth examinations;
- analysis of the opinions submitted by language experts;
- interview with all persons whose candidatures comply with formal requirements and who have attended interviews with language experts (for more information see the "Interviews with the Selection Committee" section below);
- discussion after each interview to summarize the applicants' qualifications and assess their compliance with Article 21 and the level of compliance with linguistic requirements.

Fourthly, the Rules clearly provide that the lists of three candidates and three reserve candidates are selected by the Committee only from among persons having been considered as complying with Article 21 requirements. Thus, the final decision-making process includes only persons complying with these requirements and in its final decision the Committee's task is to choose those persons who comply with Article 21 and all other requirements, including linguistic, to the highest extent. The Rules also require that the lists of candidates and reserve candidates should include at least one representative of each sex (unless in view of exceptional circumstances it would not be possible). Only members of the Committee who were present

during all interviews with applicants shall participate in determining the lists. The final lists are decided either by consensus or by voting in which the President of the Selection Committee has a casting vote (in the event of a tie).

Finally, the Rules explicitly provide that in assessing the applicant's compliance with Article 21 and linguistic requirements, members of the Selection Committee should take into account the standards set by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Advisory Panel of Experts on Candidates for Election as Judge to the European Court of Human Rights.

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 Advisory Panel and the Parliamentary Assembly in their assessment of candidates for the post of judge. Notably, "A short guide on the Panel's role and the minimum qualifications required of a candidate" as well as the Memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the PACE on the "Procedure for the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights" were both translated into Polish and made available to the members. Their attention was drawn to two checklists applied by the PACE members (as annexed to the aforementioned memorandum). A similar checklist, comprising the criteria stemming from the Convention and the Rules and based on the CM Guidelines and the PACE checklists, was prepared to be used as a subsidiary assessment tool for members of the Selection Committee in their evaluations of the applicants.

2.6. Interviews with the Selection Committee

The new Rules codified the existing practice related to the conduct of interviews with the applicants, securing the transparency of this process and equal treatment of all persons.

All interviews were held according to the same rules fixed by the Selection Committee at the first meeting. Those rules were announced to all applicants in advance and were published on-line on the MFA's website. The interviews were conducted in principle in alphabetical order (with some exceptions made upon justified motions of the applicants) and the time afforded to each person was identical (30 minutes). At the beginning, all applicants were given an opportunity to present their candidatures and justify compliance with Article 21 requirements. They were also asked to share their vision of the role of judge and that of the Convention and the Court. Subsequently, all persons received the same set of three questions. All questions were proposed by the members of the Selection Committee in advance of the meeting and they decided on the final list of questions shortly before the start of the interviews. The questions were problem-based, of a wide scope, requiring the applicants to present their own assessment based on their knowledge.

All interviews were observed by observers appointed by legal professions and non-governmental organisations active in the field of human rights (see the "Transparency" section below for more information).

2.7. Selection of three candidates

Following each interview, the Selection Committee summarised the candidature and decided whether it complied or not with Article 21 of the Convention and with linguistic requirements, respectively.

Then, from a group of persons complying with Article 21, the Committee decided by consensus (after an indicative vote) to choose a list of three candidates who fulfil to the highest extent all requirements laid down in Article 21 of the Convention and in the Rules.

2.8. Public hearing in the Senate

In order to ensure the transparency of the selection process, to allow members of the Polish Parliament to acquaint themselves with the persons to be proposed as candidates to the Council of Europe, and to increase the role of the civil society in the selection process, a public and open hearing of the three candidates was organised in the Senate prior to the submission of the final list to the Parliamentary Assembly. Senators and invited guests had the opportunity to ask questions and listen to the responses of the three candidates. Among the participants were observers of the selection process appointed by NGOs and legal professions, numerous other representatives of the civil society, senators, deputies from the Sejm Committee on Justice and Human Rights as well as members of the Polish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, alongside representatives of the Polish Bar Council, the National Bar Council of Attorneys-at-Law and the Supreme Administrative Court. The meeting constituted an opportunity for the discussion on the most important challenges ahead of the Convention system.

2.9. Transparency

Throughout the whole selection process, special care was taken to ensure its transparency. Not only was the announcement widely disseminated, but the MFA 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 conduct of interviews with language experts, the rules of conducting interviews with applicants by the Selection Committee, and – after the respective interviews – the questions posed to the applicants. 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 PACE and the Panel's short guide in Polish⁴. All necessary documents and forms for the applicants were also made available in one place to facilitate applying. In addition, the MFA replied to many individual requests for information on the selection process.

What needs to be particularly emphasised is the fact that legal professions and all non-governmental organisations whose statutory activity includes actions in the sphere of promotion and protection of human rights and freedoms and civil liberties were entitled to appoint (by 30 April 2024) one observer each to the interviews with the applicants. The following NGOs availed themselves of the possibility to appoint observers:

- Amnesty International Association (Stowarzyszenie Amnesty International)
- Association for Legal Intervention (Stowarzyszenie Interwencji Prawnej)
- “Better Human Rights” Foundation (Fundacja Lepsze Prawa Człowieka)
- Citizens Network Watchdog Poland (Sieć Obywatelska Watchdog Polska)
- Foundation for Women and Family Planning (Fundacja na rzecz Kobiet i Planowania Rodziny)
- Free Courts Foundation (Fundacja Wolne Sądy)
- Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (Helsińska Fundacja Praw Człowieka)
- “Indicium” Foundation (Fundacja Indicium)
- Ordo Iuris Institute for Legal Culture (Instytut na rzecz Kultury Prawnej Ordo Iuris)
- Professor Zbigniew Hołda Association (Stowarzyszenie im. prof. Zbigniewa Hołdy)

and so did the following organisations representing legal professions:

- Regional Bar Council in Warsaw (Okręgowa Rada Adwokacka w Warszawie).
- Regional Bar Council of Attorneys-at-Law in Gdańsk (Okręgowa Izba Radców Prawnych w Gdańsku)

All 12 observers were invited to attend the applicants' interviews with the Selection Committee. In practice, nine observers on average followed the interviews each day.

Under the Polish legislation there is no legal provision limiting the right to respect for private life of persons applying for the post of ECtHR 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 MFA. In consequence, 16 applicants (out of 26 who participated in the interviews) consented and their data were revealed by the MFA on its website. Obviously, the observers had full access to the information on the names of the applicants during the interviews. The observers signed a declaration that they would keep the applicants' personal data confidential and would not disclose the questions posed to the applicants until the completion of all interviews. They could, however, publish any information they considered relevant in order to comment on the fairness of the conduct of the interviews or on the organisation of the selection procedure. A group of observers submitted to the MFA their comments on the conduct of the selection process as part of the continuous dialogue between the ministry and the civil society aimed at ensuring the highest standards.

4. Other documents published on the MFA's website included the PACE 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; CM 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; 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 CDDH reports.

The level of transparency applied in the process is compatible with both the EU General Data Protection Regulation and the CM Guidelines, which do not contain any recommendation to publish personal data of all applying persons (cf. paras. 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 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 was consequently avoided in the Polish regulations. Therefore, Poland opted for the approach that left it with the applicants to decide whether they wished to publish information on their candidatures.

Appendix 1 - Curriculum vitae of Anna ADAMSKA-GALLANT

I. Personal details

Surname, first name: ADAMSKA-GALLANT, Anna

Sex: female

Date of birth: 26 April 1975

Nationality: Polish

II. Education and academic and other qualifications

- 14.03.2022 Doctor of Laws; Dissertation "The institution of the vulnerable witness. A legal-criminal analysis based on the practice of international criminal tribunals and hybrid courts", University of Wrocław, defence with *cum laude*;
- 2012 – 2013 Seminar "Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in the Practice of National Courts"; Warsaw University;
- 2010 – 2011 Postgraduate studies "Intellectual and Industrial Property Law"; Jagiellonian University.
- 1993 – 1998 Master's degree studies in law with grade "very good"; thesis "Preliminary rulings of the European Court of Justice and their impact on the process of European integration"; University of Gdansk;
- 1996 – 1998 English Law and Law of the European Union studies; University of Gdansk in co-operation with the University of Cambridge Board of Continuing Education.

Other

- 09.2022-01.2023 Leadership and Managerial Skills; Leadership Academy Poland

III. Relevant professional activities

a. Description of judicial activities

- 05.2015 – 06.2018 International Judge, Supreme Court – Criminal Chamber of Kosovo, the European Union Rule of Law Mission; hearing appeals, cassation appeals and petitions for protection of legality as an extraordinary remedy, including those based on allegations of violations of rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Kosovo Constitution and the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms; training of local judges in international criminal law, criminal procedure and human rights standards;
- 02.2013 – 05.2015 International Judge, Court of First Instance in Kosovo, the European Union Rule of Law Mission; adjudicating criminal cases, including war crimes, organised crime and high-level corruption; training of local judges in international criminal law, criminal procedure and human rights standards;
- 02.2004 – 02.2013 Judge, District Court in Lublin (since 2010 Lublin – Zachód), Criminal Division; Questions of law referred to the Constitutional Tribunal:
 - a. on the conformity of Article 226 § 1 of the Penal Code with Article 31 of the Constitution (Case P 3/06);
 - b. on the conformity of Article 392 § 1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure with Article 45(1) of the Constitution in conjunction with Article 2 of the Constitution and Article 6(1) of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (Case P 11/09);
 - c. on the conformity of Articles 244 § 1 and 517 b § 1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure with Articles 41, 31, 32, 2, and 7 of the Constitution (Case P 24/07);
- 06.2002 – 01.2004 Judicial assessor, the District Court in Biała Podlaska, misdemeanor division;

- 06.2001 – 05.2002 Judicial *assessor*, the District Court in Gdansk, Labour Court; Referral to the Constitutional Tribunal of a question of law concerning the constitutionality of the provisions on the privileged position of trade union members in dismissal proceeding (P 7/02).

b. Description of non-judicial legal activities

- **since 05.2024, Expert** on the fight against migrant smuggling and human trafficking, Expertise France, EU4FAST project;
- 12.2022 – 07.2023 World Bank expert on judicial reform in Egypt, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan;
- **since 05.2021:**
 - a. **Lawyer in private practice**, specialising in criminal law, including international law, human rights protection and disciplinary proceedings;
 - b. Member of the Professional Development Team of the Regional Bar Council in Lublin;
 - c. Lecturer for trainee lawyers on the application of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights (starting from 09.2024);
 - d. Mentor of the team of trainees participating in the moot court competition organised by the Polish Bar Association on the application of the European Convention on Human Rights;
 - e. Member of a group of lawyers of the Regional Bar Association in Lublin organising and providing legal aid for refugees from Ukraine since February 2022;
 - f. Co-author of a guide on the application of the Law on Assistance to Ukrainian Citizens in Connection with the Armed Conflict in The Territory of Ukraine, published by the Regional Bar Council of Lublin;
- **since 06.2018:**
 - a. **Expert on Justice and Judicial Reform**, Expertise France, EU *Pravo-Justice Ukraine* – project supporting judicial reform; appointed by President Zelyensky to the Council of Experts on Judicial Reform in 2021;
 - b. Strategic advice on judicial reform, strengthening the independence of the judiciary, promoting integrity and judicial ethics, best practices in court management and transitional justice;
 - c. Providing advice and support to the legislative work of *Verkhovna Rada*;
 - d. Cooperation with Ukrainian judicial bodies, including Supreme Court, High Council of Justice, Council of Judges, National School of Judges, High Qualification Commission of Judges, State Judicial Administration;
 - e. Co-operation with international partners working to establish an independent judiciary and strengthen the rule of law in Ukraine;
 - f. Co-operation with the Venice Commission in assessing the rule of law compliance of proposed judicial legislation.

c. Description of non-legal professional activities

I have not engaged in non-legal professional activities.

d. Other professional activities

- **since 2021:**
 - a. **Lecturer** – University of Wroclaw, Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics;
 - b. **Expert** of the Human Trafficking Research Center, University of Wroclaw;
- **since 2018, Speaker at seminars** (selected):

- a. "Prosecution and adjudication of crimes under international law", "Human rights in armed conflict", "Accountability for sexual violence as a war crime" (National School of Judges of Ukraine);
 - b. "Human rights in armed conflicts" (NATO MP Centre of Excellence);
 - c. "The role of women judges in developing standards of accountability for sexual violence as a war crime", "Reproductive rights and access to abortion in Poland in the context of human rights" (Universität Konstanz);
 - d. "Protection of vulnerable witnesses in war crimes trials" (L'Università di Padova);
 - e. "Limits to the freedom of expression of judges and prosecutors" (l'Ecole Nationale de Magistrature);
 - f. "The importance of the rule of law and the independence of judiciary" (Deutschen Richterakademie);
 - g. "Judges under pressure" (Comenius Project);
- 05.2012 – 02.2013 Judge on secondment to the Ministry of Justice, Department of Strategy;
- a. Development of strategic assumptions for a draft regulation proposing systemic changes in legislation, through the introduction of competitive procedures for the selection of court presidents.

IV. Public activities

a. Public office

I have not held any public office.

b. Elected posts

I have not held any elected posts.

c. Functions held in political parties or movements

From 1999 to 2001, I was a member of the Regional Council of the Union of Freedom (*Unia Wolności*) in the Pomeranian Voivodship.

V. Other activities

a. Field

- "Model Court Initiative" – project on improvement of court administration
- Development of a concept and implementation strategy for the project "Model Court Initiative" (*Modelnyj Sud*) within EU Pravo Justice Ukraine, aimed at ensuring the right to a fair trial, access to justice and creating service-oriented courts for the people by:
 - a. changing the organisation of work in the courts, improving communication, implementing modern methods of human resources management, introducing IT solutions and increasing security;
 - b. promoting solutions to meet the needs of vulnerable groups of court users, including victims of crime and witnesses, taking into account the protection of their welfare while respecting the rights of the parties to a fair trial, by developing procedures and training programmes, as well as conducting training of trainers in cooperation with the National School of Judges of Ukraine;
 - c. "Volunteers in Courts" programme, implemented in Ukrainian courts in co-operation with law faculties and the National Network for Free Legal Aid, aimed at introducing volunteer services to meet the needs of court users.

b. Duration

The implementation of the Model Court Initiative project began in 2019, when six courts were appointed as participants by the High Judicial Council of Ukraine. By the end of 2023, more than 90 courts from across the country joined the project on their own initiative, creating a network of courts implementing model solutions. Since the beginning of 2024, the project has been implemented in close cooperation with the Ukrainian Association of Court Employees (*Vseukrainska Asociacija Pracivnikov Sudu, VAPS*);

c. Functions

- From June 2018 to December 2023 – Head of the Component on Judicial Reform of the EU Pravo Justice Ukraine; key activities in this capacity included developing strategic and action plans, managing experts and supervising their work, as well as collaborating with Project beneficiaries, government agencies, international organisations, and civil society groups;
- From 2008 to 2010 – head of the largest criminal division in the District Court of Lublin, overseeing a team of 13 judges and up to 30 court employees; responsibilities included managing case flow, supervising complex criminal cases, and ensuring efficient resource allocation; mentoring judges and staff, promoting professional development, and maintaining high ethical standards, acting as a liaison between the court and the public, addressing concerns and promoting transparency in judicial proceedings;
- From 2009 to 2011, a member of the National Board of the Polish Judges Association “Iustitia”, responsible for international relations to facilitate co-operation with international judicial bodies; representative of the association in global forums, including permanent representation in the *Medel Magistrats Européens Pour La Démocratie et les Libertés*;
- From 2009 to 2013 – president of the Lublin branch of the Polish Judges Association “Iustitia”.

VI. Publications and other works

- "Vulnerable witnesses in practice of international courts – definition and trauma as the key risk factor", *Peace Human Rights Governance* 2024, published *first online* https://phrg.padovauniversitypress.it/2024/aof/5?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAAR28Rp73mMxBnbEnm72-TBqJpyFwgbqpQdyDWvRw5iu4ajQwkEVFdapJ4mM_aem_Adk4hQ7Fz62CQQSSMJvt21SPaeMoke0mGDkB4_0dhleQAvGmqqOR4_uFXp1nxXBljENvbPKd0VazepGopeAAkW09;
- "Shielding victims of war crimes and other vulnerable witnesses in the practice of international and hybrid courts", June 2024;
- "Backsliding of the Rule of Law in Poland – a Systemic Problem with the Independence of Courts", in: *International Journal of Court Administrators*, No. 3 (13), 2022, <https://iacajournal.org/articles/10.36745/ijca.474>;
- "Women judges in transitional justice and their impact on trials on cases of sexual and gender-based violence committed as war crimes", in: *Trayectorias Humanas Trascontinentales*, No. 10 (2023), <https://www.unilim.fr/trahs/5189>;
- "The Handbook for Model Courts in Ukraine (in Ukrainian), Pravo-Justice, Kyiv 2019;
- "On the Elections to the Supreme Court in Ukraine", in: *Quarterly of the Association of Polish Judges "Iustitia"* No. 4 (34) 2018;
- "Freedom, equality and property in the Leke Dukagjini Code", in: *Wrocław Erasmian Studies X*, Wrocław 2017;
- "The principle of separation of powers – commentary on the Constitutional Court's judgment" published on http://www.questionegiustizia.it/articolo/il-principio-di-divisione-dei-poteri-e-le-sue-concrete-realizzazioni_03-02-2016.php;
- "Videoconferencing in the practice of international criminal tribunals", in: "Electronic protocol as an opportunity for a transparent and speedy trial", Warsaw 2015;
- "Supranational organization – basic assumptions and their implementation in the European Communities" in: *European Studies*, vol. IV, Adam Marszałek, Toruń 1999.

VII. Languages⁵

Language	English	French	Ukrainian	Serbian / Croatian	Russian
Reading	C2	C1	C2	B2	B2
Writing	C2	B2	C1	B2	B1
Speech	C2	B2	C1	B2	B1
How is knowledge acquired?	learning at school, language courses, including specialised courses for lawyers (TOLES certificate); since 2013 working as an international judge and for projects where English is the working language	French language course; DELF B1 exam	Self-study related to permanent residence in Ukraine for 2 years, more than 5 years of work in the EU project Pravo-Justice Ukraine	Self-study related to working as a judge in the Balkans; B1 level examination passed at the University of Belgrade;	Primary and secondary education; knowledge refreshed in connection with work for the EU Pravo-Justice Ukraine project;

VIII. Other relevant information

- Expert on the *Justice Rapid Response* roster – specialising in working with vulnerable witnesses, including victims of sexual violence in armed conflict;
- Sunflowers Project – member of an international network of lawyers involved in documenting war crimes committed in Ukraine; member of the founding board of the Sunflowers Foundation;
- Member of the Prof. Zbigniew Holda Association – participation in educational activities;
- Member of the International Criminal Law Association;
- Observer in criminal proceedings against Turkish judges on behalf of EuroMed Rights;
- Observer at disciplinary proceedings against judges in Bulgaria and Serbia on behalf of the organisation *Medel Magistrats Européens Pour La Démocratie et les Libertés*.

IX. Improving language skills

If you do not have the level of proficiency in the official language required for the position of judge, please confirm your intention to attend an intensive course in the language concerned before and, if necessary, also at the beginning of your term of office, if elected as a judge of the Court.

Yes, I confirm

X. Residence in Strasbourg

Please confirm your willingness to live permanently in Strasbourg if elected as a judge of the Court.

Yes, I confirm

5. More information on the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) self-assessment of language levels can be found by clicking on this link.

Appendix 2 - Curriculum vitae of Małgorzata WASEK-WIADEREK

I. Personal details

Name, Surname: WASEK-WIADEREK, Małgorzata

Sex: female

Date and place of birth: 1 May 1971 in Janów Lubelski

Nationality: Polish

II. Education and academic and other qualifications

- 1990-1995 – studied law at the Faculty of Law of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (thereafter: “KUL”); obtained the Master of Law degree; thesis title: *“The essence and principles of criminal procedure”*.
- 1995-1996 – Master of Laws programme at the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium; obtaining Master of Laws degree (LL.M.); thesis supervisor: Prof. Paul Lemmens; thesis title: *“The Principle of Equality of Arms in Criminal Procedure under Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights and its Functions in Criminal Justice of Selected European Countries. A Comparative View”*, Leuven Law Series No. 13, Leuven 2000.
- 26 August – 6 September 1996 – completion of the advanced course on the international protection of human rights; Åbo Akademi University Institute for Human Rights (Finland).
- 2002 – Doctorate (PhD) in law at the Faculty of Law, KUL; thesis title: *“The principle of equality of arms in the Polish criminal procedure – a comparative perspective”*.
- 2013 – Habilitation in law at the Faculty of Law, KUL; thesis title: *“Jurisdictional independence of the criminal court with reference to the competence of the Constitutional Tribunal and the European Courts”*; specialization: criminal procedure; human rights; European law.

III. Relevant professional activities

a. Description of judicial activities

- **Since November 2018 – judge of the Supreme Court of Poland, Criminal Chamber**; recommended for this post by the National Council of the Judiciary in May 2017 and appointed by the President of Poland in November 2018; resolution of legal questions in concreto and in abstracto; adjudication of cassation appeals, motions for reopening of proceedings and other cases falling within the competence of the Criminal Chamber of the Supreme Court.
- 2004 – November 2018 – expert in the Research and Analyses Office of the Polish Supreme Court; preparation of legal opinions, materials for judges, including reviews of the current case law of the European Court of Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the European Union; from March 2017 to November 2018 – Focal Point of the Polish Supreme Court in the Superior Courts Network established by the European Court of Human Rights.
- 2014-2016 – *ad hoc* judge of the European Court of Human Rights indicated by the Polish Government.

b. Description of non-judicial legal activities

- **Since 1996– academic employed at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin; initially as an scientific assistant, then as an assistant professor, senior lecturer; since 2015 – as the university professor; since 2015 – the Head of the Department of Criminal Procedure at the Faculty of Law; lecturer on criminal procedure, case law of the European Court of Human Rights in criminal matters (classes conducted also in English) and judicial co-operation in criminal matters in the European Union.**
- March 1997 – June 2004 (on unpaid leave from June 2004 to 2008; working time – ½ full time) – employee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, lawyer in the Legal and Treaty Department in the team of the Plenipotentiary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the representation of Poland before the

European Court of Human Rights; preparation of written pleadings of the government in the proceedings before the European Court of Human Rights in dozens of cases; representation of the Government at the hearings before the European Court of Human Rights in the following cases: *Musiak p. Poland* (1998); *Belziuk p. Poland* (1997), *Niedbala p. Poland* (2000); *Kudła p. Poland* (2000); *Włoch p. Poland* (2000); *Litwa p. Poland* (2000); representing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at sessions of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe concerning the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights.

- 2009-2016 – Member of the Criminal Law Codification Commission – the group of experts appointed by the Prime Minister on the motion of the Minister of Justice.
- 2012-2016 – Member of the Advisory Legal Committee to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- **Since April 2024 – Member of the Criminal Law Codification Commission – the group of experts appointed by the Prime Minister on the motion of the Minister of Justice.**

c. Description of non-legal professional activities

Research and study visits in national and foreign research institutes:

- 27 March – 7 April 2017 – study visit at Sulkhvan-Orbeliani Teaching University in Tbilisi (Gorgia).
- Research visits to the Max-Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law in Freiburg (Germany) during the following periods: February 2002; September 2008, January – February 2009, January – February 2010.
- August 1999 and July – August 2006 – library queries and visits in the Institute for Human Rights, the Faculty of Laws of the Catholic University in Leuven (Belgium).
- March 2000 – research visit to the Faculty of Law of the Jagiellonian University (Kraków).

d. Other professional activities

As part of research and teaching activities – conducting trainings and lectures on the European system of human rights protection, in particular:

- 2005-2015 – giving lectures and training courses on the protection of human rights and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights, organised for various audiences by the Polish Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights.
- 2008-2017 – giving lectures and training courses for judges and prosecutors on the case law of the European Court of Human Rights, organised initially by the Council of Europe Information Office in Warsaw and later by the European Centre of the University of Warsaw.
- 2015-2016 – giving lectures on the protection of human rights in criminal proceedings at postgraduate courses organised by the Jagiellonian University.
- 2014-2018 – giving lectures on international human rights protection in the National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution on several occasions.

IV. Public activities

a. Public office

- 1997-2004 – post in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- **since 2015 – the Head of the Department of Criminal Procedure at the Faculty of Law, Canon Law and Administration of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.**
- **since November 2018 – Judge of the Criminal Chamber of the Polish Supreme Court.**
- **since April 2024 – Member of the Criminal Law Codification Commission – the group of experts appointed by the Prime Minister on the motion of the Minister of Justice.**

b. Elected posts

- **since November 2018 – Judge of the Criminal Chamber of the Polish Supreme Court.**

c. Posts held in a political party or movement

I have never belonged to a political party or movement.

V. Other activities

a. Field

Implementation of several national scientific projects in the field of criminal procedure and judicial co-operation in criminal matters in the European Union:

- 2018-2021 – implementation of the research project “Complaint against the judgment of the court of appeal as an instrument for accelerating criminal proceedings and reducing the “cassation” nature of appeal proceedings”, funded by the National Science Centre.
- 2008-2012 – implementation of a research project “Changes in the scope of jurisdictional independence of a criminal court as a result of Poland’s accession to the European Union”, funded by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education.
- 1999-2001 – implementation of the research project “The principle of equality of arms in criminal procedure”, financed by the Committee for Scientific Research.

b. Duration

Implementation of several international scientific projects in the field of criminal procedure and judicial co-operation in criminal matters in the European Union:

- 2007-2010 – Participation (as reviewer of the national report) in the project “Effective defence rights in the EU and access to justice: investigating and promoting best practice”, funded by the European Union and the Open Society Institute.
- 2018-2019 – Participation in the implementation of the project ‘InAbsentiaEAW’ – Improving Mutual Recognition of European Arrest Warrants for the Purpose of Executing in absentia Judgments’, funded by the European Commission under the Justice (2014-2020) programme.
- 2020-2022 – Participation in the implementation of the project ‘Improving Mutual Recognition of European Arrest Warrants through Common Practical Guidelines (ImprovEAW)’, funded by the European Commission under the Justice programme.
- **Since 2023** – Participation in the implementation of the project ‘Mutual Recognition 2.0: Effective, Coherent, Integrative and Proportionate Application of Judicial Cooperation Instruments in Criminal Matters (MR2.0)’, funded by the European Commission under the Justice Programme.

c. Functions

- **Since September 2014** – Member of the International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation.
- **Since 2020** – Member of the International Association of Penal Law (IAPL/AIDP).
- **Since 2013** – Member of the Professor Zbigniew Holda Association.

VI. Publications and other works

Author of more than 100 publications on criminal procedure, human rights and EU law, including in particular:

- (co-authorship with V. Glerum) Detention Pending Execution of the European Arrest Warrant – Dutch and Polish Experience. Some Reflection from the Human Rights Perspective, *Review of European and Comparative Law*, 54(3), 2023, p. 89–124.
- European standard of compensation for wrongful convictions, (in:) *Compensation for Wrongful Convictions. A Comparative Perspective*, eds. W. Jasiński, K. Kremens, London – New York 2023, Routledge, p. 183-199.
- Healthcare and human rights requirements as regards detainees with psychiatric disturbances, (in:) *Mental Health and Criminal Justice*, eds. P.H.P.H.M.C. van Kempen and M.J.M. Krabbe, Hague 2021, p. 167-184.

- A New Model of Appeal Proceedings in Criminal Cases: Acceleration v. Fairness? A Few Remarks from the Perspective of the Standards of Protecting Human Rights, XXX(4) *Studia Iuridica Lublinensia* (2021), p. 187-207.
- Admissibility of Statements Obtained as a Result of ‘Private Torture’ or ‘Private’ Inhuman Treatment as Evidence in Criminal Proceedings: Emergence of a New European Standard?, 7(1) *Revista Brasileira de Direito Processual Penal*, p. 343–374 (Jan./Apr. 2021).
- ‘Dual Legal Representation’ of a Requested Person in European Arrest Warrant Proceedings – Remarks from the Polish Perspective, 41(2) *Review of European and Comparative Law*, (2020) p. 35–54.
- Advisory Opinions of the European Court of Human Rights: Do National Judges Really Need This New Forum of Dialogue? (in:) *Judicial Power in Globalized World Liber Amicorum Vincent De Gaetano*, Paulo Pinto de Albuquerque, red. Krzysztof Wojtyczek, Springer 2019, p. 637–652.

Publications in Polish:

- Obligations of a state to protect persons against stalking under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights and other standards of the Council of Europe, (in:) *Stalking*, ed. M. Mozgawa, Warszawa 2018, p. 179-194.
- Standard of protection of the rights of the accused under the European Convention on Human Rights, (in:) *System prawa karnego procesowego. Tom VI. Strony i inni uczestnicy postępowania karnego*, scientific ed. C. Kulesza, main ed. P. Hofmański, Warszawa 2016, p. 524-612.
- “The right to die with dignity” in the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights, (in:) *Eutanazja*, ed. M. Mozgawa, Warszawa 2015, p. 281-302.

VII. Languages⁶

Language	English	German	Russian	French
Reading	C2	A2	A1	B2 I understand legal texts.
Writing	C1	A1	A1	A1
Speaking	C1	A1	A1	A1
How acquired?	Language course at the university; participation in one-year study conducted in English at KU Leuven; preparation of written pleadings in English during employment in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.	Language course in secondary school; reading of books for scientific purposes.	Language course in primary school.	Participation in the language course in primary school; employment in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

VIII. Other relevant information

I am married and I have two children (born in 2002 and 2004).

IX. Upgrading language skills

In the event that you do not meet the level of language proficiency required for the post of judge in an official language, 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.

Yes, I confirm.

6. More information on the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) self-assessment of language levels can be found by clicking on this link.

X. Residency in Strasbourg

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

Yes, I confirm.

Appendix 3 - Curriculum vitae of Adam WIŚNIEWSKI

I. Personal details

Name, Surname: WIŚNIEWSKI, Adam

Sex: male

Date of birth: 1st March 1963

Nationality: Polish

II. Education and academic and other qualifications

- 1982-1987 Studies in law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Gdańsk
- 1985 Summer School, International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg
- 1987 Master of Laws – higher education diploma at the Faculty of Law of the University of Gdańsk with distinction
- 1988 Peace Studies Course, International Summer School, University of Oslo
- 1987-1989 Judge legal training, District Court in Gdańsk
- 1989 Judicial examination passed with a very good result
- 1991-1992 Doctoral studies at the University of Oxford
- 1995-1996 Legal counsel application, District Chamber of Gdańsk Counselors in Gdańsk
- 1996 The attorney-at-law exam passed with a very good result
- 1996 Entry into the list of legal advisors by the District Chamber of Legal Advisors in Gdańsk
- 1996 Doctor of Laws
- 2006 Post-doctoral research at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg
- 2008 Doctor habilitated in legal sciences
- 2010 University professor
- 2016 Research at the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in San Remo
- 2022 Research at the Academy of European Law in Florence
- 2023 Research at the Institute of International and Comparative Law in London

III. Relevant professional activities

a. Description of judicial activities

During the period from 1987 to 1989, I completed the judicial training required to take up the position of a judge, which included, among others: practice in various departments of district and regional courts, culminating in passing the judicial examination with a very good result. I obtained formal qualifications to serve as a judge in Polish courts.

b. Description of non-judicial legal activities

As a **professor** specialising in public international law and human rights law, as well as a practicing **legal advisor**, I combine professional knowledge of Polish law with knowledge of public international law, with particular emphasis on the European system for the protection of human rights. I conduct systematic research and regularly teach international law and international and European human rights law. At the same time, since 1998, I have been practicing law as the legal advisor appearing in cases before common courts, the Supreme Court, the Constitutional Tribunal and administrative courts, preparing pleadings, appeals and legal opinions, etc.

My non-judicial legal activities have so far included, in particular, the following functions:

- From 1988 to 1996 Assistant at the Faculty of Law of the University of Gdańsk
- From 1996 to 2010 Doctor of Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Gdańsk
- **Since 1998 Legal advisor**
- **Since 2010 Professor of the University of Gdańsk**
- **Since 2010 Head of the Chair of International Law, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk**
- From 2015 to 2023 Member of the Advisory Board of Balex – an international cluster founded in 2014 in Turku, Finland, by the University of Turku and Åbo Academy
- **Since 2016 Chairman of the legal section of the Space Research Commission at the Polish Academy of Sciences, Branch in Gdańsk**
- **Since 2016 Member of the examination committee for advocates legal training at the Minister of Justice**
- **Since 2021 Chairman of the Committee for disciplinary liability of academic teachers, students and doctoral students**
- **Since 2024 Member of the Advisory Legal Committee to the Minister of Foreign Affairs**

c. Description of non-legal professional activities

I do not conduct any professional activities outside law.

d. Other professional activities

I do not conduct any other professional activity.

IV. Public activities

I do not conduct public activities.

a. Public office

I have never held any public office.

b. Elected posts

I have never held any elected post.

c. Posts held in a political party or movement

I have never held any post in a political party or movement.

V. Other activities

a. Field

I have a long-lasting and extensive experience in the field of human rights as a researcher, university professor and legal advisor. I conduct research in the field of human rights, which is reflected in numerous publications in this field. I regularly teach public international law and international and European human rights law, giving lectures to students, as well as part of legal counsel training. I prepared expert opinions in the field of human rights, including for example the expert opinion for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Józef Janowski's complaint against Poland regarding the violation of freedom of expression in 1998.

b. Duration

My involvement in the field of human rights dates back to my activities as a student and later as the assistant at the Faculty of Law, University of Gdańsk and has lasted at least 35 years.

c. Functions

My activities in the field of human rights have been connected mainly with my function as a university professor as well as the legal advisor.

VI. Publications and other works

Books:

- *The Interpretation of the European Convention on Human Rights*, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego, Gdańsk 2021, pp. 262, (in English);
- *The European Court of Human Rights – Between Activism and Passivism*, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego, Gdańsk 2016, pp. 218, (in English);
- *The Doctrine of Margin of Appreciation in the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights*, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego, Gdańsk 2008, pp. 482, (in Polish);

Articles:

- *The Protection of Entrepreneurs in the European Convention on Human Rights*, “Białostockie Studia Prawnicze”, vol. 28, no. 4, 2023, pp. 11-23, (in English);
- *The European Court of Human Rights and Internet-Related Cases*, “Białostockie Studia Prawnicze” vol. 26, no. 3, 2021, pp. 109-133, (in English);
- *European Court of Human Rights and Democracy*, „Studia nad Autorytaryzmem i Totalitaryzmem” No. 4, vol. 42, 2021, pp. 7-29, (in Polish);
- On the Constitutional Nature of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, in: Agnieszka Gajda [et al., ed.] “Polish constitutionalism: reflections on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the birth and 45th anniversary of the scientific work of Professor Andrzej Szmyt”, 2020, pp. 584 -596, (in Polish);
- The European Court of Human Rights as the Constitutional Court of Europe? „Prawo i Więż”, No. 4 (34), pp. 320-347, (in Polish);
- *The impact of the European Convention of Human Rights on the Polish legal system*, “Polish Review of International and European Law”, vol. 9, No. 1, 2020, pp. 153-184, (in English);
- Proportionality and Fair Balance in the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights, “Gdańskie Studia Prawnicze” No. 2, 2019, pp. 57-70 (in Polish).

VII. Languages⁷

Language	English	French	Russian
Reading	C2	C1	B1
Writing	C2	A2	A1
Speaking	C2	A2	A1
How acquired?	many years of education, studies at the University of Oxford	the course at the University of Gdańsk	education at the primary and secondary school

VIII. Other relevant information

My post-doctoral thesis (monograph) “The Doctrine of Margine of Appreciation in the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights received the first prize in the best habilitation category in the prestigious competition of the "State and Law" magazine in 2010.

I have many years of experience in adjudicating as the chairman of the committee for disciplinary liability of academic teachers, students and doctoral students.

7. More information on the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) self-assessment of language levels can be found by clicking on this link.

I received the “Medal of the National Education Commission” for special contributions to education and upbringing in 2014.

I obtained a Certificate of Proficiency in English from the University of Cambridge with an A grade while studying at the University of Oxford.

IX. Upgrading language skills

In the event that you do not meet the level of language proficiency required for the post of judge in an official language, 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.

Yes, I confirm

X. Residency in Strasbourg

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

Yes, I confirm