

# Zlata ĐURĐEVIĆ

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### I. Personal details

Name, forename: Đurđević, Zlata  
Sex: Female  
Date and place of birth: 2 October 1969, Zagreb  
Nationality/ies: Croatian

### II. Education and academic and other qualifications

#### a. Education

2003 PhD, University of Zagreb, Croatia  
2002 Master of Laws in Criminal Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia  
1997 M.Phil in Criminology, University of Cambridge, UK  
1994 Bar (judicial) Exam  
1992 B.A. in Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia, first rank among the 1992 graduation class

#### b. Further Academic and Other Qualifications

2016 to present Tenured Professor Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Full Professor (2011-2016), Associate Professor (2007-2011), Assistant Professor (2003-2007), Assistant (1997-2003), Assistant researcher (1995-1997)

Specialization Criminal Procedural Law, International Criminal Law and Procedure, Criminal Justice System, Organization of Judiciary, European Criminal Law, Human Rights Law, European and International Cooperation in Criminal Matters, Psychiatric Law.

2016 to present Visiting professor of International Criminal Procedure and Cooperation, University of Luxembourg, Master in European Law, Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance

2007-2014,  
2016 to 2023 Head of the Department of Criminal Procedural Law, University of Zagreb

2017-2019 Visiting professor, European Faculty of Law, Ljubljana, Slovenia

2014.-2016 Senior Research Scholar at the Yale Law School, USA

2010 Visiting professor at UC Berkeley School of Law, USA, Fulbright fellow. In the spring semester taught the course "Criminal Law Aspects of the European Convention of Human Rights".

May-June 2007 Visiting researcher, Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiburg, Germany

July 2004 International Visitor Program "US Judicial System", US Department of State, USA

2001 / 2002 Visiting researcher, ÖAD Scholarship, "Karl-Franzens" University of Graz, Austria

1999 / 2000 Visiting researcher, DAAD Scholarship, University of Augsburg, Germany

### III. Relevant professional activities

#### a. Description of judicial activities

2003 to present Giving legal opinions in criminal cases in Croatia and abroad for defence lawyers, the Supreme Court, ordinary courts and victims

2010 to present Giving legal opinions for the Constitutional Court in procedures challenging the constitutionality of legislative acts based on the case law of the ECHR

Very extensive legal opinion to the Constitutional Court on the compatibility of the Criminal Procedure Act (CPA) with the Constitution and the ECHR that has become the official part of the judicial file and the substantive basis for the Constitutional Court decision of 19 July 2012 that abolished 43 provisions of the CPA and imposed numerous positive obligations to the legislator.

Opinion on the constitutionality of the Courts Act and the Criminal Procedure Act regarding the powers of the Supreme Court to ensure uniform application of laws and equality of all before the law. The opinion is an integral part of the Constitutional Court decision of 3 November 2020.

2015-2017	Croatia's expert witness in the UNCITRAL and ICSID arbitrations in the MOL Hungarian oil and gas PLC v. Republic of Croatia case provided four written and two oral expert testimony for both arbitral tribunals,
2008-2012	Member of the Commission for Asylum of the Republic of Croatia (the second-instance body in asylum procedures)
2010 – 2011	Member of the State Attorneys' Council (independent body with judicial powers to determine disciplinary responsibility of state attorneys)
1993 - 1995	Trainee at the District Court in Zagreb, Civil and Criminal Division (drafted judgments)
1993	Trainee at the Cantonal Court in Canton Valais, Switzerland, (four months)
1992 - 1993	Trainee at the Municipal Court in Zagreb
1992	Training course in Criminal Science, Cantonal Police Service, Canton Valais, Switzerland, (three months)

## **b. Description of academic activities**

### *Academic lecturing activities*

Teaching undergraduate courses: Criminal Procedural Law; Human Rights and Criminal Justice; Criminal Law of the European Union; International Criminal Procedure, European and International Cooperation in Criminal Matters, Law and Psychiatry; Moot Court in Human Rights, Psychiatric Law Clinic (2003-2008), Criminal Law Clinic (2003-2008)

Teaching postgraduate and doctoral courses: Criminal Procedural Law, Evidence and Criminal Procedure, Human Rights and Criminal Procedure, Protection of Human Rights in Europe – Criminal Law Aspects, European Criminal Law, Legal Status of Mentally Disordered Offenders, Criminal Responsibility of Legal Persons

Medicine and Criminal Procedure in the Masters studies "Medicine and Law", University of Split

European Criminal Law in the Masters studies "Criminal Law", University of Osijek

A trainer of the moot court team that took first place at the 6th Trans-European Moot Court Finals at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg in 2018 and the regional moot court competitions in human rights in Skoplje 2018 and Belgrade 2007 and 2008, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 2009, 2010 and 2011.

### *Training of judicial officials*

Organizer, author and lecturer of numerous seminars and conferences for judges, state attorneys and lawyers dealing with the criminal proceedings and criminal justice system. External expert for the Judicial Academy in the field of criminal justice, preparing workshops and materials for practitioners

2024 – European Public Prosecutor's Office: institutional and procedural aspects; workshops in Judicial Academy

2023/24 – Gender perspective in criminal justice: stereotypes and prejudices, workshops in Judicial Academy

2021/22 – Implementation of European Union directives on procedural rights of suspects and defendants in Croatian legislation and practice, workshop, Croatian Bar Association

- EULAW: European LAWyers training on EPPO, Croatian Bar Association

2019 - Integration of the EPPO in the National Criminal Justice Systems: Institutional, Procedural and Cooperative Challenges), Hotel Westin, Zagreb

2018 - "Criminal law cooperation in the European Union: a look through the recent jurisprudence of the European Court of Justice", Split, Faculty of Law

2015 - "European Criminal Procedural Law in Service of Protection of European Union Financial Interests: State of Play and Challenges", Dubrovnik

- 2009 - Workshops on the 2008 Criminal Procedure Act for lawyers in the Croatian Bar Association in Zagreb, Split, Rijeka and Osijek.
- 2009 - Prepared manuals for students and teachers in three workshops: illegal evidence in criminal proceedings; detention - legal basis and procedure; psychological and legal aspects of witness interrogation (second edition, first in 2002-2003, CARDS 2001)
- 2008 - Lecturer in human rights education for lawyers of the Centre for Peace Studies and Interights
- 2004 - 2005 CARDS 2003 project "Education and training of prosecutors", prepared materials and trained the trainers for the workshop: "Criminal Law Cooperation in the European Union".

### **c. Membership of professional bodies and associations**

Member of the "Mika Tripalo" Centre for Democracy and Law since 2022, and vice-president of the scientific council since 2024.

President of the Croatian Association of European Criminal Law, since March 2013.

Deputy of the Secretary General and a Member of the Executive Committee, International Association of Penal Law (AIDP), since 2009 ([www.penal.org](http://www.penal.org))

Contact point for Croatia, European Criminal Law Academic Network (ECLAN), since 2007

President of the Croatian Association for Criminal Science and Practice, 2016-2020.

Member of the Board of Directors of the Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights, <http://www.siracusainstitute.org/app/board-of-directors/> (2018-2021)

President of the Scientific Board, Croatian Association for Psychiatry and Law, 2009-2014

### **d. Scientific international and domestic projects**

Leader and partner in 11 international and 4 domestic scientific projects and researcher in 13 projects related to criminal procedure and organisation of judiciary, defence rights and victim' rights in criminal proceedings, cooperation in criminal matters in region, European union and world, European criminal law, rights of mentally disabled persons, establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office. See the attached list.

### **e. Description of other professional activities**

Chief Editor of the journal *Croatian Annual of Criminal Law and Practice*, responsible for editing, reviewing and publishing since 2007, [www.pravo.hr/hljkkp](http://www.pravo.hr/hljkkp)

President of the Commission for the Drafting of the Ordinance for the Protection of Students from Sexual Harassment and Other Forms of Gender Discrimination at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, 2021-2022

Chief Editor of the e-journal Zagreb Law Review, published by the University of Zagreb, since 2011-2017, <http://revija.pravo.unizg.hr>

Presiding over several international conferences (e.g. the preparatory colloquium of the International Association of Criminal Law, September 2013, Antalya, Turkey; the 3rd section at the 18th International Criminal Law Congress in Istanbul 2009.)

## **IV. Public activities: Membership in State Commissions and Bodies**

- Member of the Judiciary Committee of the Croatian Parliament, 2021 to present
- Personal Envoy of the President of the Republic of Croatia to RECOM (Regional Commission for Establishing the Facts about War Crimes and Other Gross Violations of Human Rights Committed on the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia in the period from 1991 to 2001), 2013- 2014
- President of the Expert Committee drafting a new Croatian Criminal Procedural Code, Ministry of Justice (2012-13)
- Member of the Commission for Asylum of the Republic of Croatia, 2008-2012
- Member of the State Attorneys' Council, 2010 – 2011
- Member of the State Commission for Conflict of Interest, 2005 – 2008
- President of the Expert Committee drafting amendments to the Act on International Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (2012).
- Member of the Expert Committee drafting legislative acts in the area of criminal justice and European criminal law (the Mental Health Act, the Act on the Liability of Legal Persons for Criminal Offences, the Criminal Procedure Act, the Act on International Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (2004).

- Member of the negotiation team of the Republic of Croatia for Chapter 24 "Justice, Freedom and Security" and Chapter 32 "Financial Control" for accession to the European Union (2005- 2010).
- has not been a member of a political party or movement.

## V. Publications and other works

Published over eighty scientific papers, book chapters and other papers in domestic and foreign publications and eight books. See the attached list.

## VI. Other activities: Public lectures and presentations

Held over 100 public presentations and papers in Croatia and abroad. See the attached list.

## VII. Languages

Language	Reading			Writing			Speaking		
	very good	good	fair	very good	good	fair	very good	good	fair
a. First language:									
Croatian	X			X			X		
b. Official languages:									
– English	X			X			X		
– French	X				X			X	
c. Other languages:									
German	X				X			X	
Slovenian	X				X				X
Serbian	X – Cyrillic script			X			X		
Bosnian	X			X			X		

## VII. Other relevant information

The Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges on the ICC established in 2017 (ICC-ASP/16/7) that Zlata Đurđević as the candidate for the ICC “had exceptional expertise in international law as well as international human rights law. The Committee also noted the candidate’s considerable knowledge of criminal law and procedure and of her various publications in the fields of international criminal law and human rights law. The Committee considered that her qualifications met the requirements under article 36, paragraph 3 (b) (ii), of the Rome Statute.”

Zlata Đurđević is a winner of the International Justitia Award 2022 in the category Academia. The Justitia Award honors the most outstanding women in legal professions of the year and is given by the Austrian association Initiative for Women in Law under the patronage of UNESCO to female lawyers from the judiciary, politics, academia and state administration around the world. ([www.womeninlawconference.at/justitia-awards-2022](http://www.womeninlawconference.at/justitia-awards-2022))

The media has recognized my expertise and regularly gives me the opportunity to comment on current issues of judiciary, human rights and criminal justice.