

Personal

Date of birth: 27 August 1951

Place of birth: Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Citizenship: Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Languages

French (written and spoken), English (not fluent)

Employment

Current: Judge of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina (State Court), Sarajevo - Appellate Division, Section I for War Crimes, Section II for Organized Crimes.

1976 - 1993 Legal Officer in *Elektodistribucija* Company in Trebinje.

1993 - 1998 Judge of the Basic Court in Trebinje.

1998 - 2005 Judge of the District Court in Trebinje.

2005 - present Judge of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina (State Court).

Education

June 1970 Grammar school in Trebinje.

November 1974 Law school, Belgrade, Serbia.

September 1993 Bar exam, Podgorica, Montenegro.

June 1997 Study tour to the Council of Europe and the French judicial institutions. Co-organized by the Service des Affaires Européennes et Internationales du Ministère de la Justice de France.

November 1997 - June 1998 Six months professional training in Paris, France, at the Judicial and Prosecutorial School (Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature - auprès du Département Internationale). Theory and practice were done at the Supreme Court (Tribunale de Grand Instance), Tarbes.

30 September - 24 October 2002 Professional training during two months service at the Judicial and Prosecutorial School (ENM), and practice at the Tribunale de Grand Instance, Saint Etienne, France, on the subject "Presentation in French Judicial Institutions".

Other courses

- Seminar of the subject “New Criminal Code of the Republic of Srpska – main restructuring directions” (Teslić, 1 - 2 December 2000).
- Attended the international seminar on the subject “International Humanitarian Law before the ICTY and National Courts”, organized by the Open Society Institute. International lecturers were among others: Almiro Rodrigues (former judge of the ICTY), Aryeh Neier (President of the Open Society Institute New York), Frank Orten (Human Rights Ombudsman in Bosnia and Herzegovina), Eugene O’Sullivan and John E. Ackerman (co-authors of the book “ICTY Practice and Procedure”), John Richard William Day Jones (Defense Counsel before the ICTY, London, United Kingdom), and others (Sarajevo, 11 - 12 February 2002).
- Attended seminar on the subject “Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights, organized by America’s Development Foundation (ADF) in cooperation with USAID (Banja Luka, 13 September 2002)
- Attended seminar on war crimes for the Court and Prosecutor’s Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, organized by the United States Department of Justice (OPDAT), ICTY, Prosecutor’s Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Centres of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republic of Srpska. Moderators: Dermot Groome, Antoinette Issa, Gabrielle McIntyre, Catherine Marchi-Uhel and Frederick Harhoff (Sarajevo, 4 - 8 March 2005).
- Seminar on the subject “Criminal Procedure”, organized by the United States Department of Justice and the Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Centres. Moderators: Judge Manuel Rent and Prosecutor Steven Kessler (27 - 29 September 2005).
- Seminar on the subject “War Crimes”. Moderators: Judge Azra Miletić and Judge Almiro Rodrigues (Sarajevo, Ilidža, 17 November 2005).
- Study visit to ICTY, attended the *Milošević* trial and the so-called *Vukovar Three* (Mrkšić, Radić, Šljivančanin) and the meeting with Carla Del Ponte, David Tolbert, Hugo Hoftius and Faust Pocar (The Hague, 23 - 25 January 2006).
- Participated in the study tour of judges of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina, visiting the judicial institutions of England and South Wales, organized by the Global Conflict Prevention Pool (London, 11 - 18 February 2006).
- Human Rights Protection in the Bosnia and Herzegovina Criminal Legislation, consultative meeting organized by the Association of Judges and Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Centres of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republic of Srpska (Neum, 18 - 21 May 2006).
- Group leader at the consultative meeting for judges on the subject “Support to the establishment of the War Crime Chamber in Bosnia and Herzegovina - Training of legal professionals”. Distinguished lecturers: Professor Dr. Zoran Pajić, King’s College of London, and Professor Dr. William Schabas, Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland (Vlašić, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 18 - 20 September 2006).

- Presenter at the regional conference on the subject “National War Crimes Trials - Taking of the Leading Role”, organized by the United States Department of Justice, International Aid Office for the Professional Training of Courts, Prosecutor’s Offices and Police, United States Embassy in Belgrade, Office of the United States Ambassador for War Crimes and the Humanitarian Law Fund (Miločer, Montenegro, 17 - 20 October 2006). Distinguished participants: Klint Williamson (United States War Crimes Ambassador), Sern Nazaro (Permanent Legal Advisor of the United States Department of Justice), Nikolas Akerman (Regional Director of the United States Department of Justice for Central and East Europe), Nataša Kandić (Director of the Humanitarian Law Fund), David Tolbert (Deputy Chief Prosecutor ICTY), and Joe Paonesa (United States marshals).
- Rapporteur and attendee at the seminar on the subject “Judges of the Supreme Courts of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republic of Srpska, Appellate Court of Brčko District, and the Appellate Division of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Criminal Law”, organized by the Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Centre (Sarajevo, 29 - 30 May 2007).
- Attendee at the international conference on the subject “Independence of the Judiciary and Transition Challenges”, organized by the Association of Judges of Serbia, Magistrats Européens pour la Démocratie et les Libertés, and Association of Public Prosecutors and Deputy Public Prosecutors in Serbia (Belgrade, 2 June 2007).
- VI, VII counselling meeting in the field of criminal legislation (Neum, 6 - 10 June 2007 and 2008).
- Presentation of the project “Human Losses in Bosnia and Herzegovina 91-95”, IDC Sarajevo, evaluation of the project by three independent experts: Patrick Ball, Philip Verwimp and Ewa Tabeau (Sarajevo, 21 June 2007).
- Additional 20 seminars.

Publications

- Attendee of the seminar on the subject “International Humanitarian Law before the ICTY and Domestic Courts”, organized by the Open Society Found Bosnia and Herzegovina. Lecturers: Aryeh Neier (President of the Open Society Institute New York), Eugene O’Sullivan and John E. Ackerman (co-authors of the book “ICTY Practice and Procedure”), Professor Peter Murphy, Professor Zoran Pajić, John Richard William Day Jones, Mr. Rodney Dixon and many others (Sarajevo, 11 - 12 February 2002).
- Rapporteur at the third annual conference in the field of criminal substantial law on the subject “Current Issues in Application of the Criminal Legislation in Bosnia and Herzegovina”, organized by the Association of Judges of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Association of Prosecutor’s of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Association for Criminal Law and Criminology of the Republic of Srpska, Appellate Court of the Brčko District, Bar Council of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Association of Judges and Prosecutors of the Republic of Srpska, Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Centre of the Republic of Srpska, Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Centre of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in cooperation with ABA/CEELI, on the subject “New legal solutions contributing to the efficiency of the criminal proceedings”. The report was published in the journal Law and Justice, Sarajevo, pages 1-9.

- Attendee of the conference on the subject “ICTY outreach to the local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina – work of the ICTY on the war crimes committed in Foči/Srbinje”, organized by the ICTY Outreach Program and the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in the Republic of Srpska (9 October 2004).
- Rapporteur of the report on the subject “Historic significance of the Civil Code and codification” (La signification historique du Code civil et de la codification) at the symposium held at the Law School in Sarajevo on the subject “Code civil et Droit Européen”, held on 15 October 2004.
