

ICC Judicial Nomination – Model curriculum vitae

FAMILY NAME:	TSILONIS	
FIRST NAME:	VIKTOR	
MIDDLE NAME:	PANAGIOTIS	
GENDER:	Male	
DATE OF BIRTH:	16/07/1976	
NATIONALITY:	GREEK	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	WEOG	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)	N/A	
MARITAL STATUS:	Married	
LIST A/LIST B	List A	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: GREEK	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Intermediate	(oral) Basic
- OTHERS	: (written) Please select >>	(oral) Please select >>
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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent)</i> - Please copy/paste if more entries are needed		
12/2004 - 06/2016		
- <i>Institution:</i>	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	PhD in International Criminal Law with merit. Thesis title: The Jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court: preconditions to its exercise	
09/2002 - 09/2003		
- <i>Institution:</i>	University of Nottingham	
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	LLM in Criminal Justice (2:1)	
09/1998 - 07/2002		
- <i>Institution:</i>	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	LLB in Law with merit	

09/1996 - 06/1998

- *Institution:* Birmingham City University
- *Qualification(s) obtained:* Higher Diploma in Education (Law)

N/A - N/A

- *Institution:* N/A
- *Qualification(s) obtained:* N/A

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: *Date, employer, post title, other information (starting with most recent)*

- *Please copy/paste if more entries are needed*

- *Please indicate the relevance of the experience to the candidacy under list A or list B, as appropriate*

09/2004 - present

- *Employer:* NEWLAW Law Firm
- *Post title:* CEO | Principal Barrister
- *Other information:*
 - Criminal Law: Represent clients before the Appeal Court of Felonies, the Mixed Jurors & Judges' Felony Court & the Hellenic Supreme Court.
 - Prison Research: Participating since 2001 in researches on the Greek prison system; member of the Alexiadis Research Team, which has conducted the largest research project on Greek prisons to date (2005–2009).
 - Human Rights Law: Represent victims before the European Court of Human Rights.
 - Trial Monitoring: Trial monitoring at the Crown Court, the Greek Criminal Courts and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY); furthermore trial monitoring in cases where the accused is caught 'red-handed' and where felonies are tried in connection with the National Legal Aid Scheme (his paper on the most eminent Greek criminal journal led gradually to the reform of the legal aid scheme).

12/2018 - 12/2022

- *Employer:* International Criminal Court
- *Post title:* Alternate Member of the Disciplinary Board for Counsel (pro bono)
- *Other information:*
 - Assigned to evaluate and hear three ongoing disciplinary cases; he has already heard the first two and has been assigned to hear a third one;
 - Offering legal advice and opinions on the interpretation of international legal instruments and regulations, including inter alia the Rules & Procedures of the ICC Disciplinary Board and the Disciplinary Appeals Board and the ICC Code of Professional Conduct for Counsel
 - Drafting the minutes of formal meetings regarding the ICC disciplinary cases
 - Conducting seminars in the ICC regarding the rules and principles of the Professional Code of Conduct for Counsel.
 - Drafting decisions: in December 2019 he drafted the landmark disciplinary decision in the Sluiter case.

06/2019 - 09/2020

- *Employer:* International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA) - pro bono

- *Post title:* Joint Vice President for Victims and Chairman of the Professional Standards Advisory Committee
- *Other information:*
 - Reviewing victims' rights and representation before the International Criminal Court.
 - Providing legal advice and opinions on the interpretation of international legal instruments and regulations, including issues like plea bargaining, legal aid policy and application of taxes.
 - Submitting advisory opinions to the Executive Council regarding the ICC Code of Professional Conduct for Counsel.
 - Writing an advisory opinion for an important issue raised by an international judge.
 - Participating in the Cluster 2 discussions with the Independent Expert Review on the ICC and suggesting reform proposals related to the function of the Victims Protection Unit, the Office for Public Counsel for Victims, victim's representation, amici curiae submissions, the application of Art. 71 ICCRSt, pre-trial detention and provisional release.- List A

09/2004 - 06/2009

- *Employer:* Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- *Post title:* Research Fellow at the Department of Criminal Law and Criminology
- *Other information:* Teaching, research assistance, correction of papers, translation of treatises for publication in international journals, assisting students preparing for mock trials, assistance with setting up a new website for the Department of Criminal Law & Criminology of Aristotle Law School. - List A

01/2004 - 06/2004

- *Employer:* United Nations - International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
- *Post title:* Junior Legal Advisor
- *Other information:* Six-month internship; conducts legal research into intriguing issues (such as the Tribunal's inherent and implied powers), submits legal advisory memos and legal briefs before the Court, participates in advocacy training courses and keeping minutes at the Office of the Prosecutor legal advisors' weekly meetings. - List A

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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05/2006 -12/2020

- *Activity:* Executive Director of the Intellectum non-profit organization | Editor-in-Chief of the interdisciplinary journal Intellectum

09/2018-06/2020

- *Activity:* Academic Director and Principal Tutor of the Test of Legal English Skills Advanced Programme (TOLES Advanced) at the Lord Byron School of Languages in Thessaloniki.

09/2018 - 06/2019

- *Activity:* Visiting Lecturer at the Law School of the Democritus University of Thrace; he conceptualizes part of the postgraduate course "International Criminal Justice" and gives lectures on the crime of aggression, genocide and contemporary developments in the field of international criminal justice.

09/2009-06/2011

- *Activity:* Teaching the 30-hour course "Legal Terminology and Translation" to legal counsels – members of the Bar Association of Thessaloniki (Greece).

11/2009 - 12/2011

- *Activity:* Coordinator of the Thessaloniki's Bar Experts' Subcommittee on commenting and evaluating judicial decisions; uploading commentaries of decisions at the biggest Greek legal database "NOMOS".

09/2005 - 12/2009

- *Activity:* Member of the Alexiadis Research Team which conducted the biggest qualitative and quantitative research on the Greek prisons in honour of the Emeritus Professor of Criminology Stergios Alexiadis (2005-2009). The results of the research were widely publicized and demonstrated the serious problems of the Greek prison system. See: "Four Critical Issues of the Greek Prisons System: Work, Education, Communication and Disciplinary Measures" in the Conference Minutes THE ROAD TO JUSTICE, in honour of emeritus professor Stergios Alexiadis (Athens-Thessaloniki: Sakkoulas Publications), (2012), 323-341; International Conference presentation: "Four Critical Issues of the Greek Prisons System: Work, Education, Communication and Disciplinary Measures", European Science Foundation "Violations of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law: Investigation and Prevention of Torture and Death in Custody" (Linköping, Sweden), 3-7 May 2010.

MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

- THE JURISDICTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT, (London: Springer), (December 2019).
- The Crime of Genocide and the Rohingya Case, 2019 (5) ICCBA Newsletter 13-16, (co-authored with barrister Eirini-Nikoleta Favgi).
- The Historical Speech of John Bolton against the International Criminal Court (co-authored with Eirini-Nikoleta Favgi) in ESSAYS IN HONOUR OF PROFESSOR GIANNIS PANOUSIS, (Sakkoulas: Athens, 2020), forthcoming.

● **THE JURISDICTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT**, (Athens: Nomiki Bibliothiki, February 2017), ISBN 978-960-562-694-5.

● **"The Awakening Hypothesis of the Complementarity Principle"**, in C.D. Spinellis, Nikolaos Theodorakis, Emmanouil Billis, George Papadimitrakopoulos (eds.), **EUROPE IN CRISIS: CRIME, CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND THE WAY FORWARD, ESSAYS IN HONOUR OF NESTOR COURAKIS, VOLUME II**, (Athens: Ant. N. Sakkoulas Publications), (2017), pp. 1257-1303.

● **"The International Criminal Justice During the First Half of the Twentieth Century"**, **HONOURARY VOLUME OF CHRISTOFOROS ARGYROPOULOS**, (Athens: Hellenic Criminal Bar Association / Nomiki Bibliothiki), (2016), 981–1000.

● **"Crime and Crisis: International Criminal Justice and Piracy"**, in **CRIME AND PENAL SUPPRESSION IN A CRISIS ERA, ESSAYS IN HONOUR OF PROFESSOR DR. NESTOR COURAKIS**, (Athens: Sakkoulas, 2016), pp. 1262–1283, ISBN: 978-960-15-2762-8, electronically available at <http://www.ant-sakkoulas.gr/perioxomena/15-2764-2.pdf>.

● **"Les Misérables of Thessaloniki in 2011: A Practical Case Study of Human Rights and Human Abuse"** in M. Zirk-Sadowski, B. Wojciechowski and K. M. Cern (eds.), **TOWARDS RECOGNITION OF MINORITY GROUPS**, (London: Ashgate), (December 2014).

● **"Four Critical Issues of the Greek Prisons System: Work, Education, Communication and Disciplinary Measures"** in the Conference Minutes **THE ROAD TO JUSTICE**, in honour of emeritus professor Stergios Alexiadis (Athens-Thessaloniki: Sakkoulas Publications), (2012), 323-341.

● **"Thomas Lubanga Dyilo: The Unstable Step of the International Criminal Court?"** in **TREATISES IN THE HONOUR OF EMERITUS PROFESSOR STERGIOS ALEXIADIS**, (Athens-Thessaloniki: Sakkoulas Publications), (2010), 1039-1057.

● **"Taming the Waves of International Criminal Justice: The Paradox of Serving (in)Justice through (un)Just Means and the Saddam Hussein's Case"**, in *Dia-Logos* (volume 11), M. Zirk-Sadowski και B. Wojciechowski (eds.), **MULTICENTRISM AS AN EMERGING PARADIGM IN LEGAL THEORY**, (Oxford: Peter Lang Publications), (2009), 271-289.

● **"Thomas Lubanga Dyilo: The Chronicle of a Case Foretold"**, (2008) 5 *Intellectum*, 27-42.

● **"The Compulsorily Assigned Counsel and the Right to Adjourn or Postpone the Trial"**, (2008) (8) *Poinika Chronika*, pp. 758-763.

● **"The Move to Restrict the Death Penalty in International Human Rights Law and Resistance in the American Continent"**, (*University of Nottingham Human Rights Law Review, Students' Supplement*), 2002-2003, pp. 45-55.

MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS

- **Combating Sexual Harassment at Workplace and Legal Ethics: 5-day workshop for Counsels included in the ICC List of Counsel at the International Criminal Court (The Hague, 3-7 June 2019).**
- **ICC Legal Training for Indonesian Delegation on legal ethics and the ICC Code of Conduct for Counsel (acting as lecturer), (ICC, The Hague, 23 October 2019).**
- **Strategic Management by Copenhagen Business School on Coursera (certificate earned on 24th April 2016)**
- **Certified Computer User in operation system & managing files, word processing, spreadsheets, internet applications & communication (Acta Diploma, 29-09-2011).**
- **UN Security Programme “Basic Security in the Field” (April 2004).**
- **ICTY internal advocacy training for the Court's legal staff (May 2004).**

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

- **Alternate Member of the ICC Disciplinary Board for Counsel (2018-2022)**
- **Member of the International Criminal Court Bar Association**
- **Member of the International Law Association [Committee: International Protection of Consumers (2019)]**
- **Member of the European Society of International Law**
- **Member of the Hellenic Society of Criminology**
- **Member of the Hellenic Criminal Bar Association**
- **Placed on the OSCE Consultancy Roster of Legal Experts (2018)**
- **Included in the Roster of Experts of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy (May 2017).**
- **Member of the Scientific and Advisory Board of the Center for the Philosophy and Theory of Human Rights, University of Lodz, Poland, (1 February 2013)**
- **Member of the research team conducting the biggest qualitative and quantitative research on the Greek prisons in honour of the Emeritus Professor of Criminology Stergios Alexiadis (2005-2009)**

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- Elected by the Executive Council's members as a joint vice-president for victims at the International Criminal Court Bar Association (2019)
- Elected as an Alternate Member of the ICC Disciplinary Board for Counsel (2018-2022)
- Elected as Chairman of the Professional Standards Advisory Committee of the International Criminal Court Bar Association (2019)
- Elected as Member of the International Law Association International Committee on International Protection of Consumers (2019)
- Appointed unanimously by the Executive Council of the International Criminal Court Bar Association as the International Criminal Court Bar Association's Focal Point for Greece (November 2017)
- Placed on the OSCE Consultancy Roster of Legal Experts (Vienna), (2018)
- Included in the Roster of Experts of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy (May 2017)
- First legal intern of Greek nationality at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), (2004); he worked for six months at the Office of the Prosecutor on the notorious Milosevic case
- A series of influential articles and interviews have been featured in Eurozine, the official website of the most eminent European cultural journals and consequently attracted considerable European attention
- Ranked 7th amongst his peers who were awarded the "Ptychio" in Law (a four-year bachelor degree) from the Law School of Aristotle University in July 2002. Distinction marks in 19 modules
- Scholarship by the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) for attending the summer training programme in German & European Law of the Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich (July 2002)
- Four Prizes of Advancement for his academic performance: two «Distinction Prizes» and two «Leading Prizes» by the Ministry of Education; moreover, a written Public Laudation by the Lyceum's Board at the baccalaureate's graduation day for "action of unusual humanism"
- Exclusive interview with the ICTY Chief Prosecutor, Carla Del Ponte, ("Eleytherotypia", 7 May 2004, 19 and "Advocate" students' journal of the Nottingham Law School, (2004), 44-49)
- His article "The Tax Law on University Degrees and the Revolution Degree" was on the final short list of the

best articles published in Greek websites in 2012 (E-awards 2013). The public discussion after its publication led to the abandonment of the proposed bill which intended to tax citizens according to their university degrees (web column Fingerprints of the Day, 28 August 2012)

- The website of the non-profit organisation Intellectum (www.intellectum.org) was on the final short list of the best Greek websites in 2012 (E-awards 2013, category: websites of special interest)
- LLM essay awarded a distinction mark and honourarily published in the 2002-2003 issue of the Human Rights Law Review of the University of Nottingham under the title “The Move to Restrict the Death Penalty in International Human Rights Law and Resistance in the American Continent”, (2003) Human Rights Law Review - Student Supplement, pp. 45–55, <http://www.intellectum.org/2016/09/30/death-penalty-in-american-continent>
- Coined and coordinated the two-year Intellectum project “The Power of Minus”, a public campaign in defence of freedom of expression and against racism, xenophobia and hate speech which had a considerable impact on Greek society (<http://www.eurozine.com/articles/2013-11-13-tsilonis-en.html>)

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Literature, Cinema, Running

OTHER RELEVANT FACTS

- 1) Academically and publicly his name is not Viktor Tsilonis but Victor Tsilonis, since the latter is the correct way of writing the name Victor in English. This difference exists because passports use standard Unicode modification of the names which often lead to inevitable misspellings of people's names in English.
- 2) It should be noted that the International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA) is the only representative body of counsel to be recognized by the Assembly of States Parties, as well as annually invited, since the ASP's 16th Session, to address the General Debate of the ASP and submit a report on the Association's constitution and yearly activities.
- 3) For the purposes of Article 36, paragraph 8(a)(i) to (iii) of the Rome Statute, Dr Viktor Tsilonis will represent the civil law system and the Western Europe and Other Regional Group. However it should be noted that he is also well cognizant of the common law system because of his three-year studies in undergraduate and postgraduate level in the United Kingdom and the fact that he is also the Course Director and Principal Tutor of the Test of Legal English Skills Advanced Programme (TOLES Advanced) in Greece.