

## DR. GEORGE A. SERGHIDES – *Curriculum Vitae*

### I. PERSONAL DETAILS

*Name:* Serghides

*Forename:* George

*Sex:* Male

*Date and Place of Birth:* 28 June 1955, Nicosia, Cyprus

*Nationality:* Cypriot

*Marital Status:* Married with one child

### II. EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Degrees	(Deg. in Law, Ph.D. in Law, Ph.D. in Law, Ph.D. in Law)
1973	Kykkos Secondary School, "apolytirion" ( <b>First Class Honours</b> )
24 February 1978	<b>Degree in Law (First Class Honours)</b> National and Kapodistriakon University of Athens.
21 November 1984	<b>Ph.D.</b> (Doctor of Philosophy in Law) University of Exeter, U.K. Field of Law: Private International Law (Conflict of Laws). Title of Ph.D. thesis: " <i>Internal and External Conflict of Laws in Regard to Family Relations in Cyprus</i> ". (In English). Supervised by Reader Antony J. E. Jaffey.
8 April 1998	<b>Ph.D.</b> (Doctor of Juris) ( <b>First Class Honours</b> ) National and Kapodistriakon University of Athens, Gr. Field of Law: Comparative Administrative Law. Title of Ph.D. thesis: " <i>Set-off of Betterment of the Remainder Against the Value of the Land Compulsorily Taken under the Cyprus Law – With Comparisons to the Greek Law, the English Law, the American Law, the Canadian Law and the First Protocol of ECHR</i> ". (In Greek). Supervised by Prof. Prodromos Dagtoglou.
22 May 2007	<b>Ph.D.</b> (Doctor of Juris) ( <b>First Class Honours</b> ) Aristotelion University of Salonica, Gr. Field of Law: Comparative Family Law. Title of Ph.D. thesis: " <i>The Formation of the Grounds for Divorce under Cyprus Law with a Comparative Study of Greek and English Law</i> ". (In Greek). Supervised by Prof. Efié Kounougeri-Manoiedaki,
Currently	Ph.D. cand. (Doctor of Juris candidate) Dimokrition University of Trace, Gr. Field of Law: Comparative Constitutional Law, Human Rights and Criminal Law.

Title of the Ph.D. thesis: *"The Right of Life under Article 2 of ECHR and the Respective Constitutional Provisions in Cyprus and Greece, With Particular Reference to the National Legislations"*. (In Greek).  
Supervised by Prof. S. Minaides.

### Other Education

Attendance and participation:

- Judicial seminars in Cyprus and abroad.
- Courses on Anglo-Cypriot Legal Studies run by the Council of Legal Education (1985-1987) and of the University of Leicester (1988-1989), (obtaining also certificates of attendance).
- Many other legal programmes, series of lectures and courses in Cyprus and abroad.
- Courses on Mediation in Cyprus and U.S.A.

### III. RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

#### a. Judicial and Other Related Activities

1 June 1990- 10 January 1999	<b>Judge of the Family Court.</b> (From 1/6/90, i.e. the date of the establishment of the Family Court, until 1/2/95 the establishment of the second Family Court, Judge in all districts of Cyprus. From 1/2/95 until 1/11/96, Judge in the districts of Nicosia, Kyrenia and Paphos and, from 1/11/96 until 10/1/99, Judge in the districts of Nicosia, Larnaca and Famagusta).
11 January 1999 until today	<b>President of the Family Court.</b> (From 11/1/99 until 9/9/99, President of the districts of Nicosia, Larnaca and Famagusta, from 10/9/99 until 14/10/02, President of the districts of Limassol and Paphos, from 15/10/02 until 30/6/05, President of the districts of Nicosia, Larnaca and Famagusta, and from 1/7/05 until today, President of the districts of Nicosia and Kyrenia).
19 May 2000 until today	<b>International Hague Network Judge.</b> <b>Liaison Judge for Cyprus</b> , for the promotion of a Judicial Network for the international protection of children under the Hague Convention of 1980 (Abduction of Children). (Appointed by a decision of the Supreme Court).
14 November 2006 until today	<b>Judicial Liaison – Contact Point for Cyprus</b> in the European Judicial Network on Civil and Commercial Matters (Appointed by a decision of the Supreme Court).
2007	<b>His election by Cyprus as one of its 3 Candidates for the post of a Judge of the European Court of Human Rights.</b>
Since Jan. 2009	Member of the International Association of Family Judges.

#### b. Non-Judicial Legal Activities

8 -10 October 1985	<b>Cyprus Bar Examinations</b> , for practicing the legal profession ( <b>First Class Honours</b> ), scoring the highest mark, 960/1000.
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1984–1985 In 1985	<b>Trainee Advocate.</b> <b>President of the Trainee Advocates</b>
11 December 1985 - 31 May 1990	<b>Advocate. A practising lawyer.</b> Partner with A. G. Serghides of Gray's Inn, Barrister (my deceased father), under the style of <b>Serghides &amp; Serghides.</b> <b>Appearances</b> before all the Courts in Cyprus, including the Supreme Court, in all kinds of jurisdiction, civil, criminal, administrative, etc.

#### IV. OTHER ACTIVITIES

##### A. Academic

October 1986- May 1990	<b>Head of the Law Department of Phillips College</b> (College of Higher Education in Cyprus). <b>Teaching of the English Legal System and the English Criminal Law</b> , as part of programme for the enrolment of law students in the second year in U.K. Universities. <b>Teaching of the English Company Law</b> , for students taking courses on Accounting and Finance.
May 1985 until May 1990	<b>Secretary of the Cyprus Council of Legal Education (CLE)</b> (CLE was an Organ of the Bar Association of Nicosia), which Council of Legal Education ran programs of legal education, including a programme of Anglo-Cypriot Legal Studies (postgraduate level – LLM) in collaboration with the University of Leicester. <b>Lecturer in Family Law</b> in the courses.
November 1999 until October 2004	<b>Lecturer in Family Law at the Cyprus Bar Council.</b> Lectures to Trainee Advocates for the purpose of Cyprus Bar Examinations.
January 2000 until October 2004	<b>Examiner of the Cyprus Bar Council</b> on the subject of Family Law, which was introduced as a subject in the Cyprus Bar Examinations in January 2000 for the first time.
Sept. 2009 -	<b>Adjunct Academic, Special Scientist and Examiner at the University of Cyprus.</b> <b>Teaching of the Cyprus Family Law and Law of Succession.</b>
<i>In passim</i>	<b>Lectures/Speeches on Family Law</b> , at local and international seminars and conferences, at the University of Cyprus, the University of Nicosia, the Welfare Office, the Bar Associations in Cyprus, the Athens Bar Association and other venues.

##### B. Work Relating to Legislation

- Member of the Committee for the preparation of a Bill on the subject of mediation, pursuant to the Council of Europe's Recommendation, No. R. (98) 1.
- By a decision of the Supreme Court appointed a representative of the Judicial Authority in the House of Parliament for the enactment of various laws on family matters.
- Participation in the preparation of a draft of procedural regulations for the application in Cyprus of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.
- Member of the Committee working on the Law to ratify in Cyprus the European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights.
- By a decision of the Supreme Court, since the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2006, a representative of the Judicial Authority in matters of Civil Law in the Working Groups and Committees of

the European Council in Brussels on the enactment of European Regulations concerning family matters and succession law.

### C. Other Activities

- Member of the Committee of the **United Nations Association of Cyprus** (since 19/05/2010).
- Former member of many committees, including the Committee for the **Restoration of Human Rights throughout Cyprus**.

### V. PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Serghides is the Editor of the series "*Studia Juris Cyprii*", consisting at the moment of 9 volumes. He is the Author of 6 books, a joint Author of 3 books and he has contributed in 3 other books. He has also many publications.

- ***Studia Juris Cyprii***

G. A. Serghides ed. «**Studies in Cyprus Law**» ("*Studia Juris Cyprii*") – a series of publications. Nine volumes have been issued to date.

Further details of the above Studies:

**Volume no.1** (pages 629), Study No. 1 (in English): "*Internal and External Conflict of Laws in Regard to Family Relations in Cyprus*", Nicosia, 1988. Author and editor: G. A. Serghides. With a foreword by the late President of the Supreme Court, A. N. Loizou.

**Volume no. 2** (pages 281), Study No. 2 (in Greek): "*Immovable Property in Cyprus*", Nicosia, 1992. Author: N. C. Coutas. Editor: G. A. Serghides. With a foreword of the late Judge of the Supreme Court . I. Boyiadjis

**Volume no. 3** (pages 653), Study No. 3 (in English): "*Reflections on Partial Compulsory Acquisition*", Nicosia, 1995. Joint Authors: C. Georgiades and G. A. Serghides. Editor: G. A. Serghides. With a foreword by Professor Prodromos Dagtoglou.

**Volume no. 4** (pages 705), Study No. 4 (in Greek): "*Set-off of Betterment of the Remainder Against the Value of the Land Compulsorily Taken under the Cyprus Law – With Comparisons to the Greek Law, the English Law, the American Law, the Canadian Law and the First Protocol of ECHR* ", Nicosia, 1999. Author: G. A. Serghides. Editor: G. A. Serghides.

**Volume no. 5 & 6** (pages 1546), Study No. 5 (in Greek): "*The Formation of the Grounds for Divorce under Cyprus Law with a Comparative Study of Greek and English Law*", Nicosia, 2007. Author: G. A. Serghides. Editor: G. A. Serghides. With a foreword by Professor Efie Kounougeri-Manoledaki.

**Volume 7** (pages 150) Study No. 6 (in Greek): "*The Technique of Cross-Examination – The Golden Rules of Cross-Examination and Four Masters of Antiquity, two Greeks (Socrates and Aristotle) and two Latins (Cicero and Quintilian)*". Author: G. A. Serghides. Editor: G. A. Serghides. With a foreword by Dr. D. H. Hadjihambis, a Judge of the Cyprus Supreme Court, and a former lecturer of Exeter University.

**Volume 8** (pages 837), General Title of the Volume: "*Advocacy and Cross-Examination*" Study No. 7 (translation into Greek of an old treatise on the "Study and Practice of the Law"), Study No. 8 "On the Art of Cross-Examination etc" (in English, Author G. A. Serghides). Editor G. A. Serghides.

**Volume 9** (pages 761) General Title of the Volume: "*Pecuniary Relations of Spouses and Cohabitants (Literature and First Instance Judgments) & Miscellaneous Legal Topics*" Studies No. 9 & 10, containing judicial judgments on property relations of spouses and many articles on various legal topics, on family law, administrative law and criminal law, in Greek and in English. Editor and main author G. A. Serghides. With the contribution of Professor Th. Papazissi.

- Part of the vol. 8 (pages 295) is also published separately. The book was published in Nicosia, 2009 and is entitled "*On the Art of Cross-Examination. Four Great Old*"

*Authorities, Two Englishmen and Two Americans, With Emphasis on Their Principles”.*

- **Contributions in Books**

1. G. A. Serghides, "General Defenses to a Criminal Responsibility, with Recommendations for the Amendment of the Cyprus Criminal Code", published in Cyprus Law Commissioner, ed., *the Revision of the Legislation in Cyprus 1987-1992*", Nicosia, 1992. (In Greek).
2. G. A. Serghides, "Violations of Constitutional Civil Liberties by Sects and Parareligious Groups", in book, titled "*Destructive Sects in the Light of Orthodoxy and their Legal Confrontation*", Limassol, 1996, pp. 243-271, published by the Pancyprian Parents Union under the editorship of then Archimandrite Chr. Tsiakkas and now Bishop of Karpasia. (In Greek).
3. G. A. Serghides, "Religious Freedom, Use and Misuse" in book titled "*Religious Freedom and Human Rights*" Limassol, 2000 pp. 79-100, under the editorship of then Archimandrite Chr. Tsiakkas and now Bishop of Karpasia. (In Greek).
4. G. A. Serghides, "Property Relations of Spouses According to Cyprus Law" in a book to be published soon by the University of Cyprus, Law Department. (In Greek).

- **Other Works and Publications** in legal periodicals in Cyprus and Greece, in the Judges' Newsletter and Cyprus newspapers. Some are mentioned here below:

1. G. A. Serghides, "the Voice of the Child in Hague Proceedings: a Cypriot Perspective", *Judges' Newsletter* (Vol, VI/Autumn 2003, pp. 39-44) (this Newsletter is a publication of the Hague Conference on Private International law) (Both in English and in French).
2. G. A. Serghides, "Grounds for Divorce under the Law of Cyprus: The Road to Europe", *Pan-European law Review*, Jan.-Jun. 1997, vol. 1, no. 1 (edition of Philips College), pp. 31-43. (In English).
3. G. A. Serghides, "Family Mediation for Cyprus' *Cyprus Law Tribune* (year N, issue 1, Jan. April, 2001, pp. 40-59). (In Greek).
4. G. A. Serghides, "Cyprus Family Jurisdiction *Ratione Personae* and *Ratione Materiae*" *Family Law Review*, 2011, Year 2<sup>nd</sup>, issue 2<sup>nd</sup>, April-June, 2011, Nicosia, Cyprus, pp. 4-17 (In English).
5. G. A. Serghides, "Religious Freedom under Article 9 of ECHR" in *Legal Periodical "Tekmirioris"*, 1098, issue 1, year 1, Jan.-June, pp. 8-11. (In Greek).
6. G. A. Serghides, "Politics in the Cyprus Family in the Eyes of Family Law with Emphasis on Divorce", *Cyprus Law Tribune*, (issued by the Cyprus Bar Association) year 13, 3<sup>rd</sup> period, issue 3, 2004, pp. 73-98. (In Greek).
7. G. A. Serghides, "Reflections on the Cyprus Marriage Law of 2003" *Armenopoulos*, year 58, May 2004, (a legal periodical issued by the Bar Association of Salonica), 661-678, also published in *Cyprus Legal Tribune*, year 14<sup>th</sup>, first period, issue 1-2004, pp. 48-75. (In Greek).
8. G. A. Serghides, "Itinerary Family Court", *Cyprus Law Review* 10 Jan.- March, 1992(1), issue 37, pp. 5573-5590. (In Greek).
9. G. A. Serghides, "Substantial Civil Law Regarding Dissolution of Marriage" in *Cyprus Testimony*, issue 8, "the Institution of Family in Modern Life" ed. Of Association of Spiritual Renewal, Nicosia pp. 54-58. Also published in *Filelefteros* (Cypriot newspaper), 15/12/89, pp. 1 & 6. (In Greek).
10. G. A. Serghides, "Mixed Marriages in Cyprus" *Cyprus Law Tribune*, Year 15, 2<sup>nd</sup> period, issue 2<sup>nd</sup> -2005, May-August, pp.103-122. (In Greek).
11. G. A. Serghides, "The Cyprus Constitution and the Establishment of a University of Bicomunal Character", *Filelefteros*, 1/12/88, pp. 10, 12, 3/12/88, p. 5 (correction). (In Greek).
12. G. A. Serghides, and G. A. Coutas, "Article 5 of the Compulsory Acquisition Law", *Filelefteros* 5/9/88, pp. 1 and 6. (In Greek).

13. G. A. Serghides, "Reflections on Some Aspects of the Family Law of the Turkish Community in Cyprus", in *Cyprus and European Law Review*, issue 10, Year 2010, pp. 156-163. (In English).
  14. G. A. Serghides, "The Legal Aspects of Mental Manipulation of Children in Cyprus by Psych-Groups", (2010) *Studia Juris Cyprii* 9, pp. 556-561. (In Greek)
  15. G. A. Serghides "Welfare Officers' Reports in Custody and Adoption of Children Cases", pp. 543-555 (In Greek).
- **Judicial Judgments** (since 1990) in all Matters of Family Law, e.g. Divorce, Nullity of Marriage, Parental Control and Custody of Children, Determination of Right of Access, Maintenance of Children and Spouses, Property Relations of Spouses, Adoption of Children, Legitimation of Children and Recognition of Foreign Decrees.
  - Member of the Scientific Committee of the *Cyprus and European Law Review* (since May 2006).

## VI. LANGUAGES

Greek (mother tongue).

English (Ph.D. in Law in U.K.).

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