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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

- Family Law
- Child Rights
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Mediation

WORKING EXPERIENCE

Teaching and Research

Union University School of Law

Associate Professor

Courses: Family Law, Inheritance Law, Mediation (undergraduate studies)
Child Rights, Family Mediation (graduate studies)

Coordinator of the Family Law Clinic

Assistant Professor

Teaching Assistant

Belgrade, Serbia

October 2021 – present

October 2007 – present

June 2014 – October 2021

October 2008 – June 2014

University of Belgrade Faculty of Political Sciences

Lecturer, Department of Social Work and Social Policy

Course: Family Law (undergraduate studies)

Belgrade, Serbia

February 2017 – present

National University of Ireland

COST Action Short Term Scientific Mission, Research Scholar

Galway, Ireland

January 2020

University of Belgrade Faculty of Law

Lecturer

Course: Family Law Clinic (undergraduate studies)

Belgrade, Serbia

November 2007 – November 2019

University of Pittsburgh

Research Scholar

Pittsburgh, USA

October – December 2011

Freie Universität Berlin

Research Scholar

Berlin, Germany

October 2009

University of Belgrade Faculty of Political Sciences

Lecturer, Department of Social Work and Social Policy

Course: Mediation (graduate studies)

Belgrade, Serbia

2006 – 2008

University of Belgrade Faculty of Law

Lecturer

Course: Family Mediation (graduate studies)

Belgrade, Serbia

2007

University of Belgrade Faculty of Law

Teaching Assistant

Course: ADR and Family Mediation (graduate studies)

Belgrade, Serbia

2004

Other working experience

American Bar Association - ABA CEELI

Staff Attorney

Belgrade, Serbia

July 2006 – September 2008

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Partners for Democratic Change Serbia
ADR Project Manager

Belgrade, Serbia
2008-2012

Karanovic & Nikolic Law Firm
Attorney Trainee

Belgrade, Serbia
February – June 2006

Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas
Legal Intern

Pittsburgh, USA
June – August 2005

Center for Mediation and Law
Legal Assistant

Pittsburgh, USA
June 2005

EDUCATION

- **Doctor of Laws (LL.D)**, Union University School of Law, Belgrade (March 2014)
Thesis: Family Group Conferences in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases
- **Master of Laws (LL.M)**, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, USA (May 2005)
Thesis: The Role of the Mediator in Child Custody Disputes: Mediator Styles and Techniques
- **Bachelor of Laws (LL.B)**, University of Belgrade Faculty of Law, Belgrade, Serbia (February 2004)
- Interdisciplinary graduate one-year program in Society and History, Alternative Academic Education Network, Belgrade, Serbia (2000-2001)

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Member of the Serbian National Association of Mediators; Member of the Managing Board (2014-2019)
- Member of the National Team for the Protection of Children within the Regional Child Protection Center for South Eastern Europe (2015-2017)
- Member of the South-East European Mediation Forum – SEEMF; Board member of SEEMF and National Coordinator for Serbia (2006-2011)
- Member of the European Mediation Network Initiative – EMNI; Board member of EMNI (2007-2010)

SELECTED PROJECTS

- “The European Network on Family Support – A bottom-up, evidence-based and multidisciplinary approach” (COST Action No. 18123, 2019-2023), MC Member and National Leader for Serbia
- „Accountability and Professionalism in the Judicial System in Montenegro“ (CoE, Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey 2019-2022), International Expert
- “International human rights standards regarding the rights of the child” (OHCHR, 2018-2019), National Consultant
- “Development of Situation analysis on the use of mediation in Montenegro for National Strategy for Mediation/ADR in Montenegro” (OSCE Mission to Montenegro, 2017), International Expert
- “Drop-In Shelter for Street-Involved Children in Belgrade” (EU, 2016-2017), Human Rights Monitor
- „Strengthening the Capacity of the Ombudsman to Initiate Legislative Initiatives through Cooperation with the Civil Society“ (SDC, 2015-2017), Consultant
- “Combating Discrimination of Vulnerable Groups of Children”, (EU, 2014-2016), Consultant
- „Mediation in Commercial Disputes in Serbia“ (EBRD, 2013-2016), Key Expert
- „Children’s Rights Erasmus Academic Network“ (EU, 2012-2015), Participant
- “Enhancing human rights and economic empowerment of single mothers in Serbia” (EIDHR, 2014), National Consultant
- “Clinical legal education in Serbia law schools” (USAID-ABA, and OSCE) (2007-2013), National Consultant
- “Implementation of consensual financial restructuring in Serbia” (EBRD, 2013), Key Expert
- “Partnership for Tolerance and Anti-discrimination Protection in Serbia” (EU, 2011-2012), Project Manager
- „Support to strengthening policy coordination in the Government of Serbia“ (SIDA, 2008-2012), Supervisor for the Ministry of Justice

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- “Commercial mediation capacity building project” (Swiss FDFM, WB IFC, 2011), National Consultant
- “Development and implementation of mediation in discrimination cases” (UNDP, 2009), National Consultant
- “Support to development of mediation in Serbian courts” (USAID – ABA, 2006-2008), National Consultant

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Ministry of Justice working groups for the Law on Mediation (2009-2012), the Law on Implementation of the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction (2009-2011), and working subgroup drafting the National Judicial Reform Strategy for the period of 2013-2018.
- Member of the Save the Children expert team drafting the Protocol on treatment of street involved children (2016).
- Expert of the Commissioner for the Protection of Equality of the Republic of Serbia in the field of Child Rights (2011 -2015)
- Member of Editorial Board of Legal Records (Pravni zapisi), Union University School of Law Review.
- Peer Reviewer for the International Journal of the Jurisprudence of the Family, Annals of the Faculty of Law Belgrade, Legal Records (Pravni zapisi).
- Extensive consultancy practice in Serbia and in the region in the areas of family law, child rights, ADR and Mediation (OHCHR, UNDP, OSCE, Save the Children, IFC- World Bank, EBRD etc.)

SKILLS

- Languages: Serbian /native/, English /fluent/, Russian /intermediate in reading/, German /basic/
- Mediator certified by the Association for Conflict Resolution, USA
- Mediation trainer for the Serbian National Association of Mediators
- Negotiation trainer certified by Carr, Swanson & Randolph, USA
- Facilitator certified by GTZ
- Mediation system development specialist

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Medijacija – teorija, pravo i praksa [**Mediation – Theory, Law and Practice**], co-author with N. Petrusic, Union University School of Law & Sluzbeni glasnik, Belgrade, 2021.
- Porodični zakon – dvanaest godina posle [**Family Act – Twelve Years After**], ed. with M. Draskic and N. Sarkic, Union University School of Law & Sluzbeni glasnik, Belgrade, 2018.
- Preporuke za razvoj i primenu medijacije u Srbiji [**Recommendations for the Implementation and Development of Mediation in Serbia**], co-author with B. Nedic, International Finance Corporation, Belgrade, 2012.
- Zaštita samohranih roditelja u Srbiji: analiza pravnog okvira i preporuke [**Legal Protection of Single Parents in Serbia: Legal Framework Analysis and Recommendations**], co-author with M. Reljanovic and A. Petrovic, Ana & Vlade Divac Foundation, Belgrade, 2015.
- Medijacija u Srbiji: korak bliže međunarodnim standardima [**Mediation in Serbia: A Step Closer to Meeting International Standards**], ed. with N. Petrusic, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Serbia, International Finance Corporation, Belgrade, 2011.
- Veštine komunikacije: pravni intervju [**Communication Skills: Legal Interview**], ed. with R. Kovacevic Kustrimovic et. al., OSCE, Belgrade, 2011.

Articles and Book Chapters

- „Family Support as a Right of the Child“ (co-author with P. Dolan and N. Zegarac), *Social Work and Social Sciences Review* (Special Edition), Vol. 21, No. 2 (2020), pp. 8-26.
- „Jedan pokušaj (Živojina Perića) iz oblasti ženskog pitanja“ [**One Attempt at the Women’s Issue by Živojin Perić**], co-author with M. Draškić, in: Draskic, M. & Krsljanin, N. (eds.), *Živojin M. Perić – ličnost i delo*, University of Belgrade Faculty of Law, Belgrade, 2020, pp. 131-146.

- „Zaštita dece od nasilja u Srbiji: aktuelna pravna pitanja i problemi“ [**Protection of Children from Violence in Serbia: Current Legal Issues and Problems**], co-author with S. Jovanovic, *Teme*, Vol. 43, No. 3 (2019), pp. 861-883.
- „Raskid ugovora o doživotnom izdržavanju i prava naslednika: u raskoraku između zakona i prakse“ [**Termination of Life Care Agreement and the Rights of Successors: In the Discrepancy Between Law and Practice**], co-author with B. Stanivuk, *Pravni zapisi*, Vol. 10, No. 1 (2019), pp. 141-159.
- „Nadzor nad vršenjem roditeljskog prava“ [**Supervision Over the Exercise of Parental Rights**], in: Draskic M. et. al. (eds.), *Porodični zakon – dvanaest godina posle*, Union University School of Law & Sluzbeni glasnik, Belgrade, 2018, pp. 265-281.
- „Analiza implementacije domaćeg zakonodavstva, međunarodnih dokumenata i opšteprihvaćenih standarda međunarodnog prava u ostvarivanju porodičnogprava i socijalne zaštite dece“ [**Analysis of the Implementation of Domestic Legislation, International Documents and Universally Accepted Standards of International Law in Exercising Family and Social Protection of Children**], co-author with M. Banic, in: Stojanovic, M. (ed.), *Collection of Expert Analyses of Legal Acts in the Field of Human Rights*, Human Rights House, Belgrade, 2018, pp. 150-164.
- „Uparednopravna analiza pravnog okvira za sprovođenje načela inkluzivnog obrazovanja i vaspitanja u Republici Srbiji i državama čiji obrazovni sistemi počivaju na načelu socijalne i obrazovne inkluzije“ [**Comparative Legal Analysis of the Legal Framework for the Implementation of Principles of Inclusive Education in the Republic of Serbia**], co-author with J. Jerinic, in: Stojanovic, M. (ed.), *Collection of Expert Analyses of Legal Acts in the Field of Human Rights*, Human Rights House, Belgrade, 2018, pp. 116-135.
- „Analiza problema u zaštiti najboljeg interesa deteta u izvršenju sudskih odluka u porodičnim stvarima“ [**Analysis of Problems in the Protection of Best Interests of the Child in the Enforcement Process of Family Court Decisions**], co-author with M. Banic, in: Stojanovic, M. (ed.), *Collection of Expert Analyses of Legal Acts in the Field of Human Rights*, Human Rights House, Belgrade, 2018, pp. 236-251.
- „Družinska konferenca – partnerstvo države in družine v primerih nasilja nad otroki“ [**Family Group Conference: Partnership Between Family and the State in Cases of Violence against Children**], *Odvetnik*, Vol. XX, No. 3 (86), 2018, pp. 36-40.
- „**Compulsory or Recommended Vaccination: Legal Aspects of Children Vaccination Policies in Serbia**“, co-author with J. Jerinic and J. Simic, in: Knezevic, S. & Nastic, M. (eds.), *Globalisation and Law*, Collection of Papers, University of Nis School of Law, 2017, pp. 313-331
- „Posredovanje javnih izvršitelja: dometi i limiti“ [**Mediation of Public Enforcement Officers: Range and Limits**] *Pravni život: časopis za pravnu teoriju i praksu*, Vol. 602, No. 12 (2017), pp. 163-181.
- „**Families and Mediation: The Impact of Various Mediation Styles in Child Custody Cases**“, *Facta Universitatis, Series: Law and Politics*, Vol. 14, No. 4 (2016), pp. 515-529
- „Zaštita najboljeg interesa deteta prinudnim putem: problemi u pogledu izvršenja sudskih odluka u porodičnim stvarima“ [**Protecting the Best Interests of the Child Coercively: Problems with the Enforcement of Court Decisions in Family Matters**], co-author with M. Banic, in: Gajin, S. (ed.), *General Framework for the Implementation of Child Rights in Serbia and the Situation of Vulnerable Groups of Children*, Center for Advanced Legal Studies, Belgrade, 2016, pp. 171-197.
- „Posrednik: nova profesija ili stara opsesija?“ [**The Mediator: New Profession or an Old Obsession?**], in: Sarkic, N. (ed.), *New Regulations in the Republic of Serbia*, Glosarijum, 2015, pp. 202-228.
- „Etička pitanja i standardi prakse medijacije“ [**Ethical Issues and Standards of Practice of Mediation**], in: Dzamonja Ignjatovic, T. (ed.), *Mediation: Principles, Process and Implementation*, Center for Applied Psychology, Belgrade, 2014, pp. 115-130.
- „Novi zakon o medijaciji: nova rešenja za podsticaj razvoja medijacije u Srbiji“ [**The New Law on Mediation: New Solutions to Support the Development of Mediation in Serbia**], in: Dzamonja Ignjatovic, T. (ed.), *Mediation: Principles, Process and Implementation*, Center for Applied Psychology, Belgrade, 2014, pp. 131-158.
- „Novi zakon o medijaciji – putevi i stranputice jednog zakonodavnog procesa“ [**The New Law on Mediation: Roads and Crossroads of One Legislative Process**], co-author with N. Petrusic, in: Sarkić, N. (ed.), *Novelties in Laws: collection of papers*, Glosarijum, Belgrade, 2013, pp. 196-221.
- „Pravni okvir primene medijacije u slučajevima diskriminacije“ [**Legal Framework for the Implementation of Mediation in Discrimination Cases**], in: Puric, O & Mitic, M. (eds.), *Vodič za primenu tehnika pregovaranja i medijacije u slučajevima diskriminacije*, United Nations Development Program, Belgrade, 2011, pp. 67-75.
- „**Conferencing Techniques as a Potential Approach to Resolution of Discrimination Issues in Our Society**“, in: Puric, O. & Mitic, M. (eds.), *Perspectives of Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution Techniques in Cases of Discrimination in Serbia*, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Serbia and United Nations Development Program, Belgrade, 2011, pp. 14-18.

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- **“The Socratic Method, Clinical Legal Education and Mediation Serving the Promotion of the Rule of Law in Serbia”**, in Brand, R. A. & West, R. D. (eds.), *The Export of Legal Education: Its Promise and Impact in Transition Countries*, Ashgate, Farnham, 2009, pp. 37-44.
- „Transformativna teorija konflikta i medijacija” **[Transfromative Theory of Conflict and Mediation]**, in: Zegarac, N. & Dzamonja Ignjatovic, T. (eds.), *Teorijske osnove medijacije: perspektive i doprinosi*, Center for Applied Psychology, Belgrade, 2009, pp. 165-182.
- “Porodična konferencija: drugačiji pristup rešavanju problema nasilja nad decom” **[Family Group Conferencing: A Different Approach to Solving Problem of Child Abuse and Neglect]**, in Sarkic, N. (ed.), *The System of Legal Protection of Families in Serbia*, Glosarijum, Belgrade, 2009, pp. 239-258.
- „Medijacija u porodičnim sporovima: specifičnosti postupka medijacije i uloge medijatora” **[Mediation in Family Disputes: Special Approach to Mediation Process]**, in: Ponjavic, Z. (ed.), *The New Family Legislation*, Collection of Papers, University of Kragujevac School of Law, Center for Family Law, Kragujevac, 2006, pp. 73-91.
- “Vršenje roditeljskog prava nakon razvoda: medijacijom do plana roditeljstva” **[Exercising Parental Rights Post Divorce: Using Mediation to Reach Parenting Agreement]**, in T. Dzamonja Ignjatovic (ed.), N. Zegarac (ed.), *Mediation – Models and Perspectives*, Center for Applied Psychology, Belgrade, 2006, pp. 90-110.

Other recent publications

- **The Conceptualisation and Delivery of Family Policy and Support in Europe: A review of International and European Frameworks and Standards** (co-author with H. Churchill et al.), COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology), 2021.
- **The Evaluation Methodology and Procedures for Evaluating Mediators in Montenegro**, Council of Europe Programme Office in Podgorica, 2021.