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SUMMARY

- Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, Union University in Belgrade, in the field of Criminal Law, Doctor of Laws and Research Associate with more than twenty years of professional experience in criminal law, judicial practice and research. Before her appointment as Assistant Professor, she worked as a criminal judge and President of the Basic Court in Požega, as a Research Associate at the Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research and as a permanent lecturer at the Judicial Academy. Her research interests cover substantive and procedural criminal law, with a focus on alternative criminal sanctions, probation, the principles of criminal procedure, the position of the injured party and the protection of the environment through criminal law. She has published scientific articles in national and international journals and conference proceedings, a co-authored monograph on remote trials and a handbook on the application of alternative sanctions. She has taken part in national and international research projects, mainly in the justice sector.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Criminal Law • Criminal Procedure Law • Alternative Criminal Sanctions and Probation • Individualisation of Criminal Sanctions • Principles of Criminal Procedure • Position of the Injured Party in Criminal Proceedings • Penology and Law on the Execution of Criminal Sanctions • Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law

EDUCATION

2018 **Doctor of Laws**, Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade; doctoral thesis: “Alternative Criminal Sanctions in the Criminal Law of the Republic of Serbia”
2010 **Master of Laws**, Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade; master's thesis: “Continued Criminal Offence”
2009 **Bar Examination**, Ministry of Justice
2005 **Bachelor of Laws**, Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH TITLES

November 2026 - present: **Assistant Professor**, Faculty of Law, Union University in Belgrade, field of Criminal Law
July 2023 - present: **Research Associate**, Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation

WORK EXPERIENCE

November 2026 - present: **Faculty of Law, Union University in Belgrade**

- Assistant Professor in the field of Criminal Law
- Undergraduate teaching: Criminal Procedure Law and Criminal Law (Special Part)
- Master's teaching: Law on the Execution of Criminal Sanctions and Misdemeanour Law

March 2025 - November 2026: **Judicial Academy, Belgrade**, permanent lecturer

- Lecturer in criminal law, development of alternative criminal sanctions and probation, and ethics and integrity in the judiciary
- Since 2020, engaged as a lecturer in trainings for judges, public prosecutors and probation officers within Academy projects and donor programmes
- Prepared workshops and handbooks providing practical tools and guidance for justice practitioners

September 2024 - March 2025: **Component 2 Lead, USAID project "Justice for All" - Improving Access to Judicial Services**

- Led the implementation of Component 2 activities, coordinating cooperation with judicial institutions, the Ministry of Justice, civil society organisations and international partners
- Developed and implemented initiatives to improve access to justice, the digitalisation of the judiciary and the user experience in court proceedings
- Planned and delivered training and capacity-building programmes for judges and prosecutors
- Provided expert support in drafting legal analyses, coordinating partners and managing teams
- Maintained communication with donors, state institutions and other key stakeholders

November 2023 - September 2024: **Research Associate, Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research, Belgrade**

- Obtained the title of Research Associate in July 2023 by decision of the Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation of the Republic of Serbia
- Author of numerous scientific and professional papers
- Participation in research and projects in the justice sector at national and international level
- Reviewer for the journals NBP: Nauka, bezbednost, policija and Journal of the Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research

May 2020 - November 2023: **President of the Basic Court in Požega**

- Managed the work of the court, coordinating 12 judges and more than 60 staff
- Represented the court in cooperation with judicial and other state institutions
- Improved the organisation and functioning of the court

August 2013 - November 2023: **Judge, Basic Court in Požega**

- More than ten years of work in criminal matters
- Judicial performance consistently rated with the highest grade by the High Judicial Council
- Mentor to many judicial trainees and Judicial Academy trainees

December 2010 - August 2013: **Initial Training Programme, Judicial Academy, Belgrade**

- Initial training for future judges and public prosecutors, including comprehensive training on the European Convention on Human Rights

July 2006 - December 2010: **Judicial Assistant, Basic Court in Požega**

- Judicial trainee and judicial assistant at the Municipal Court in Kosjerić and the Basic Court in Požega

PROJECTS

- *Strengthening the Capacities of the Albanian Judiciary to Better Apply Standards on the Right to Liberty and Security* (Council of Europe, Albania, 2026) - International legal expert engaged in analysing the legal framework and practice of alternatives to detention in Albania, drafting recommendations for their wider use, and a comparative analysis of standards under Article 5 of the European Convention on Human Rights, including electronic monitoring.
- *EU Support for Rule of Law in the Republic of North Macedonia* (2025) - International expert engaged by CILC to provide expert support in implementing the Human Resources Management Strategy in the judiciary of North Macedonia, in line with European standards.
- *EU Support to Western Balkans Cybersecurity Capacity Building* (2025) - Expert engaged by CILC to draft secondary legislation implementing the Law on Information Security and to align the national legal framework with European Union standards.
- *USAID project "Justice for All"* (2024-2025) - Component 2 Lead, responsible for coordinating activities to improve access to judicial services, cooperation with judicial institutions and the implementation of reform initiatives.

- *"Combating Hate Crime in Serbia"* (2022) - Criminal law expert engaged in analysing case law on hate crime, collecting and processing data and drafting an expert analysis, within a project of the Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research.
- *"Children's Rights in Serbia - Improving the Position of Children in the Judicial System of the Republic of Serbia"* (2021) - Criminal law expert engaged in collecting and analysing case law.
- *"Online Trial - Advantages of Remote Trial"* (2020) - Criminal law expert on a project of the Forum of Judges of Serbia (NFRP-MATRA), engaged in a comparative analysis of legislative solutions and international practice in remote trials.
- *"Alternative Criminal Sanctions in Judicial Practice"* (2020-2022) - Lead expert and grant holder of the project funded by the U.S. Embassy in Serbia; lecturer at trainings for judges, public prosecutors and probation officers and author of the *Handbook on the Application of Alternative Sanctions*.
- *"Strengthening the Probation and the System of Alternative Sanctions in Montenegro and Serbia"* (2019-2022) - Expert on alternative criminal sanctions, lecturer at trainings for judges and public prosecutors, co-author of a handbook for trainers in this field and author of an analysis supporting the introduction of the pre-sentence report into the Serbian criminal justice system.

CONFERENCES AND STUDY VISITS

- **World Congress on Probation & Parole**, Bali, Indonesia, April 2026. Presentation: *New Country - New Probation Service: Building a Functional System of Alternative Sanctions*, co-authored with Emily van Rheenen (Center for International Legal Cooperation) and in cooperation with Leo Tigges, Dutch probation expert. The presentation addressed the experience of Serbia and Montenegro in building a system of non-custodial sanctions, focusing on cooperation between judges, prosecutors and the probation service as a condition for the sustainable application of alternative sanctions.
- **International conference "20th Anniversary International Congress of the Turkish Probation System"**, Antalya, Turkey, December 2025. Presentation: *Gender-Based Violence and Probation: Integrating Victim-Centered Approaches and Digital Innovation in Community Sanctions*, a comparative analysis of probation practice in cases of gender-based violence and of the use of digital tools, with reference to ethical limitations.
- **International Association for Court Administration - IACA** conference *Global Perspectives on Court Administration*, Dubai, UAE, November 2025. Invited plenary presentation in the session *People-Centered Justice*: *Transparency in Action: Practical Pathways to Building Public Trust in People-Centered Justice Systems*, on models and tools for improving judicial transparency and mechanisms for strengthening public trust.
- **IAWJ 16th Biennial Conference**, International Association of Women Judges, Marrakesh, Morocco, May 2023.
- **NAWJ 44th Annual Conference**, The National Association of Women Judges, Detroit, USA, October 2022.
- **Proactive Adjudication Workshop**, U.S. Department of Justice, Dubrovnik, Croatia, October 2022.
- **Detention and Alternative Sanctions**, NHC, The Hague, the Netherlands, December 2019.
- **Freedom of the Media**, Netherlands Helsinki Committee (NHC), The Hague, the Netherlands, October 2017.
- **Open World - Improving Judicial Proceedings and Protection in Domestic Violence Matters**, The U.S. Public Affairs Office, Washington and Syracuse, USA, October 2016.
- **Strengthening Public Administration in Serbia - Rule of Law**, British Council, London, UK, March-April 2016.
- **Quality, Application and Enforcement of Legislation**, Asser Institute, The Hague, the Netherlands, April 2015.
- **Study visit to the Court of Justice of the European Union**, Judicial Academy, Belgrade, Luxembourg, April 2013.
- **Study visit to the European Court of Human Rights**, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France, June 2011.

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PEER REVIEW AND EDITORIAL WORK

- Reviewer for the scientific journals NBP: Nauka, bezbednost, policija and Journal of the Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research
- Editor-in-chief of the professional journal *Forum pravne misli*, published by the Forum of Judges of Serbia

MEMBERSHIPS

- Individual member of CEP (Confederation of European Probation), since 2022.
- Member of the Management Board of the Forum of Judges of Serbia, 2021-2024.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- English - advanced (publishing and teaching)
- French - intermediate