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Chişinău, Moldova

About me: Qualified specialist in the field of human rights law.  
Professional skills in advocacy and relationship building.

## ● WORK EXPERIENCE

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01/06/2020 – CURRENT – Chişinău, Moldova

### **PROGRAM COORDINATOR "LEGAL PROFESSIONALS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND ADVOCACY" – Amnesty International**

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- Implements all activities related to the Legal Professionals for Human Rights Programme in accordance with Operational Plan for the current year, based on periodic HR capacity building for legal professionals: defence lawyers, prosecutors, judges and police officers;
- Tracks legislation and regulations impacting Human Rights and existing laws/regulations, using daily and weekly legislative publications, internet and other research tools;
- Enhances the network of law related specialists and permanent HR Capacity Building for lawyers, prosecutors, judges and police – to promote AIM Human Rights Education strategy among legal professionals;
- Develops Lawyers' Clubs as HR monthly capacity building platform for defence lawyers; Organizes trainings through National Institute of Justice (NIJ) among prosecutors and judges, including HR ToT activities;
- Concentrates on fundraising, as to be able to support programme activities;
- Maintains cooperation with Ministry of Internal Affairs and General Prosecution Office based on the agreement signed in 2010;
- Trainer and researcher on issues of freedom of speech and non-discrimination and international humanitarian law.

26/01/2020 – CURRENT – Bălţi, Moldova

### **UNIVERSITY TEACHING ASSISTANT – Alecu Russo State University**

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Faculty of Law and social sciences

Object of teaching: Legal protection of human rights

- Universal and regional systems for the protection of human rights;
- International organizations in the protection of human rights;
- National mechanisms and organizations in the protection of human rights;
- European Court of Human Rights, UN Human Rights Committees and UN Human Rights Council;
- Courts and Regional Commissions for the Protection of Human Rights in Africa and Latin America;
- International Criminal Court and International Court of Justice

22/03/2020 – 31/05/2020 – Dushanbe, Tajikistan

## **INTERNATIONAL LEGAL CONSULTANT – The Public Organisation "The world of law" in Tajikistan**

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- counseling on protection against torture and discrimination;
- cooperation on monitoring legislation in the region and compiling a review.

06/11/2019 – 14/11/2019 – Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

## **INTERNATIONAL LEGAL CONSULTANT – Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)**

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Seminar for judges on freedom of speech, extremism, terrorism and propaganda.

- Develop programme for training for judges on hate speech legislation (International experience in the context of hate speech; legal security in internet; Impact of hate speech on the audience and consequences; Case-law cases; How to build the court protection strategy);
- Prepare the hand-out materials;
- Conducting the seminar and delivering lecture.

05/08/2019 – 28/10/2019 – Birmingham, United Kingdom

## **EU IMMIGRATION ADVISOR – The RMC refugee and migrant centre**

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- Assisting refugees and migrants through crisis and disadvantage, by removing barriers to their integration and enabling them to become equal citizens: To offer advice, advocacy and support to refugees and migrants with various aspects related to their welfare, obtaining status, protecting interests in state institutions, assistance in drawing up claims, etc.;
- To provide appropriate support and mentoring to any volunteers;
- Represent RMC at external meetings and events when require.

20/12/2017 – 23/11/2018 – Comrat, Moldova

## **JUDGE – The Superior Council of Magistrates (COMRAT COURT)**

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- Verification of received cases / applications for: refusal, without movement, without consideration, mediation;
- court hearing: clarifying the incoming current complaints / statements, the rights and obligations of the parties, compliance with the fundamental principles of the judicial process;
- verification of the court's records drawn up by the court clerk, minutes and CD s;
- compilation and pronouncement of judgements;
- criminal, civil and insolvency cases.

07/03/2017 – 07/04/2017 – Warsaw, Poland

## **INTERNSHIP – Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights**

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- Drawing up claims on Kazakhstan and Belarus cases in Geneva Committees on issues related to freedom of speech and freedom of peaceful assembly.

11/12/2009 – 23/09/2016 – Chişinău, Moldova

## **ADVOCATE (ATTORNEY) – Ion Cojocari Law Office**

- Legal assistance / pro-bono consultations, for the beneficiaries of the NGO Embassy of Human Rights projects (especially for the most vulnerable and marginalized), in cases of medical malpractice and for people suffering from palliative diseases;
- Adviser of the Federation of Communications Trade Unions of Moldova on labor issues. Activities within the federation as an expert and trainer at various events:
- providing legal assistance as a state-guaranteed lawyer in Balti and Chisinau in criminal and civil cases on specialized cases, involving minors, refugees and asylum seekers;
- representation of clients in criminal cases before national and international courts, in cases such as torture and inhuman treatment, the right to respect for personal and family life, freedom of expression and torture;
- The licence to practice law is obtained on December 11, 2009.

01/08/2008 – 01/08/2009 – Chişinău , Moldova

## **TRAINEE ADVOCATE – "Triumf" Associate Law Office**

- Providing legal assistance and representing the interests of companies and individuals in the courts.

## ● **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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01/11/2014 – CURRENT – Chisinau, Moldova

### **PhD in Criminal Law – Moldova State University**

- The criminal and executive law of the Republic of Moldova;
- Law methodology.
- Education is over. The dissertation is in the process of defense.

Criminal and legal analysis of illegal migration organisation

18/09/2016 – 26/06/2017 – Wroclaw, Poland

### **Postgraduate Education in Human Rights Law/ Lane Kirkland Scholarship Program – Wroclaw State University**

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- Lessons: Public International Law; Law of international organisations; Equality and non discrimination; Case law of international courts; International human rights law; European law and human rights litigation, etc.
- Study visits at University of Warsaw, University of Pozanan, University of Lublin, Jagiellonian University.

Implementation of international standards for human rights lawyers in the Republic of Moldova

01/03/2012 – 01/03/2013

### **Professional Education in International Human Rights Law – The alumni of "International Law in Advocacy – Electronic Human Rights Education for Lawyers"**

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- International Human Rights;
- Study visits to Vilnius and Moscow.

01/09/2008 – 24/02/2010 – Chisinau, Moldova

## **Master of Laws (LL.M in Criminal Law) – Moldova State University**

- Criminal and executive law;
- International criminal and humanitarian law;
- The law of international organizations.

Criminal liability for murder against plurality of victims

01/08/2003 – 02/07/2008 – Chisinau, Moldova

## **Licentiate in Law (LL.B in Law) – Moldova State University**

- Civil, criminal, labor and social protection law, land law etc.

Deliberate murder committed against two and more persons

## **Distance studies**

- 09/2019- 11/2019- Distance learning course "International humanitarian law" Human Rights House Chernigov Foundation, Chernigov (Ukraine).
- 01/07/2015–01/11/2015 - Distance learning course "Prevention of torture and ill-treatment in Moldova" - Human Rights Embassy in Moldova, Chisinau (Republic of Moldova);
- 04/06/2015–30/06/2015- Asylum System Quality Initiative in Easter Europe and South Caucasus- UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, Chisinau (Republic of Moldova);
- 10/12/2014–21/03/2015- Participant from Moldova "Training for Trainers" distance learning course with a trip to Strasbourg, 14 to 21 March 2015- Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals, Strasbourg (France);
- 08/09/2014–25/05/2015- Program HELP- Distance learning course, Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals- Council of Europe, Strasbourg (France);

## **International Summer Schools**

- 15/06/2019- 29/06/2019- Swedish Institute (SI) Summer Academy for Young Professionals 2019 and the thematic module Perspectives on Multi-level Governance, Decentralisation and Human Rights. University of Lund, Lund city (Sweden)
- 24/07/2017- 28/07/2017- CDCDI International summer school "Advocacy and migration policies". Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Program, Bucharest (Romania);
- 02/07/2017-10/07/2017- The second international summer school in the Intellectual Property Law and Technology- NILS (The Network for International Law Students), Titu Maiorescu State University, Bucharest (Romania);
- 23/08/2015–31/08/2015- The third international summer school "EU law in the South Caucasus (EULISC)"- Batumi Shota Rustaveli University, Batumi (Georgia);
- 27/07/2015–31/07/2015- International Law Camp on Cyber Law and Moot Court- International Law Association (BILA), Borisov (Belarus);
- 17/07/2015–19/07/2015- Substantive and procedural obligations of the state, mechanisms and standards for the protection of human rights. Legal representation of victims of violations- OSCE Mission to Moldova, Vadul-lui-Voda (Republic of Moldova);
- 08/07/2013–26/07/2013- The Ninth International Media Law Summer School- Media Law Institute, Kyiv (Ukraine)

## **Scientific conferences**

- 14/12/2018- Scientific conference: "THE ROLE OF SCIENCE IN THE REFORM OF THE LEGAL AND POLITICAL-ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM", 1st Edition, 2018 Section: Legal Sciences, State University of Cahul (Moldova);
- 24/06/2016–25/06/2016- The XIII International scientific- practical conference- Current challenges and reforms of legal system of the state-Law Faculty of Lesya Ukrainka Eastern European National University, Lutsk (Ukraine);
- 10/06/2016-11/06/2016- International Scientific and Practical Forum on the Rule of Law, National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" Research Center RULE OF LAW, Student Scientific Society «SCHOLARIS» FOLKE BERNADOTTE ACADEMY FOR SUPPORT Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), Kiev, (Ukraine);
- 27/04/2016–29/04/2016- The International scientific-practical conference- Law Faculty of the Odessa I. Mechnikov National University, Odessa (Ukraine);
- 05/12/2014–06/12/2014- The International Conference: "Civil and criminal liability of medical staff"- Grigore T. Popa University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Iași (Romania);
- 28/08/2014–30/08/2014- The International Conference: "Civil Lawsuit and Legal Enforcement- The Experience of a New Beginning"- Faculty of Economic, Legal and Administrative Sciences Legal and Humanities Research Center, National Association of Judicial Bailiffs- Republic of Moldova "Alecu Russo" State University of Bălți, Law Faculty, Tîrgu Mureș (Romania).

## **Practical conferences and workshops**

- 05/03/2020- International conference: "DISCRIMINATION OF VULNERABLE POPULATION GROUPS IN UKRAINE: STATE POLICY AND PUBLIC OPINION". Ukrainian Helsinki, Human Rights Union, Kyiv (Ukraine)
- 22/02/2016–25/02/2016- The Conference on open talk about legal volunteering- opportunity to mobilize commercial legal expertise for the benefit of civil society- Human Rights Embassy NGO, Chisinau (Moldova);
- 20/11/2015–22/11/2015- The International conference: "Implementation of guarantees in the activity of human rights defenders"- Human Rights House, Kiev and Cernigov (Ukraine);
- 14/05/2015–15/05/2015- The International workshop: "Protection of asylum seekers and refugees according to the Geneva Convention of 1951"- UNHCR, The UN Refugee Agency, Brasov (Romania);
- 13/02/2015–15/02/2015- The International workshop "Additional guarantees and immunities for human rights lawyers"- International Law In Advocacy, Human Rights House Network, Human Rights Embassy, Chisinau (Moldova);
- 07/11/2014–09/11/2014- The International Conference: "Actuals Problems of Freedom of expression in Moldova" representative from Moldova- Media Law Institute, Kyiv (Ukraine);
- 02/06/2014–03/06/2014- The International Conference: "Lawyers: Human Rights Protection and Professional Security Guarantees" representative from Moldova- Human Rights House, Vilnius (Lithuania);
- 18/02/2014–19/02/2014- The International Conference on Free Legal Aid: Challenges and ways of implementation for lawyers, representative from Moldova- Human Rights House, Veliky Novgorod (Russia).

## **Trainings in the field of human rights**

- 06/10/2015–08/10/2015- Study visit to the Council of Europe, including the European Court of Human Rights- Human Rights House Network, Council of Europe, Strasbourg (France);
- 21/05/2015–22/05/2015- The procedure for determining refugee status- UNHCR The UN Refugees Agency, Asylum System Quality Initiative. Calarasi (Republic of Moldova);
- 01/04/2014–01/11/2014- Knowledge and skills of lawyers in international human rights protection on the course for lawyers from Moldova and Transnistria Region- OSCE Mission to Moldova and NORLAM. Chisinau –Tiraspol (Republic of Moldova);
- 25/02/2014- Training Course on methods of protection of asylum seekers or refugees- National Council of State for Legal Aid. Chisinau (Republic of Moldova);
- 27/09/2013- Strategic litigation and legal consultation- Information Centre Genderdoc. Chisinau (Republic of Moldova);
- 27/02/2013–28/02/2013- Training for lawyers, evolution procedure ECHR and the right to a fair trial- ABA Rule of Law Initiative in Moldova. Chisinau (Republic of Moldova);
- 27/02/2013–28/02/2013- Training for lawyers, evolution procedure ECHR and the right to a fair trial- ABA Rule of Law Initiative in Moldova. Chisinau (Republic of Moldova);
- 04/05/2012–06/05/2012- Participant to level II training course in human rights protection in some aspects related to the right to free movement, property, safety, fair trial- Human Rights Embassy. Chisinau (Republic of Moldova);
- 02/03/2012–04/03/2012- Participant in the training level I in human rights protection in some aspects related to the right to free movement, property, safety, fair trial- Human Rights Embassy. Chisinau (Republic of Moldova);
- 26/11/2010–27/11/2010- Training course on Human Rights, Non-discrimination- Institute for Human Rights in Moldova. Vadul-lui-Voda (Republic of Moldova).

## **Trainings**

- 02/10/2019- ILPA Training "EU Settlement Scheme", Immigration Law Practitioners' Association, Birmingham (United Kingdom);
- 05/06/2015- 26/06/2015- Administration and management of institutions of law in Republic of Moldova- The European Union. Chisinau (Republic of Moldova);
- 06/06/2014–21/07/2014- The state legal Aid- National Council of State for Legal Aid. Chisinau (Republic of Moldova);
- 05/05/2014–09/05/2014- The advocacy skills training for lawyers- American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative in Moldova with the participation of National Institute for Trial Advocacy Trainers. Chisinau (Republic of Moldova);
- 11/04/2014–12/04/2014- Training course on judicial expertise- means of evidence in criminal Proceedings- ABA Rule of Law Initiative in Moldova. Chisinau (Republic of Moldova);
- 03/12/2013- Strategic litigation and legal consultation- Information Centre Genderdoc. Chisinau (Republic of Moldova);
- 28/11/2013–29/11/2013- The state legal aid- National Council of State for Legal Aid. Chisinau (Republic of Moldova);
- 03/06/2012- The training course, some issues related to pay and dismissal of employees- ABA Rule of Law Initiative in Moldova. Chisinau (Republic of Moldova);
- 02/05/2011- 02/05/2011- Expert/Trainer- Federation of Trade Unions of Moldova- The Institute of Labour in some aspects related to the importance of collective contract. Chisinau (Republic of Moldova).

## ● LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Mother tongue(s): ROMANIAN | RUSSIAN

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
POLISH	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

## ● DIGITAL SKILLS

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Microsoft Excel | Microsoft Word | Outlook | Power Point | Microsoft Office | Skype for Business | Google Drive | Zoom

## ● PUBLICATIONS

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### Publications

- Criminal liability for organizing illegal migration: analysis of scientific materials published in other states;
- Some aspects aimed at firing people or show up for work drunk (rules);
- The importance and necessity of collective contract of employment;
- Some important issues related to the reorganization of the company (in Russian);
- Execution and appeal of judicial bailiff acts in the Republic of Moldova;
- Criminal and legal analysis of the subjective side of illegal migration organization compared with the legal literature in Moldova and abroad;
- Criminal and legal analysis of the objective side of illegal migration organization compared with the legal literature in Moldova and abroad;
- Insult as the right to limit freedom of expressions;
- Criminal liability for the organization of illegal migration: analysis of scientific materials

## ● NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

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### Memberships

- The Union of Advocates from Republic of Moldova;
- Amnesty International.