

NIKOS FRANGAKIS

CURRICULUM VITAE

Born in Athens, Greece, 15 September 1945.

Education - Professional Qualifications

* After finishing basic education (1951-1963) attended studies in Law at the University of Athens (1963-1967).

* Immediately after completion of degree examinations (1968) served for a period of two years under articles, in order to be admitted to the Bar.

* In Summer 1972 attended a Course for Foreign Lawyers on English Law at the University of Cambridge.

* In September 1974 attended the 2nd Session on Fundamental Problems of International Law and International Relations at the Institute of International Public Law and International Relations of Thessaloniki.

* In Summer 1979 attended the Leyden-Amsterdam-Columbia Summer Program in American Law, University of Amsterdam (elective courses: Antitrust Law, International Business Transactions, Environmental Law).

* In Summer 1980 attended the Public International Law Session of the Academy of International Law at the Hague.

* Fellow of Salzburg Seminar (1984: Legal Aspects of New Technologies; scholarship awarded).

* Complete fluency in English and French. Some knowledge of Italian.

Career - Professional Experience

* In early 1971, after taking the Bar examinations, called to the Athens Bar. Since then, private practice as an Advocate. Admitted to the Court of Appeals in 1975 and to the Supreme Courts (Areios Pagos and Conseil d'Etat) in 1979.

Practice extended to a wide variety of matters, in litigation and counseling, covering the whole area of Civil, Commercial, Business, Administrative and Labour Law, both domestic and international and involving a sound knowledge of the relevant legislation and Case Law. Since Greece's accession to the EC/EU, emphasis on European Law, including litigation before the European Court of Justice (Luxembourg) and the European Court of Human Rights (Strasbourg).

* In October 1986 awarded the grade of First Counselor of Embassy and appointed Legal Advisor and Head of the Legal Service to the Permanent Representation of Greece to the European Communities, Brussels, a post that was held until July 1989.

- Was in charge of the article 169 infringement procedures and of the necessary contacts and negotiations with the Commission.
- Acted as agent for the Greek Government in many cases and has appeared many times before the Court of Justice of the European Communities (1987-1992).
- During the Greek Presidency of the Council of Ministers (1988) presided over working groups "Ad hoc Court of Justice" for the creation of the Court of First Instance of the EC, "5th Directive on Company Law", "Ad hoc, Military Equipment".
- During the Greek Presidency of the Council of Ministers (2014) presided over the working group on Common European Sales Law and acted as national representative in FREMP working group.
- * In July 1989 resumed his private practice as senior partner of a law firm in Athens. Maintains a selective consulting practice in respect of European, Business and Administrative law, as well as an extensive litigation practice before the national Supreme Courts, the European Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights and the ICC Court of Arbitration; has also been twice appointed as ICC sole arbitrator.
- * In 1989-1990 appointed advisor for European Law issues to the Minister of Industry.
- * In 1995 appointed advisor for European Law issues to the Minister of Education.
- * Since 1980: Member of the board of directors, between 1991 and 2010 Director, between 2003 and 2013 President and since 2014 President of the Scientific Council of the Hellenic Centre of European Studies and Research (EKEME), an activity that helped him shape his knowledge and expertise in matters European. Participated as co-ordinator or rapporteur in many projects, conferences and seminars (on immigration, poverty, Mediterranean policy, Mediterranean cooperation and security, European Parliamentarism, Workers in Greece and European Integration etc.). Frequently represents EKEME in the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA – member of its board between 2002 and 2009), participates in the organisation of several of its colloquiums and presents papers as rapporteur or discussant or chairs sessions.
- * Between 1994 and 2002: Member for Greece of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (Council of Europe); was elected twice its Chairman (1998-2001).
- * During the second semester of 1994, member of the experts' committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the elaboration of Greek perspectives in view of the 1996 Intergovernmental Conference for the revision of the Treaty on European Union.
- * During 1996-1997: Member of the Law Commission for the drafting of the new statutes of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

* Between September 1997 and March 2008: Member of the Independent Authority for the Protection of Personal Data and for five years member for Greece of the Article 29 of Directive 95/46 Working Group, European Community.

Editorial Activities

* Since 2007: Co-founder and member of the editorial board of the quarterly EUROPEANS' POLITEIA.

* Between 1980 and 2006 Editor-in-chief of the monthly law review NOMIKO VIMA, published since 1953 by the Athens Bar Association. Co-ordinated and annotated national and European law reports and contributed various articles on domestic and European legal issues.

* 1980-1984, 1987-1996: Co-founder and member of the editorial board of the EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES REVIEW.

* 1985-1989: Columnist on legal and European issues for the daily newspaper TA NEA.

* 1980: Columnist of the daily newspaper TO VIMA.

* 1979-1981: Regular contributor in foreign policy matters of the monthly review ECONOMY & SOCIETY.

* 1972-1977: Regular contributor to the law review NEON DIKAION.

Other Scientific Activities

* Vice-President (1998-2005) and member (2006-2008) of the Hellenic National Commission on Human Rights.

* President (1997-2000), Vice-President (2002-2005) and Secretary General (1990-1996) of the Hellenic League on Human Rights.

* Scientific collaborator of the Hellenic Institute of International and Foreign Law (since 1978).

* Treasurer (1983-1987) of the Hellenic Society of International Law and Relations.

* Member of the Board of the Hellenic Union of European Law (the Greek section of FIDE), member of the European Lawyers' Union.

* Actively participated in many congresses and other scientific meetings all over Europe, chaired sessions, submitted papers and gave lectures in various topics of European (legal or political) interest.

Publications – see List of Selected Publications [in English] and complete list [in Greek].