

# Curriculum Vitae

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### **RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

- **October 2005 - today: Associate Law Lecturer at the University of the Aegean.** I teach Intellectual Property and Industrial Property law & I am also a practising attorney at the Court of First Instance of Syros Island (Greece).
- **September 2003 - July 2005: Associate Lecturer** at the Department of Law - University of Surrey. I was teaching EU law tutorials to final year LLB undergraduates. I was also teaching tutorials in Public law to first year LLB undergraduates. I also gave half of the lectures of the European Legal Systems course (dealing with EU law, European Human Rights law and European comparative law) to first year LLB undergraduates. (6 hours of tutorials per week - 10 groups of 140 students in total & 1 semester of 2 hours lectures to 150 students every fortnight). During this year I am the course leader for the courses of French Law 1 & French Law 2 and I give all lectures and tutorials (30 students). I also give tutorials and half of the lectures in Comparative European Law. During the second semester I will also be teaching tutorials and half of the lectures in Administrative Law.
- **July 2004 - December 2004: Marie Curie Research Fellow** at the Amsterdam Center of International Law of the University of Amsterdam. I was a researcher in comparative environmental law. This is a position funded by the EC Commission.
- **November 2003 - June 2004: Visiting Lecturer** at the Law Department - City University London. I have been teaching EU law tutorials to postgraduate students enrolled on the conversion course for non-law graduates (CPE). I also marked courseworks and exam scripts. (3 hours per week - 6 groups of 90 students in total)
- **February 2003 - September 2003: Research Assistant** at the Law Department - City University London. My duties consisted of conducting legal research both on issues related to administrative policy but also to Marine Insurance case law and legal history.
- **July 2001 to October 2001:** Worked as a trainee lawyer in Mr. G. Paradissis lawyer's office.
- **September 2000 to February 2001:** Worked as a paralegal in Mr. G. Paradissis lawyer's office (Syros Island - Greece). Both these duties involved: legal research and paralegal work, but I also translated legal documents from English or French into Greek and *vice versa*.
- I have also acted several times as an interpreter in Greek Courts, when French speaking people were involved. I was employed by the Greek Prosecution Service of Syros Island Court of First Instance.

## **EDUCATION HISTORY**

- **2001 - 2005: PhD** in Comparative Environmental Law at City University London. I have received a PhD after successfully submitting a thesis on the Right to access environmental Information under the supervision of Prof. Michael Purdue. I approach the subject from a triple perspective: English law, EU law and International law.
- **2000 - 2001: Master of Laws** in Public Comparative Law (*DEA de droit public comparé*) at the University of Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris I – France) with honours: *Assez-Bien*. The syllabus provided a comprehensive survey of the different public law institutions of the most important European countries and of the EU.
- **1998 - 2000: Diploma in Comparative Law** at the Institute of Comparative law in Paris. I studied comparative law as well as the most important legal systems including the Common law legal system.
- **1996 - 2000: Law degree** in Public law (*Maîtrise en droit public*) at the University of Panthéon-Assas (Paris II – France) with honours: *Assez-Bien*.
- **1996:** Greek High School Diploma (Απολυτήριο) at Syros Island High School (Greece)

## **LANGUAGE RELATED STUDIES**

- **1999 - 2000:** Diploma in **Italian legal terminology** at the Institute of Comparative law in Paris.
  - I studied Italian law and Italian legal terminology and their equivalent in French law.
- **1998 - 1999:** Diploma in **Anglo-American legal Terminology** at the Institute of Comparative law in Paris. I studied British and American law and legal terminology and their equivalent in French law.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

Member of the Syros Island Bar Association since 2003 (Greece).

Since July 2005 I am a practising attorney at the Court of First Instance of Syros Island (Greece).

## **RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS**

“Unlawful planning development and the right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions: the *Antonetto* case”. [2002] *Journal of Planning & Environment Law*, June, pp. 674-683.

In this article I discuss the fundamental human right of individuals to be protected by public authorities from unlawful neighbouring buildings that diminish the view, light and other amenities they can enjoy from their properties, according to the European Court of Human Rights case of *Antonetto v Italy*.. Further to this article two letters have been sent to the editor of the Journal of Planning Law. Also this article has been cited in: Meyric Lewis, *Expediency in enforcement-planning's "weakest link"?* [2003] J.P.L. 1109-1112, at p. 1110 and in Michael Purdue, *The reform of the enforcement of planning law* [2002] J.P.L. 1174.

### **Brief thoughts on enforcement against unlawful planning developments and human rights.**

[2002] *Journal of Planning & Environment Law*, October Correspondence section, pp. 1188-1189.

I have written a brief answer to two letters addressed to the Journal of Planning & Environment Law concerning my above-mentioned article on the Antonetto case and related issues. One letter was from a Court of Appeal judge (Lord Justice Robert Carnwath) and the other from a solicitor (Douglas Raine, Esq.)

### **“Planning agreements and EC public procurement law”.**

[2003] *Journal of Planning & Environment Law*, June, pp. 666-677. In this article I discuss the various issues that are raised by the European Court of Justice in the case of *Ordine degli Architetti delle Province di Milano et Lodi v Comune di Milano* concerning English s. 106 planning agreements. This article has been cited in: *Allen & Overy's Real Estate Update*, June 2003, at pp. 9-11.

### **“La transposition de la Directive sur le droit d'accès à l'information concernant l'environnement en droit français et anglais”.**

Paper presented at the First International Workshop for young Scholars, organised in France (20-21 Sept. 2002) by the University of Aix-Marseille III and the European Law Journal.

Published as a chapter in the bilingual book: Francis Snyder (ed.), *Comment protéger les intérêts du citoyen dans l'Union européenne d'aujourd'hui ? - Protecting the Interests of the Citizen in Today's European Union*, Editions Bruylant, Brussels 2003.

### **“Noise Nuisance and the Right to Respect for Private and Family Life: the *Moreno Gómez* case”**

[2005] *Journal of Planning & Environment Law*, May, pp. 1-11..

In this article I discuss the case of *Moreno Gómez v Spain* in which the European Court of Human Rights held that failure by the competent public authorities of a State to take effective measures against very serious noise nuisances that affect the applicant's home and family life can amount to a violation of art. 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights.

### **“Planning Delays, Human Rights and Damages” [2005] 2, *Environmental Law Review*, p. 85**

In this article I analyse the European Court of Human Rights case of *Urbanczyk v Poland*, in which the Human Rights Court found that long delays in obtaining a building permit may lead to a violation of article 6 of the European Convention of Human Rights and that as a consequence now states have to award compensation in cases of serious planning delays.

### **“The Issue of Costs in Accessing Environmental Information”**

[2006] *Journal of Planning & Environment Law*, November, pp. 1-9.

This article aims to analyse the issue of costs in accessing environmental information in English law, in light of the very recent decision of the Information Tribunal in the case of *David Markinson v The Information Commissioner*.

### **“Access to Environmental Justice in the UK”.**

Chapter co-written with Prof. Michael Purdue. To be published in a book of essays on Access to Environmental Justice in the World by Kluwer Law.

## **LANGUAGES**

1. **GREEK:** father tongue
2. **FRENCH:** mother tongue
3. **ENGLISH:** fluent (written and spoken)
4. **ITALIAN:** intermediate (written and spoken)

## **COMPUTING**

Computing being my favourite hobby I can:

- use every word processing software (MS Word, WordPerfect, StarOffice, AbiWord )
- use other Office applications (MS Excel, MS PowerPoint)
- Use Internet-related software (Netscape, Internet Explorer, Opera, e-mail clients)

## **SPECIAL INTERESTS - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Chess; member of a scuba-diving club and canoeing.