

Model curriculum vitae for candidates seeking election to the European Court of Human Rights¹

I. Personal details

Name, forename	Zuzana Vikarská
Sex	female
Date and place of birth	Slovak Republic
Nationality	Slovak Republic

II. Education and academic and other qualifications

2021	admitted to the Czech Bar Association after passing the bar exam <i>with distinction</i>
2019	JUDr., Charles University , Faculty of Law, examined by Pavel Ondřejek
2018	Ph.D., Charles University , Faculty of Law, thesis on <i>Political Role of Courts and Judges from a European and Comparative Perspective</i> ; supervised by Jan Kysela, examined by Pavel Holländer and Jan Wintr
2017	MPhil, University of Oxford , Faculty of Law, thesis on <i>National Identity in EU Law</i> ; supervised by Stephen Weatherill, examined by Jeremias Prassl and Katja Ziegler
2015	MJur, University of Oxford , Faculty of Law, graduated <i>with distinction</i> Law Faculty Prize for best performance in course <i>Medical Law and Ethics</i>
2012	Mgr., Charles University , Faculty of Law, graduated <i>summa cum laude</i> incl. Erasmus+ stay in 2011-2012 at KU Leuven , Faculty of Law, <i>magna cum laude</i>

III. Relevant professional activities

a. Description of judicial activities

6 - 9/2023	judicial law clerk to Justice Jan Wintr, Czech Constitutional Court
4 - 8/2021	intern in the team of Advocate-General Michal Bobek, Court of Justice of the EU
2017 - 2021	judicial law clerk to Justice Kateřina Šimáčková, Czech Constitutional Court

b. Description of non-judicial legal activities

since 2022	advocate , member of the Czech Bar Association (suspended in 6-9 2023 due to a short-term clerkship at the Czech Constitutional Court, renewed from 10/2023) <ul style="list-style-type: none">spring 2023: winner of Flamma, an award for inspiring female lawyers from Czech Republic and Slovakia; URL: https://www.prvnich100let.cz/oceneni
since 2018	assistant professor in the field of constitutional law and human rights at Masaryk University, Faculty of Law, Department of Constitutional Law and Political Science <ul style="list-style-type: none">autumn 2023: visiting researcher at Reichman University, Tel Aviv, Israelspring 2023: Masaryk University Rector's Award for Outstanding Teachers, winner in the category of Social Sciences and Humanities

¹ This text is taken from the Appendix to Parliamentary Assembly [Resolution 1646 \(2009\)](#).

- 2017-2018 **lecturer** at the same department, with identical job description
- since 2019 **assistant professor** in the field of European Union law at Palacký University, Faculty of Law, Department of International and European Law
- 2021 - 2022 **post-doc** in European Union Law (part-time), Copenhagen University, Faculty of Law
- 1 - 7/2021 **visiting researcher** at Europa Institute, Leiden University, Faculty of Law
- 2018 - 2019 **tutor** in the field of EU law at University of Oxford, Harris Manchester College
- 4 - 12/2016 **legal adviser** (intern) at the Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the European Union during SK-PRES, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic
- 2015 - 2016 **junior lawyer** in the field of medical law, Havel & Partners, law firm, Prague
- 2012 - 2014 **teaching and research assistant** at KU Leuven, Faculty of Law, Department of European Economic Law (*Competition, Consumer, Market*)

c. Description of non-legal professional activities
(Please underline the post(s) held at present)

- 2018 - 2023 **president** of the Czech Association for European and Comparative Law, member association of FIDE (*Fédération Internationale pour le Droit Européen*)
- 2012 - 2018 **secretary general** of the Czech Association for European and Comparative Law, member association of FIDE (*Fédération Internationale pour le Droit Européen*)

IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights

As the **president** of the Czech Association for European and Comparative Law, I have led a professional organisation composed of more than 140 members from all legal professions. In this role, I have regularly participated in the meetings of the Steering Committee of FIDE (*Fédération Internationale pour le Droit Européen*) where each country is represented by one or two delegates (<https://www.fide-europe.org/national-associations/>). On the national level, I oversaw the organisation of various events, including an annual conference organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as numerous workshops, lectures, and moot court competitions for law students.

As a **judicial law clerk** to Justice Kateřina Šimáčková and later to Justice Jan Wintr at the Czech Constitutional Court, I drafted concepts of judicial decisions of the constitutional court, the primary institution devoted to the protection of human rights and the rule of law in the Czech Republic. Most of the cases concern individual constitutional complaints by persons who claim human rights violations in all areas of law (civil, criminal, administrative); the constitutional court works not only with the national Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms, but also with the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights which forms part of its constitutional framework of reference.

As a **practicing lawyer** (member of the Czech Bar Association since 2022), I have specialized in cases with human rights aspects, as well as cases with an EU law dimension, subcontracting my work to other advocates. I usually take up cases which are already being litigated and I advise advocates in litigation before the Supreme Court, the Constitutional Court, and the European Court of Human Rights.

As a **lecturer** and later **assistant professor** at Masaryk University, Faculty of Law, I have taught primarily courses in constitutional law (incl. human rights) and European constitutionalism (incl. both the European Union and the Council of Europe systems of human rights protection). I also specialise in skills development, i.e. courses such as law clinics, moot courts, and other skills-based courses, all in the area of human rights (incl. medical law clinic, media law clinic, and a number of human rights moot courts both at national and international level).

As a **researcher**, I lead an academic team of 10 junior researchers (**DialogUE**); we explore the preliminary ruling mechanism, i.e. the dialogue between national courts and the Court of Justice of the European Union. Within this capacity, I also give lectures to national judges under the auspices of the Czech Judicial Academy and the Slovak Judicial Academy.

V. Public activities

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| a. Public office | N/A |
| b. Elected posts | <p>president of the Czech Association for European and Comparative Law (as per III/c above)</p> <p>member of the Academic Senate, Masaryk University, Faculty of Law (as per VI below)</p> |
| c. Posts held in a political party or movement
(Please underline the post(s) held at present) | N/A |

VI. Other activities

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| since 2023 | <u>elected member of the Academic Senate, Masaryk University, Faculty of Law</u> |
| since 2022 | <u>member of the editorial board of <i>Ratio Publica</i>, a peer-reviewed journal that publishes original scholarly texts, especially in analytic legal and political philosophy, legal ethics and constitutional theory (www.ratiopublica.cz)</u> |
| since 2018 | <u>president of the Czech Association for European and Comparative Law, member association of FIDE (<i>Fédération Internationale pour le Droit Européen</i>)</u> |
| summer 2021 | summer school tutor & cohort leader, University of Oxford, Faculty of Law |
| 2012 - 2018 | secretary general of the Czech Association for European and Comparative Law |
| 2009 - 2018 | founder, project manager , and later academic director of CLS Summer Schools, organised in Great Mountains, Czech Republic, with guests from the CJEU |

VII. Publications and other works

(You may indicate the total number of books and articles published, but mention only the most important titles (maximum 10))

Evropská zletilost českých (nejvyšších) soudů aneb prvních 18 let předběžných otázek z Brna [Coming of Age of the Czech (Supreme) Courts, or the First 18 Years of Preliminary References from Brno]. *Časopis pro právní vědu a praxi*. Brno: Masaryk University Press, 2023, XXXI, No 1, p. 9-45. ISSN 1210-9126 (with Natálie Dřínovská).

The many troubles of the Fedotova judgment. *Verfassungsblog*. 2023, p. 1-5. ISSN 2366-7044. URL: <https://verfassungsblog.de/the-many-troubles-of-the-fedotova-judgment/>

Evropský zatýkáací rozkaz ve stínu krize právního státu: dům postavený na písku [European Arrest Warrant in the Shadow of the Rule of Law Crisis: a House Built on Sand]. *Právník*. Praha: Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Institute of State and Law, 2022, vol. 161, No 12, p. 1176-1195. ISSN 0231-6625 (with Natálie Dřínovská).

Koronavirová krize a mezinárodní organizace [The COVID-crisis and international organisations]. In Jan Kysela, Karel Řepa et al. *Reakce právního systému České republiky na covidovou pandemii* [The Response of the Czech Legal Order to the COVID Pandemic]. Praha: Leges, 2022. p. 51-81. ISBN 978-80-7502-630-9 (with Veronika Bílková).

Slovakia: from Constitutional Enthusiasm to Constitutional Blindness. In Stefan Griller, Roman Puff. National Constitutions and EU Integration. Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2022. p. 699-726. ISBN 978-1-5099-0676-5 (with Kamil Baraník).

Právo svobodně projevovat své náboženské vyznání a autonomie církví (čl. 16) [The Right to Freely Express One's Religion and the Autonomy of Churches (Art. 16)]. In Zdeněk Kühn, Jan Kratochvíl, Jiří Kmec, David Kosař. Listina základních práv a svobod: Velký komentář. [The Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms: Big Commentary.] Praha: Leges, 2022. p. 739-773. ISBN 978-80-7502-609-5 (with Jaroslav Benák).

Výběrová řízení v univerzitním prostředí: lze zvýhodňovat méně zastoupené pohlaví? [Selection processes in the university environment: can preference be given to the less represented sex?]. In Kateřina Šimáčková, Barbara Havelková a Pavla Špondrová. Mužské právo: Jsou právní pravidla neutrální? [Men's Law: Are Legal Rules Neutral?] Praha: Wolters Kluwer, 2020. p. 487-511. ISBN 978-80-7598-761-7.

Slovakia: Between Euro-Optimism and Euro-Concerns. In Anneli Albi, Samo Bardutzky. National Constitutions in European and Global Governance: Democracy, Rights, the Rule of Law. The Hague: Springer (T.M.C. Asser Press), 2019. p. 835-886. ISBN 978-94-6265-272-9 (with Michal Bobek).

Výběr soudců evropských soudů: Rozhoduje odbornost, či politika? [Selection of European Courts' Judges: What Matter More, Expertise or Politics?]. Jurisprudence. Wolters Kluwer, 2018, No 6, p. 22-36. ISSN 1802-3843.

Zvrchovaný štát [Sovereign state]. In Daniel Krošlák et al. Ústavné právo [Constitutional Law]. Bratislava: Wolters Kluwer, 2016. p. 117-155. ISBN 978-80-8168-511-8.

VIII. Languages

(Requirement: an active knowledge of one of the official languages of the Council of Europe and a passive knowledge of the other)

Language	Reading			Writing			Speaking		
	very good	good	fair	very good	good	fair	very good	good	fair
a. First language: Slovak	native			native			native		
b. Official languages: – English – French	x x			x	x		x	x	
c. Other languages: Czech German	native	x		native		x	native		x

IX. In the event that you do not meet the level of language proficiency required for the post of judge in an official language [the second], please confirm your intention to follow intensive language classes of the language concerned prior to, and if need be also at the beginning of, your term of duty if elected a judge on the Court.

I certainly intend to follow intensive French classes in the coming months to reach the level of proficiency necessary to serve as a judge on the Court.

X. Other relevant information

XI. Please confirm that you will take up permanent residence in Strasbourg if elected a judge on the Court.

Yes, I would certainly take up permanent residence in Strasbourg, if elected a judge on the Court.

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Complete address (No, Street, Postal Code, Town, Country):

Telephones:

Professional:

Personal (*optional*):

Mobile (*optional*):

E-mail:

Fax (*optional*):