

Curriculum Vitae

Nana MCHEDLIDZE

I. Personal details

Name, forename: MCHEDLIDZE Nana
Date and place of birth: 26 February 1976, Tbilisi

II. Education and academic and other qualifications

-) 2020: Assistant at the Institute of International Law of the Law Faculty of Tbilisi State University;
-) 2020: Associate Professor at Tbilisi Open University.
-) Since 2015: PhD candidate at the Institute of International Law of the Law Faculty of Tbilisi State University;
-) 2007 - 2008: LL.M in International and EU Law, University of Utrecht, the Netherlands.
-) 2005 - 2006: LL.M in International Development Law and Human Rights, University of Warwick, the United Kingdom.
-) 1994 - 1999: LL.B & LL.M, Law Faculty, Tbilisi State University, Georgia.
-) 2002: Council of Europe's Human Rights Law and Practice Programme, University of Birmingham; internship at the AIRE Centre in London, the United Kingdom.

III. Relevant professional activities

i) Present position:

2020: Board Member of Rights Georgia, Strategic Litigation Expert for USAID/PROLoG Project Monitoring Activities of the HCoJ and the Independent Inspector;

Since 2017: Senior Expert in Human Rights, European Profiles S.A. – Consultants Group, implementing the EU project - Support to the Development of Penitentiary and Probation Systems in Georgia;

ii) Past experience:

a. Description of judicial activities

-) January 2016 - April 2016: Consultant in the joint project between the European Union and the Council of Europe on "Application of the European Convention on Human Rights and Harmonisation of National Legislation and Judicial Practice in Line with European Standards in Georgia", working with the Section of Criminal Cases at Tbilisi City Court, Georgia.
-) June 2012 - January 2016: ECHR Researcher of the Department of Justice, US Embassy and the European Union, working with the Section of Criminal Cases at Tbilisi City Court, Georgia.
Responsibilities relevant to judicial activities included: providing reasoning under the ECtHR case-law for the judgments delivered by the judges of the Section of Criminal Cases.
Further:
Conducting training sessions for judges of Tbilisi City Court, Appellate Courts, Regional Courts and the Supreme Court of Georgia.
Preparation of materials for the Consultation Council of the Supreme Court of Georgia establishing uniform practices within the courts.
-) January 2004 - August 2007: Head of the Legal Department of the Constitutional Court of Georgia.
-) December 2001 - January 2004: Head of the Section of International Law, Human Rights and Freedoms of the Legal Department of the Constitutional Court of Georgia.
Responsibilities relevant to judicial activities included: providing reasoning under the ECtHR case-law for the judgments delivered by the judges of the Constitutional Court of Georgia.

b. Description of non-judicial legal activities

-) January 2011 – June 2012: Project Manager, UNDP Georgia.
) October 2009 - December 2011: Legal Specialist, UNDP Georgia.
) November 2008 - September 2009: Legal Expert, UNDP Georgia.
Non-judicial legal activities included: advising and providing inputs to promote access to justice and legal empowerment for vulnerable groups through the provision of comprehensive legal aid services on civil and administrative cases.
-) January 2004 - August 2007: Head of Legal Department of the Constitutional Court of Georgia.
) December 2001 - January 2004: Head of the Section of International Law, Human Rights and Freedoms of the Legal Department of the Constitutional Court of Georgia.
Non-judicial legal activities included: elaborating proposals on legislative amendments concerning the Constitutional Court of Georgia and constitutional proceedings; advising on the categorisation of victims based on the ECtHR case-law.
-) September 2001 - December 2001: Deputy Head of International Relations Unit of the Constitutional Court of Georgia.
Non-judicial legal activities included: advising on the reorganisation of the Constitutional Court staff; drafting a report on Georgia's positive obligations to apply the ECHR and recommending setting up a unit in charge of analysis of the ECtHR case-law to be used by the Constitutional Court judges.
-) May 2001 - September 2001: Government Agent of Georgia *a.i.* before the European Court of Human Rights.
Non-judicial legal activities included: drafting detailed questionnaires for collecting information from relevant state agencies and preparing notifications with regard to the case of *Absandze v. Georgia* pending before the European Court of Human Rights at the material time; reviewing and advising on draft laws in terms of their compatibility with the ECHR.
-) March 2000 - May 2001: Adviser at the Office of Government Agent of Georgia before the European Court of Human Rights.
Non-judicial legal activities included: analysing the ECtHR case-law and participating in its popularisation; drafting proposals for bringing Georgian legislation in compliance with the ECtHR; assisting with maintaining relations with the European Court, its Registry and other relevant bodies.
-) June 1999 - March 2000: Adviser at the International Law Department of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia.
) June 1998 - June 1999: Specialist at the International Law Department of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia.
Non-judicial legal activities included: contributing to the preparation of implementation of the ECHR in domestic legislation; analysing domestic criminal legislation in terms of their compatibility with International Humanitarian Law; drafting legislative evaluation reports on international treaties to be ratified by Georgia; drafting conclusions on amendments to bring domestic legislation in compliance with the international treaties to be ratified by Georgia.

c. Description of non-legal professional activities:

-) Since 2015: PhD candidate at the Law School of Tbilisi State University.
 Subject of the thesis: Application of the Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights by the Constitutional Court and the Courts of General Jurisdiction of Georgia.
-) Since 2009: Visiting lecturer in human rights at Tbilisi State University (LL.M programme).
Non-legal professional activities includes: developing human rights curriculum and delivering lectures on the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights and the Constitutional Court of Georgia. visiting lecturer on ECHR jurisprudence and international detention standards for LL.M students.
-) 2012-2016: Lecturer in human rights at the High School of Justice of Georgia.

- J February – June 2012: Visiting lecturer in ECHR at Georgian-American University (LL.M programme).
- J Associate Professor at International Caucasus University (human rights, substantive criminal law issues in ECtHR jurisprudence, LL.B and LL.M programmes respectively).
- J March - June 2004: Visiting lecturer in constitutional justice at Tbilisi State University, International Law School.
- J 2003 – 2006: National Director of UNDP project "Enhancement of Constitutional Justice".
Non Legal professional Functions included: managing the joint project of UNDP Georgia and the Government of Georgia aimed at strengthening the capacity of the Constitutional Court, enhancing the application of ECHR standards in the Court's jurisprudence and raising the quality of reasoning; streamlining legislation governing constitutional proceedings, raising awareness among the population about the importance of the Constitutional Court as a legal remedy.

IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights

a) Acted as a short-term consultant contracted by the below agencies to deliver training sessions in ECHR standards for various groups of legal professionals and to perform other duties.

- J 2020: **legal expert of USAID/PROLoG/Rights Georgia:** delivered a presentation on the execution of judgments and decisions of ECtHR and the United Nations Treaty bodies at an interagency conference organised by USAID/PROLoG; delivered a presentation on the activities of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia in the field of execution during the deliberations of the Committee of Human Rights and Civic Integration of the Parliament of Georgia;
- J 2020: **ECHR expert of the Georgian Bar Association** for lawyers in the adaptation programme: retrained 90 lawyers in ECHR standards;
- J 2018 - 2020: **ECHR and CPT expert of the EU for all senior managers of the penitentiary system:** developed and conducted three modules (human rights in detention, crisis management, strategic planning) for prison governors, deputy prison governors, unit heads; conducted training sessions on updated ECtHR and CPT standards for senior managers;
- J 2019: **ECHR expert for the Georgian Bar Association** for the programme of continuous legal education and trainee lawyers in adaptation programme; **ECHR expert of the Council of Europe** for assistant judges in Summer School of Justice, ECtHR case-law on non-discrimination, hate speech and hate crimes for court clerks in Eastern and Western Georgia; **EMC/EU expert for judges** in social rights;
- J **ECHR expert of GYLA** for lawyers and human rights activists;
- J 2017: **ECHR expert of Council of Europe, EU, PROLoG/USAID, GYLA:** for Judges, NGO representatives, journalists and students.
- J 2016: **ECHR expert of Council of Europe, PROLoG/USAID, High School of Justice (HSoJ), GIZ, Georgian Young Lawyers' Association (GYLA)** - for judges, assistants of judges, prosecutors, lawyers, judicial candidates, Public Defender's Office, analytical staff of the courts of general jurisdiction, NGO representatives, journalists and students; identified and prepared excerpts/summaries of 30 ECtHR judgments for CoE.
- J 2015: **ECHR expert of the US Embassy Department of Justice (US DoJ), CoE, EU; HSoJ; GYLA** – for Consultative Council of the Supreme Court of Georgia, judges, assistants of judges, and judicial candidates.
- J 2014: **ECHR expert of the US DoJ, CoE, EU, HSoJ, GYLA** – for judges, assistants of judges, prosecutors, lawyers, judicial candidates, NGO representatives, and interns at the Supreme Court.
- J 2013: **ECHR expert of the US Embassy Department of Justice, CoE, USAID/IFES, NORLAG, UNDP, GYLA** – for judges, assistants of judges, prosecutors, lawyers, NGO representatives, forensic experts, doctors of penitentiary establishments, and female candidates running for local elections; **UNDP expert** on UPR Mid-term shadow report; **UNDP consultant** on constitutional amendments; CoE consultant to update ECHR glossary.
- J 2012: **ECHR expert of the US Embassy Department of Justice, CoE, UNDP, GYLA** – for judges, assistants of judges, lawyers, NGO representatives, policemen, and journalists.
- J 2011: **ECHR Expert of UNDP** – for judges, staff of the Parliament of Georgia, legal aid lawyers, private lawyers, journalists, NGO representatives, students, and interns of legal clinics.

-) 2009 - 2010: **ECHR expert of UNDP, IRZ** – for judges, legal aid lawyers, private lawyers, journalists, and representatives of ethnic minorities.
-) 2009: **ECHR expert of UNDP, NRC, Academy of European Law (ERA)** – for speaker judges, public registry staff, legal aid lawyers, private lawyers, Ombudsman’s staff, and participants of the summer school of the Constitutional Court of Georgia.
-) 2008: **ECHR expert of the Council of Europe** – for the office of prosecutors of Montenegro, Podgorica, Montenegro.
-) 2007: **ECHR expert of the Council of Europe** – for the judges of the Supreme Court and the Constitutional Court of Montenegro, Podgorica, Montenegro.
-) 2004: **ECHR expert of the Council of Europe, OSCE** – for lawyers, NGO representatives, and students.
-) 2003: **ECHR expert of the Council of Europe** – for judges.
-) 2002: **ECHR expert of Judicial Training Centre of Georgia** – for judges.
-) 2002: **Expert of the Council of Europe** on Compatibility Study of the Georgian legislation.
-) 2001: **ECHR expert of Training Centre of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia** – for the staff of penitentiary establishments.
-) 1996 - 1997: **human rights trainer at GYLA** – for school children.

b) Delivered presentations at international and local conferences within the last 6 years:

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| 1 | Date | 5 April 2017 |
| | Title of the Presentation | “Application of the European Convention on Human Rights and harmonisation of national legislation and judicial practice in line with European Standards in Georgia” |
| | Name of the Conference | Presentation of survey on “Application of the Standards of the European Convention on Human Rights by the Common Courts of Georgia” |
| | Conference Venue | Tbilisi |
| | Website | https://rm.coe.int/1680707df1 |
| 2 | Date | 23 June 2016 წლის |
| | Title of the Presentation | Quality of justice - obligation of the courts to reflect/deal with submitted amicus briefs in the final judgments |
| | Name of the Conference | Amicus Curiae: an Effective Guidance Tool on Human Rights Issues to National Judicial Institutions |
| | Conference Venue | Tbilisi |
| | Website | https://rm.coe.int/16806f1861 |
| 3 | Date | 24-25 May 2016 |
| | Title of the Presentation | Overview of the national courts’ practice of applying the European Convention on Human Rights and the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights at the national level |
| | Name of the Conference | INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN GEORGIA” |
| | Conference Venue | Tbilisi |
| | Website | https://rm.coe.int/CoERMPublicCommonSearchServices/DisplayDCTMContent?documentId=09000168065309b |

V. Public activities

a. Public office:

-) January 2004 - August 2007: Head of the Legal Department of the Constitutional Court of Georgia.
-) December 2001 - January 2004: Head of the Section of International Law, Human Rights and Freedoms of the Legal Department of the Constitutional Court of Georgia.

-) September 2001 - December 2001: Deputy Head of the International Relations Unit of the Constitutional Court of Georgia.
-) May 2001 - September 2001: Government Agent of Georgia *a.i.* before the European Court of Human Rights.
-) March 2000 - May 2001: Adviser at the Office of Government Agent of Georgia before the European Court of Human Rights.
-) June 1999 - March 2000: Adviser at the International Law Department of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia.
-) June 1998 - June 1999: Specialist at the International Law Department of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia.

b. Elected posts
None.

c. Posts held in a political party or movement
None.

VI. Experience of delivering lectures at higher educational institutions

| University | Programme | Study Courses |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tbilisi State University, Law Faculty, since 2009 | LLM | Human Rights in court Judgments |
| Tbilisi State University, Law Faculty 2018-2019 | LLM | Human Rights Standards in Penitentiary System |
| Tbilisi State University, Law Faculty Institute of International Law, since 2020 | LLB | Public International Law (seminars) |
| Tbilisi State University, Law Faculty Institute of International Law, since 2020 | LLB | Case Law of International Institutions with regard to Georgia (seminars) |
| Tbilisi Open University, since 2020 | LLB | Human Rights and Freedoms |
| Tbilisi, State University, Faculty of International Law, 2002-2004 | -- | Constitutional Justice |

VII. Publications and other works

Author of publications and researches in the field of human rights, among them:

1. Handbook for Lawyers: Labour Rights in European Law, EMC, funded by the European Union, 2019 (119 p.)
2. Handbook for Lawyers: Right to Adequate Housing in International Law, EMC, funded by the European Union, 2019 (78 p.)
3. Handbook on International Standards on Detention, EU, Tbilisi. (454 p.)
4. Overview of the Case-Law of the European Court of Human Rights Regarding Media's Influence on Court Proceedings, GIZ South Caucasus Law Journal, 2018.
5. Research on the Application of the European Convention on Human Rights in the Judgments and Decisions of the Courts of General Jurisdiction of Georgia, Council of Europe, 2017 (220 p.)
6. Development of the Practice of the European Court of Human Rights on Jury Trial, GIZ South Caucasus Law Journal, 2016.
7. Prohibition of Discrimination in the Jurisprudence of the Constitutional Court of Georgia and its Compatibility with the Standards of the European Court of Human Rights, Collection of Articles, USAID/PROLoG, Tbilisi, 2015.
8. Guide for Lawyers on Domestic Legal Remedies on Discrimination Cases in Georgia, Council of Europe, 2015. (60 p.)

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