

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **Personal information**

- Family name(s) **Macanović**
- First name(s) **Vanja**
- Nationality(ies) **Serbian**
- Sex Male  **Female x**

### **Relevant qualifications summary**

I have two affiliations as an attorney at law and member of a women CSO, that are joined together for the purpose of achieving better protection for women victims of violence. As a practicing attorney I experience the situation of institutional protection of women victims in reality, starting from the reaction from the police, social service, prosecution and court, and then I transform this experience into seminar curriculums for judiciary and other state services, or into proposals for legislative changes. I'm also a member of the Ombudsman Council for Gender Equality and a member of the EWL and Serbia's Independent Observatory on VAW.

### **Current professional activity**

- Start date **October 2005**
- Name and address of employer **NGO Autonomous Women's Centre (AWC),  
Belgrade, Tirsova 5a**
- Sector of activity **Specialized NGO that provide psychological and legal aid to women victims of GBV, creates and conduct educational seminars in the field of GBV, monitors the state policies, reports and advocates for the improvement of legislative on VAW in accordance with international standards**
- Occupation or position held **Coordinator of the Legal project and Legal team**
- Main activities and responsibilities

My duty is to coordinate so called "legal" projects that are aimed at education of judiciary, creating new publications/manuals for educational purposes, follow legislative processes and write amendments for the changes of laws and sublegal documents, closely monitoring the process of Serbia's accession to EU and write policy papers. Also, I coordinate the work of the Legal team that provides free legal aid within AWC.

### **Relevant previous professional activity(ies)**

- Dates **July 2003**
- Name and address of employer **Vanja Macanovic, attorney at law, Belgrade,  
Bulevar Arsenija Carnojevica 23a**
- Sector of activity **Legal representation of women victims of GBV**
- Occupation or position held **Attorney at law**
- Main activities and responsibilities

For the last 10 years, I only represent victims of GBV and their children that had been granted AWC's free legal aid.

### **Relevant additional responsibilities**

- Dates **April 2012**
- Name and address of organisation/body **Ombudsman**
- Sector of activity **Council for Gender Equality**

- Position held
- Main activities and responsibilities

### **Member of the Council**

Council is a collective body that advise Ombudsman on the issues regarding gender equality, and helps the Deputy Ombudsman for Gender Equality in her monitoring of law and policies. The latest monitoring was conducted on the topic of how the General and Special protocols on actions of institutions in cases of VAW are being implemented. The monitoring was partially conducted based on the questioners I've created – available at <http://www.zastitnik.rs/index.php/lang-sr/izvestaji/posebnii-izvestaji/2106-2012-01-12-13-43-33>

### **Education/training**

- Dates
- Title of qualification awarded
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered
- Name and type of organisation

**October 1994- March 1999**  
**BA**  
**Lawyer**  
**Faculty of Law, Department for international studies, Belgrade**

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- Name and type of organisation

**October 2009 – May 2011**  
**Certificate of completion**  
**VAW, Reproductive rights and Employment rights**  
**Women's Human Right Training Institute, Bulgaria**

### **Publications**

- 2014 Co-author of *Indicators for monitoring implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence*, available at <http://www.potpisujem.org/doc/06151b8e6599ff3664af80ff7ba18174.pdf>
- 2014 Co-author of *Baseline study on compliance of legislative and strategic framework of Republic of Serbia with the Convention*, available only in Serbian at <http://www.potpisujem.org/doc/33df186c9ded15296bc6f1d79f09ed22.pdf>
- 2014 *Coordinated efforts – Toward new European standards in protection of women from gender based violence* in ACUNS's second edition of "Femicide: A Global Issue that Demands Action", available at <http://www.wave-network.org/sites/default/files/Femicide%20Publication%202014%20FINAL.pdf>
- 2013 Co-author of the Shadow Report to CEDAW *Shadow over Serbia* with respect to art. 4, 12 and 15, available on [http://www.womenngo.org.rs/images/CEDAW/2013/Shadow over Serbia.pdf](http://www.womenngo.org.rs/images/CEDAW/2013/Shadow_over_Serbia.pdf)
- 2013 *Right to Achieve Equal Family Law Protection of all Victims of Domestic Violence in Serbia – Analysis of the Proceedings for the Issuance of Protection Measures from Domestic violence* in Annual Report of the Independent Observatory on VAW in Serbia, available at [http://www.zeneprotivnasilja.net/images/stories/opservatorija/Annual\\_Report\\_of\\_the\\_Observatory\\_2012.pdf](http://www.zeneprotivnasilja.net/images/stories/opservatorija/Annual_Report_of_the_Observatory_2012.pdf)

- 2013 *National analyses of rape in Serbia* in EWL's Barometer on rape, available at <http://www.womenlobby.org/publications/reports/article/2013-ewl-barometer-on-rape-report?lang=fr>
- 2012 *International standards for the protection of women from all forms of violence and domestic violence* in Dimitrijević M., Stevanović M., Živojinović M., Božić N., Josimović S., Macanović V.: "New approaches in resolving domestic violence in judicial practices of misdemeanor courts", available only in Serbian at [http://www.womenngo.org.rs/images/publikacije-dp/2012/Novi\\_pristupi\\_resavanju\\_problema\\_nasilja\\_u\\_porodici\\_u\\_pravosudnoj\\_praksi\\_sudova\\_za\\_prekrasaje.pdf](http://www.womenngo.org.rs/images/publikacije-dp/2012/Novi_pristupi_resavanju_problema_nasilja_u_porodici_u_pravosudnoj_praksi_sudova_za_prekrasaje.pdf)
- 2012 *Children victims of domestic violence* in Jovanović S., Simeunović-Patić B., Macanović V.: "Criminal justice response to domestic violence in Vojvodina", research available only in Serbian at <http://hocudaznas.org/hocudaznas/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/krivicno-pravni-odgovor-na-nasilje-u-porodici-u-vojvodini.pdf>
- 2010 *Position of victims in criminal proceedings* in Prosecution manual, second edition, published by Association of public prosecutors in Serbia, available only in Serbian at <http://www.uts.org.rs/images/jtprirucnik.pdf>
- 2007 *Model of coordinated action of local community in prevention and combating domestic violence* in Proceedings of the CoE Regional Seminar held in Skoplje within Council of Europe Campaign to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence, available at [http://www.coe.int/t/dg2/equality/domesticviolencecampaign/Source/EG-VAW-SEM4\\_Skopje.pdf](http://www.coe.int/t/dg2/equality/domesticviolencecampaign/Source/EG-VAW-SEM4_Skopje.pdf)

### **Creator of educational seminars**

- **for the criminal judges and prosecutors:** 1 basic seminar on criminal law protection of victims of DV (created in 2006, approved by the Judicial Academy in 2010) and 3 upgraded seminars on protection of victims of VAW (the latest on the use and implementation of protection measures in criminal and family law was approved by the Judicial Academy in 2012).
- **for the family law judges and professionals from the social services:** 1 basic seminar on family law protection of victims of DV (created in 2006, approved by the Judicial Academy in 2010) and 4 upgraded seminars on protection of women and children as direct and indirect victims of DV (the latest was approved by the Judicial Academy in 2013).
- **for the misdemeanor judges and police officers:** basic seminar on misdemeanor protection of victims of GBV (approved by the Judicial Academy in 2011)
- **for the police officers:** basic seminar on the criminal and family law protection of victims of GBV (approved by Ministry of Interior in 2009)
- **for the lawyers from the social services:** basic seminar on how to write charges, complaints and lawsuits (created in 2008, accredited by the Republic institute for Social protection in 2009)
- **for the lawyers working for women NGO's:** four day seminars on how to write petition before the European Court for Human Rights (2008) and moot court on ECtHR (2010)

## **Lecturer on**

1. International standards addressing Violence against Women and Domestic violence
2. Institutional protection of mothers and children in the context of domestic violence (role of all institutions engaged in the protection of victims according to criminal and family law, law on police, law on social protection and law on medical protection)

Since 2005, I have conducted over 95 seminars for the various professionals and held numerous lectures not only for professionals working on the protection of victims, but also for the students of the Law faculties, volunteers and activists in women and other organizations.

## **Creator of amendments for legislative changes**

Since 2005 I have been active in proposing amendments or creating comments and proposals for legislative changes on various laws and bylaws in order to improve better protection of victims of GBV in Serbia in accordance with international standards. My biggest success in this field was in 2009, when the monetary penalty for the criminal act of DV was replaced with the prison sentence up to 3 years.

## **Member of the Working groups**

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| 2014    | for the creation of the Model Law on Gender Equality (Ombudsman initiative), available at <a href="http://www.ombudsman.rs/index.php/lang-sr/component/content/article/3621">http://www.ombudsman.rs/index.php/lang-sr/component/content/article/3621</a>   |
| 2014    | for the creation of the Proposal for the establishment of Compensation fund for victims of violent crimes (initiative of women NGO Astra) <a href="http://www.astra.org.rs/round-tables-improvement-of-access-to-compensation-for-victims-of-trafficking-in-human-beings-and-other-violent-crimes/?lang=en">http://www.astra.org.rs/round-tables-improvement-of-access-to-compensation-for-victims-of-trafficking-in-human-beings-and-other-violent-crimes/?lang=en</a> |
| 2013/14 | for the creation of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina Programme (Strategy) for VAW and DV for the period 2015-2020 available at <a href="http://www.vojvodina.gov.rs/sites/default/files/Program_za_borbu_protiv_nasilja.pdf">http://www.vojvodina.gov.rs/sites/default/files/Program_za_borbu_protiv_nasilja.pdf</a>  |
| 2009    | for the creation of the unique administrative data base on DV (initiative of the AWC and Secretariat for Gender Equality of the AP Vojvodina)   |

## **Coordinated researches**

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| 2014/15 | Monitoring of DV laws in Serbia in cooperation with the Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights  |
| 2012/13 | Rights of the victims of DV (still not published)   |
| 2010/11 | Criminal justice response to domestic violence in Vojvodina, available at <a href="http://hocudaznas.org/hocudaznas/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/krivicno-pravni-odgovor-na-nasilje-u-porodici-u-vojvodini.pdf">http://hocudaznas.org/hocudaznas/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/krivicno-pravni-odgovor-na-nasilje-u-porodici-u-vojvodini.pdf</a> |

- 2009/10 Family law protection from domestic violence in judicial practice in Serbia, available at <http://www.womenngo.org.rs/publikacije/razvoj-dobrih-praksi/201-porodnopravna-zastita-od-nasilja-u-porodici-u-pravosudnoj-praksi-srbije-2010>
- 2007 Criminal law protection from domestic violence- current judicial practice in Belgrade and Nis, available at <http://www.womenngo.org.rs/publikacije/razvoj-dobrih-praksi/251-krivicno-delo-nasilje-u-porodici-aktuelna-pravosudna-praksa-u-beogradu-i-nisu-2007>

### Computer skills

- Software packages **MS Office, Word, Excel**
- Other IT skills and competences **basic knowledge on SPSS**

### Language skills

Mother tongue	Serbian				
	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
Language	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing skills
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French					