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## **998 Meeting, 13 June 2007**

4 Human Rights

### **4.1 European Court of Human Rights - Election of judges – List of candidatures in respect of Albania**

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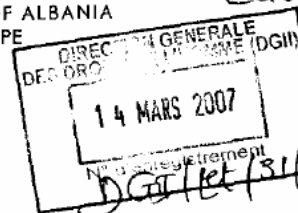
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COUNCIL OF EUROPE  
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The Ambassador

Nr. 164/07

Strasbourg, 14.03.07

Dear Mr. Boillat,

With reference to the letter of Secretary General dated 21 December 2006, concerning the procedure of the election of a judge in respect of my country, I would like to inform You that the Government of Albania has selected the following candidates for the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights.

The names of the candidates appear in order of preference:

- 1. Mr. Ledi BIANKU  
Lawyer
- 2. Mr. Armand SKAPI  
Lawyer
- 3. Ms. Evis ALIMEHMETI  
Lawyer

The curricula vitae of the above candidates are attached to this letter.

Yours Sincerely

Shpetim Caushi



**Mr. Philippe Boillat**  
**Director general**  
**Direcorate General II-Human Rights**  
**Council of Europe**

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**Curriculum Vitae  
Ledi BIANKU**

**I. Personal Details**

Name	BIANKU
Forename	Ledi
Sex	Male
Date and place of birth	22.02.1971 in Shkodër, Albania
Nationality	Albanian.

**II. Education and academic and other qualifications**

a. Higher Education

Since 2004	PhD student with a thesis "Research for a Common Legal Space in Europe". University of Tirana
1996-1997	LLM in European Law Studies, COLLEGE OF EUROPE, Bruges, Belgium.
1992 -1993	Studies in EC Institutional and Substantial Law, Italian Commercial Law and Private Comparative Law, at the Faculty of Law, Trento University, Italy. Certificate of notes - average 29/30.
1989 - 1993	Law Degree, Faculty of Law - Tirana University.

b. Qualifications

- 2005 (Sept.) III<sup>rd</sup> European Lawyers Forum – Geneva
- 2000 (Feb.- Nov.) Participation, as representative of Albanian NGO's in the activities organised by Council of Europe on the framework of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ECHR. (Rome – Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- 1998 (May) Training in "Teaching Magistrates". Washington State High Court, Olympia, Portland School of Law and Memphis University. USA
- 1996 (July - Aug.) Training in "Human Rights Manual writing", Danish Centre for Human Rights, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 1996 (Jan. - Feb.) Intensive course in "Human Rights Protection - International Instruments", Danish Centre for Human Rights, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 1995 (Apr.-May) University "Jean Moulin", Lyon 3, France. Joint research in "European and Comparative Public Law - Foreign investments: Albanian case".
- 1994 (Dec.) Certificate by the European University, Florence, Italy - "Law on European Integration, Legal Foundations of Market Economies and Human Rights".
- 1994 (July - Aug.) Diploma on "Public International Law" by the International Law Academy, Palace of Peace, The Hague, Netherlands.
- 1994 (June) Human Rights and the Judiciary - ODIHR seminar, Warsaw, Poland.
- 1994 (March) Research in International Law, Law Department, University of Trento, Italy. The result was the first course on "EC Law and European Regional Organisations" in Albania, Tirana University, Faculty of Law.

### III. Relevant professional activities

#### a. Judicial activities

1994-1998 & 1999-2006	Legal practice in Tirana District Court, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court and Constitutional Court in Albania
2001-2006	Legal practice before the European Court of Human Rights acting either on behalf of applicants either as a counsel for the Albanian Government.

#### b. Non-Judicial legal activities

Since June 2006	<u>Member of the Venice Commission of the Democracy through Law on behalf of Albania</u>
April 2006-present	<u>Member of National Commission on Legal Reform.</u>
2002-present	<u>Lecturer of EU institutional and substantial law at the University of Tirana - Master Program on EU Affairs.</u>
1998 - 1999	Associate Attorney / Office of the OSCE Legal Counsellor.
1993-1995	Assistant Lecturer of Public International Law, Law Faculty University of Tirana.

#### c. Non-Legal Professional Activities

1999-2006	Executive Director of the European Centre member of EU-Balkans working group
2002-2003 towards	Coordinator and co-author of the Study 'Monitoring Albania's Path European Integration'.

### IV. Activities and Experience in the field of Human Rights

- 1995-present Lecturer of Public International Law and Human Rights Law, Tirana University.
- 1997-present Lecturer of European Convention of Human Rights Law at Albanian School of Magistrates  
Organisation and national expert on Training the Albanian Practitioner Lawyers "How to bring a case to the Strasbourg Court" (Tirana and 6 other districts) in cooperation with DGII of Council of Europe.
- 2004 (Sep & Nov) Preparation and Organisation of "Train the Trainers on ECHR" – in cooperation with DGII of Council of Europe.  
Training Albanian Judges and Prosecutors on ECHR and EU Law – in cooperation with the Albanian Magistrates School.
- 1999 – 2003 Coordinator of the Working Group for Compatibility Exam between the Albanian Legislation and ECHR (Project of the Council of Europe and Albanian Ministry of Justice, supported by the European Commission).
- Coordinator and author of Report on the Conformity of Albanian Legislation with International Humanitarian Law Standards (Project of the ICRC).
- Vice-coordinator and co-writer of the project "Manual on Human Rights in Albania" (in printing process), in collaboration with "Danish Centre for Human Rights".

### V. Public Activities

#### a. Public office

Since May 2003	<u>Legal Advisor <i>ad personam</i> to the President of the Republic of Albania on</u>
Oct. 2005-July 2006	<u>issues of International law and Human Rights law.</u> Legal Advisor <i>ad personam</i> to the Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Albania on issues of EU and Human Rights law.

- Sept. 2001- 2003                      Advisor *ad personam* to Minister of State for European Integration.
- 2000 – Sept. 2001                      Advisor *ad personam* to Minister of Justice on problems of approximation of legislation with *acquis communautaire*.
- b.      Elected Office
- July 2006                                  Elected by the Albanian Parliament as Chairman of National Council for Radio and Television. (*National Audiovisual Authority*).

No member or activist in any political party or movement

## VI.      Other Activities

Since 2004 Member of British Institute for International and Comparative Law  
Since 2004 Member of European Society of International Law  
Since 2003 Member of the Committee for the organisation of the “European Week” activities in Albania  
2000-present Member of the Selection Committee of the Albanian candidates to the College of Europe  
2004-present Team Leader and Key Expert of the Project “Training the Albanian Civil Servants on European integration affairs”  
2004 Member and Rapporteur for Albania at the Annual Congress of International Federation of European Law on EU/Albanian Competition Law

## VII.     Publications and other works

Jurisprudence of the Strasbourg Court”, published by European Centre with the support of European Commission and Council of Europe Joint Programs. (876 pages) – third edition.

2007 EU/EC Fundamental Treaties (including Protocols, Declarations and a terminological Index) – second edition in Albanian.

2004 “EU and challenges of Human Rights protection” included in the Albanian version of “Taking a Case to the Strasbourg Court” by Clements, Mole, and Simmons.

2003”Execution of court judgements as European basic standard” – published at the Annual Conference Publication of the People Advocate in Albania.

since January 2001 - Publication of a Monthly Bulletin on resuming and commenting recent Strasbourg Court judgements – delivered to all Albanian Judges and Prosecutors.

2001Co-author of the Publication of “Report on Compatibility of Albanian Legislation with the ECHR” - published by Council of Europe, European Commission, Ministry of Justice and European Centre in Albania.

2002 Guide to International Organisations – published by European Centre and financed EC Delegation in Tirana.

2003 Guide to the Freedom of Information – prepared and published in cooperation with Article XIX in London.

Author of approximately other 400 pages published mainly in Albanian in issues of Public International Law, Human Rights Law and EU Law aspects.

**VIII. Languages**

Language	Reading			Writing			Speaking		
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a. first language Albanian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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English	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**IX. Other relevant information**

Use of Windows, Excel, Power Point

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E-mail: [bianku@euro-centre.org](mailto:bianku@euro-centre.org) and [biankuledi@yahoo.com](mailto:biankuledi@yahoo.com)

**X. Hereby I confirm that, if elected Judge at the European Court of Human Rights, I will take up permanent residence in Strasbourg.**

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**Armand SKAPI**

**I. Personal Details**

Name	Skapi
Forename	Armand
Sex	Male
Date and place of birth	December 24, 1973, Tirana, Albania
Nationality	Albanian.
Address	Rruga: "Hoxha Tahsim", Pallati 269, ap. 6, Tirana, Albania. Tel: +355 4
361 124	mobile ++355 68 20 84 879

**II. Education and academic and other qualifications**a. Higher Education

1992-1996: Faculty of Law, University of Tirana

b. Specializations

November 2003: Course on Humanitarian Law, International Institute on Humanitarian Law, San Remo, Italy

Sep. - Dec. 1998: Course for Young Diplomats from Central and Eastern Europe", The Hague, Netherlands

May - June 1997: Course on the Law of the Sea, Aegean Institute of Maritime Law, Rhodes, Greece

January - July 1995: Academic year at the Faculty of Law of University of Leiden, Netherlands; Courses on Comparative Law)

**III. Relevant professional activities**a. Judicial activitiesb. Non-Judicial legal activities

Oct. 2006 — onwards: Head of Africa and Far East Section. Department for Asia and Africa, MoFA of Albania

July 2005 — Oct. 2006: Head of Press and Public Diplomacy Department, MoFA of Albania

Feb. 2002 — July 2005: Head of the UN & International Organizations Department, MoFA of Albania

Feb. 1999 — Feb. 2002: Desk Officer, UN & International Organizations Department, MFA of Albania

Jan. 1997 — Feb. 1999: Desk Officer at the Department of Legal, Treaties and Consular Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Albania

c. Non-Legal Professional Activities

June 2005,	Seminar on Asylum issues, Brela, Croatia;
April 2005,	Conference 'United for Consensus', New York;
March — April 2004	Member of the Albanian Delegation to the 61-th Session of the UN Commission of Human Rights, Geneva;

October 2004,	Participant to the international conference on UNSC Resolution 1540, organized by Foreign Office and Chatham House, London.
Sep. — Dec. 2004,	Member of the Albanian Delegation to the 59-th Session of the UN General Assembly, New York;
March — April 2004	Member of the Albanian Delegation to the 60-th Session of the UN Commission of Human Rights, Geneva;
November 2003,	Participant to the Seminar "UNSC Resolution 1373 and 12 conventions and protocols on terrorism, organized by Foreign Office and OSCE, London.
Sep. — Dec. 2003,	Member of the Albanian Delegation to the 58-th Session of the UN General Assembly, New York;
August 2003,	Head of the Albanian Delegation to the 63 session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Albanian report on CERD was considered).
March — April 2003	Member of the Albanian Delegation to the 59-th Session of the UN Commission of Human Rights, Geneva;
Sep. — Dec. 2002	Member of the Albanian Delegation to the 57-th Session of the UN General Assembly, New York;
May 2002	Head of the Albanian delegation to the Meeting of Political Directors of Central Europe an Initiative, Belgrade;
March — April 2002	Member of the Albanian Delegation to the 58-th Session of the UN Commission of Human Rights, Geneva;
Sep. — Dec. 2001	Member of the Albanian Delegation to the 56-th Session of the UN General Assembly, New York;
March — April 2002	Member of the Albanian Delegation to the 57-th Session of the UN Commission of Human Rights, Geneva;
Sep. — Nov. 2000	Member of the Albanian Delegation to the 55-th Session of the UN General Assembly, New York;
6 — 8 Sep. 2000	Member of the Albanian Delegation to the Millennium Summit, New York, USA;
26 — 28 June 2000	Member of the Albanian Delegation to the International Conference "Towards a Community of Democracies", Warsaw, Poland;
21— 22 June 2000	Member of the Albanian Delegation to the 2-nd Regional Conference of the Member Countries to the Anti-Personnel Landmines Convention, Ljubljana, Slovenia;
16 -18 May 2000	Regional Conference "The Management of Ethnic Diversity", Budapest, Hungary;
18 — 20 April 2000	Member of the Albanian Delegation to the 9-th Session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Vienna, Austria;
14 Sep. — 15 Nov. 1999	Member of the Albanian Delegation to the 54-th Session of the UN General Assembly, New York, USA;
6 — 8 June 1999	Member of the Albanian Delegation to the 1-st Regional Conference of the Member Countries to the Anti-Personnel Landmines Convention, Zagreb, Croatia;
3 – 8 May 1999	Member of the Albanian Delegation to the 1-st Meeting Parties to the Anti-Personnel Landmines Convention, Maputo, Mozambique;
March 1998	Member of the Albanian Delegation to negotiate the <i>inventory</i> of the agreements between Albania and former Soviet Union, Moscow, Russia;
November 1997	Member of the Albanian Delegation <i>to</i> negotiate several agreements between Albania and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Skopje, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia";

#### IV. Activities and Experience in *the* field of Human Rights

2005-2005	Member of the National Commission for Refuges;
2003	Trainer on UN treaty reporting process on human rights, Tirana;



Jan. - June 2001 Executive Director of the joint project between MoFA, OHCHR, UNDP "On building national capacities for UN treaty reporting process".

## V. Public Activities

- A. Public office
- B. Elected Office
- C. No political activities

## VI. Other Activities

<u>2006 – onwards</u>	<u>Lecturer of International Law at Multilateral Relation courses organized by albanian Institute of Strategic Studies and Training</u>
<u>2004 — onwards</u> <u>founder)</u>	<u>Head of Board of Directors of Albanian Center of International Law (Co-</u>
2004 — 2005	Head of the technical working group in MoFA for drafting the progress report on the implementation of National Strategy for Economic and Social Development.
2004 report.	Member of the Working Group for Millennium Development Goals progress
June – August 2004	Guest lecturer, Institute of Pre-university Studies, Tirana
2004	Lecture, at the Diplomatic Academy of the MoFA of Albania
2002 Tirana.	Lecturer at Philosophy Faculty (Political Sciences Desk), University of

## VII. Publications and other works

Co-author of the book: "International Courts", Tirana 2005, published by Albanian Center of International Law

Author: "UN treaty reporting: a process of an national and international importance for Albania", Negotium 13, 2004

Author: "Albania's priorities in the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation". Negotium 9, 2002

Co-author: "The impact of an active policy in the UN and in regional initiatives to the integrating processes of Albania into Euro Atlantic structures", Negotium No. 8, 2002.

Author "UN and the challenges of the new Millennium", Shekulli (Albanian Daily newspaper), 16 November 2000.

Co-author of the article "For an active policy in the United Nations Organisation", MFA Quarterly "Negotium", No. 2. 2000

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**IX. Other relevant information**

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**X. I confirm that, if elected judge at the European Court of Human Rights, I will take up permanent residence in Strasbourg.**

## I. Personal Details

Name Evis  
Forename Alimehmeti  
Sex Female  
Date and place of birth 19.02.1975, Tirana, Albania  
Nationality Albanian

## II. Education and academic and other qualifications

01/2003-currently University of Tirana, Faculty of Law, Doctorate studies in the area of Public Law.

09/2000-08/2001 *Queen's University*, Kingston, Ontario, Canada. Master studies in the area of Public Law. Degree awarded *Master of Laws (LLM)*.  
LLM Thesis: *Grounds for Justifying Pre-Trial Detention in Canada; A Case Study of the Albanian Legal System.*

07/1999-08/1999 *European University Institute*, Florence, Italy. Summer School: International Human Rights Law.

08/1997- 07/1999 *Open University*, London, UK/*Central European University (CEU)*, Budapest, Hungary. MPhil Studies in the area of International Human Rights Law. Degree awarded *Master of Philosophy (Mphil)*.  
Mphil Thesis: "*The Concept of Effective Remedies in the Albanian Legal System, Particularly as Regards Meeting its Obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights, art.13.*"

09/1993- 07/1997 *University of Tirana, Faculty of Law*, Tirana, Albania. Degree awarded *Bachelor in Law (LLB)*.  
Thesis: "*Judicial review of Administrative Acts*". Evaluated with 10/10.

## III. Relevant professional activities

### A. Judicial activities

### B. Non-Judicial legal activities

01/09/1998- currently Lecturer of the course of Public Law at the *Law Faculty of Tirana University*;  
Lecturer of the course of Judicial Ethics at *Albanian School of Magistrates*;

20/09/1999- 28/08/2000  
19/09/2001- 30/11/2005 (one year Master studies) *Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Presence in Albania.*

- 20/06/1998-30/08/1998      Position: National Legal Officer at the Rule of Law/Human Rights Department .  
*International Center Non For Profit Law, Washington DC, USA.*  
Position: Intern.
- 10/1996-08/1997      *Albanian Center For Research, Documentation, Education and Information on Human Rights:*  
Position: Legal Assistant and Editor of Law Review.

C. Non-Legal Professional Activities

**IV. Activities and Experience in the field of Human Rights**

**V. Public Activities**

- A. *Public office*  
B. *Elected Office*  
C. *No member or activist in any political party or movement*

**VI. Other Activities**

- 2004 Member of the National Chamber of Advocates of Albania  
1999 Member of the Constitutional Lawyers Association of Albania.

**VII. Publications and other works**

*The concept of effective remedies in the domestic legal system as interpreted by the European Court of Human Rights.* Law Review no. 3, 2005.  
*Some issues related to the electoral system in Albania,* Law Review no. 2, 2004.

*LLM Thesis: Grounds for Justifying Pre-Trial Detention in Canada; A Case Study of the Albanian Legal System,* published at [www.lareau-law.ca/codification-Albania.html](http://www.lareau-law.ca/codification-Albania.html)

*Fundamental rights and minority protection in Albania.* Center for European Constitutional Law/The Rigas Network Project, September 1999, published at [www.cecl.gr/RigasNetwork/databank/REPORTS/r9/r9.html](http://www.cecl.gr/RigasNetwork/databank/REPORTS/r9/r9.html).

*Human Rights Glossary,* UNESCO, Finish Human Rights Project and Albanian Human Rights Group, Tirana 2001. Member of the Law and Linguistic Reviewing Committee.

Editor of the Law Review *Time and Justice*, published by the Soros Foundation Legal Resource Center, Tirana 1995.

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- French	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	F	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	F	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	F
c. Other Languages									
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