



Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

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Gender Male

Work Experience

Name and Address of Previous Employer **KALO & ASSOCIATES– Prishtina Office**
Qyteza Pejton, str. Mujo Ulqinaku
10000 Prishtina,
Kosovo

Dates June 2010 – 31stDecember 2014
Position held **Lawyer / Associate**
Main Activities

The key projects and works I have provided legal services include:

- **British Embassy in Prishtina and Foreign and Commonwealth Office** Provided legal assistance in the fields of property and employment law in Kosovo, including direct legal advice on application and procedures based on succeeded Convention between United Kingdom and Kingdom of Yugoslavia regarding Legal Proceeding in Civil and Commercial Matters (27 February 1936).
- As instructed by **IFC/Government of Kosovo**, I acted as a team member of Transaction Advisors to carry out a transaction for the waste management of Kosovo Landfill. I acted as a team member of **KALO & ASSOCIATES** in capacity of local counsel whereas **GIDE Loyrette Nouel**, a French based law firm was a principal counsel.
- Member of the legal team advising **EBRD** in Investment Loan for Commercial Bank **BpB** in ensuring full compliance of this investment transaction with the requirements of Kosovo legislation covering the following areas of law: (i) Corporate; (ii) Banking; (iii) Securities; and (v) relevant Regulatory.

- Member of legal team advising **EBRD** in an equity investment deal in amount of 2mil € for the purposes of expansion of IT services in Kosovo. The legal services included a full legal due diligence for the borrowing entity as well as specific issues such as contractual liabilities and security agreements
- Member of legal team advising **EBRD** on exit strategy in local production firm Pestova L.L.C. The legal services inter alia has included preparation of legal opinions, preparation and review of transaction documents and drafting respective resolutions of shareholders.
- Member of legal team providing legal analysis on main loan agreements of **Pro Credit Bank – Kosovo** for natural persons and legal entities and respective adjustment to meet the compliance of legal requirements as per Kosovo legislation and practice.
- Member of legal team advising Micro Finance Institution **FINCA** on transformation into a Commercial Bank including: (i) review of the organization's founding acts; (ii) foreign investment law and regime; (iii) company law; (iv) banking; and (v) Central Bank regulatory aspects.
- Provided regular advice to **Bechtel Inc.**, legal support for the largest construction project in Kosovo, primarily in the areas of corporate, contract law, construction, public procurement and employment.
- Member of legal team advising **Commerzbank** on a matters pertaining to a bank to bank acquisition on regulatory banking issues and competition law regulatory requirements.
- Advised **DELHIZE Group S.A** as a member of legal team in the project covering Kosovo jurisdiction for the acquisition of 100% of shares of major food and non-food retail company DELTA Maxi.
- Provided regular advice to **Philip Morris International** on numerous legal issues related to prevention of corruption practices and tobacco law, contract law, corporate law and business licensing;
- Advised **DFID** on property related matters, diplomatic immunity issues based on local law and on employment issues on on-going basis prior to closing its mission in Kosovo.
- Part of legal group involved in **Equity investment for Titan Group**, I conducted due diligence of the local subsidiary in Kosovo of the Titan Group, reviewed the Policy Agreement and Disclosure Letter from the perspective of the local legislation and provided other relevant advises for **IFC** in the area of corporate and employment.
- Provided legal assistance to EXIMBANK on cross-border credit facilities requirements under Kosovan Legislation.
- **Freshfields Law Firm:** Providing annually yearly report on corruption, gift and property declaration regime of high public officials and criminal law.

Dates	June 2007 – June 2010
Position held	Journalist
Main Activities	Covering international and regional news
Name and Address of Employer	RTK – Kosovo Public Broadcaster

Type of Business or Sector Publicly Owned Company

Education and Training

Dates 2001 – 2006
Title of Qualification Awarded Bachelor of Legal Sciences

Dates: 2008 – 2012
Title of Qualification Awarded LL.M. – Legal Master

Name & Type of organization Providing Education & Training Faculty of Law – University of Prishtina

Subject of Thesis: “Recognition and Withdrawal of Recognition under Public International Law”

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue Albanian

Self-Assessment English – fluent in writing, reading and speaking;
Serbo-Croatian – very good in understanding; good in speaking;

Social skills & competences

Ready to help in social projects, good for working in multi ethnic groups, humanly oriented, keen learner, consideration, diplomacy, judgment and rapid integration in different social groups and spaces, good human relation, public speaking and communication skills.

Organizational Skills

Results and professionally oriented, creative problem solver, strong team building skills and new process implementations, able to present complex ideas the way that can be easily understood.

Computer Skills

Internet, MS Office

Publications and contributions:

1. Kosovo: Public Procurement Regime
http://www.kalo-attorneys.com/upload/documents/news_archive/summer/PP2013%20Kosovo.pdf
2. Kosovo: Employment and Labour Law 2011:
http://www.kalo-attorneys.com/upload/documents/news_archive/summer/PP2013%20Kosovo.pdf
3. Kosovo: Lending and Secured Finance
<http://www.iclg.co.uk/practice-areas/lending-and-secured-finance/lending-and-secured-finance-2014/kosovo>
4. Regular contributor to World Bank Reports: Doing Business Reports for Kosovo Jurisdiction