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**EDUCATION**

**Cardiff University, School of Law & Politics, Cardiff, Wales, UK** [10/2020 – 09/2025 expected]

**Ph.D.** in Canon Law candidate

**Thesis:** “*In Search of the Canonical Consciousness of the Church in the Late Ottoman Period: The Eastern Orthodox Corpus Canonum in the Pedalion*”

**Supervisor:** Prof. Dr. Norman Doe

**Cardiff University, School of Law & Politics, Cardiff, Wales, UK** [09/2018 – 07/2020]

**Pg.Cert.** in Canon Law – **Honors:** Distinction (07/21/2020)

**St Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, Yonkers, NY, USA** [08/2015 – 05/2018]

**M.Div. – Major:** Canon Law – **G.P.A.:** 3.99/4 (05/19/2018) [“*summa cum laude*”]

**Thesis:** “*The Influence of Greco-Roman Legal Thought on the Development of the Methodological Principle of οικονομία in Byzantine Canon Law*”

**Honors:** Valedictorian & Commendation for Thesis (2018)

Dean’s List, Spring 2016; Spring & Fall 2017; Spring 2018

The Patriarchal Fund, Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople Scholarship Recipient (2017)

Salutatorian & Meshanko Memorial Scholarship Fund, The Pittsburgh Foundation (2017)

Holy Metropolis of Philippi, Neapolis & Thassos Scholarship Recipient (2016)

St Vladimir’s Scholarship Fund (2015 & 2016)

Holy Metropolis of Neapolis & Stavroupolis Scholarship Recipient (2015)

**Activities:** Library Assistant at the Father Georges Florovsky Library, Spring & Fall 2016, Spring & Fall 2017, Spring 2018

**New York University, School of Law, New York, NY, USA** [08/2013 – 09/2014]

**LL.M. – Major:** Legal Theory – **G.P.A.:** 3.66/4 (09/22/2014)

**Thesis:** “*National Unity as the Precondition for the Fulfillment of Constantine Karamanlis’ Inclusive Constitutionalism*”

**Honors:** Fulbright Scholarship, U.S. Department of State, & Harry D. Triantafyllu Scholarship Fund Award (2013)

**Activities:** Teaching Assistant (TA) to Professor Gráinne de Búrca, *European Union Law*, Spring 2014

*NYU Journal of Law & Liberty*, Graduate Editor, Fall 2013 & Spring 2014

**Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Law, Thessaloniki, Greece** [10/2010 – 10/2012]

**M.Phil.** in Public Law & Political Science – **Major:** Constitutional Law – **G.P.A.:** 10/10 “Excellent” (11/27/2012)

**Thesis:** “*The Principle of Proportionality as a Medium between the National and the EU Legal Orders – The Avoidance of Constitutional Conflicts through Common Fundamental Principles*” (in Greek)

**Honors:** Accepted 1<sup>st</sup> based on my performance on the entrance exams (2010)

**Activities:** TA to Professor Emeritus Georgios Anastasiadis, *Modern Greek Political and Constitutional History*, Spring 2011 & 2012

**Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Law, Thessaloniki, Greece** [09/2006 – 09/2010]

**LL.B. – G.P.A.:** 8.79/10 “Excellent” (10/21/2010) **Class Rank:** 2/97

**Honors:** Commendation award from the Dean in view of my class rank (2010)

State Honorary Scholarship for academic performance and moral standards (2009)

**2<sup>nd</sup> General Lyceum of Kavala, Kavala, Greece** [09/2003 – 06/2006]

“*Apolytirion*” – **Major:** Classics – **G.P.A.:** 19.5/20 “Excellent” (06/23/2006)

**Honors:** Distinctions from the Greek Minister of Education for excellent school performance (2003-2006)

Awards from the Greek Minister of Education for ranking first in class (2003-2006)

Award from the Greek Minister of Education for the best participation in the program “The Spring of Europe” (2005)

Member of the European Parliament – Euroscola Program (2005)

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**University of Pennsylvania, Rare Book School, Philadelphia, PA, USA** [06/2019]

The Medieval Manuscript in the Twenty-First Century

**Healthcare Chaplaincy Network, CPE.org, New York, NY, USA** [05/2017 – 09/2017]

ACPE-accredited unit of Level I Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

**University of Virginia, Rare Book School, Charlottesville, VA, USA** [06/2016]

Introduction to Latin Paleography, 800-1500

**New York University, School of Law, Graduate Division, New York, NY, USA** [07/2013 – 11/2013]

Legal English Workshop

“**M. Stasinopoulos**” Foundation of Administrative Law, Athens, Greece [11/2010 – 03/2011]

Public Law Seminar

## EMPLOYMENT

**Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, Headquarters, Istanbul, Turkey** [09/2018 – currently]

*Grand Ecclesiarch, Director of the Private Patriarchal Office, Secretary of the Synodal Committees on Canonical Affairs & Inter-Orthodox Matters*

Responsible for the faithful observance of the canonical order and of the liturgical rubrics during the various services at the Patriarchal Church. In charge of the correspondence, appointments and audiences of His All-Holiness. Research and assistance in the drafting of the Patriarchal Encyclicals, Messages, Letters, Homilies and Addresses, as well as preparation of draft agendas and reports for the Synodal Committees on Canonical Affairs and Inter-Orthodox Matters. Translation (from Greek to English and vice versa) of documents and Communiqués of the Holy and Sacred Synod.

**Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, St Michael's Home, Yonkers, NY, USA**

*Intern*

[05/2017 – 08/2017]

Provided pastoral and spiritual care to the residents of the Home (group and individual supervision). Directed and led daily Bible study groups.

**Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church, Crete, Greece**

*Intern*

[06/2016]

Served as the official steward of the Primate and the Delegates from the Church of Greece. Translated and edited documents during the sessions of the Council.

**New York University, School of Law, New York, NY, USA**

*Research Assistant to Professor Gráinne de Búrca*

[01/2014 – 01/2015]

Prepared class notes for the upper-level *EU Law* course. Held regular office hours during which I advised students on the study of EU Law. Researched and gathered the relevant case law, the legislation, and the secondary literature for the updating process of four Chapters of the Sixth Edition of the Craig & de Búrca, “EU Law: Text, Cases, and Materials” textbook.

**Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Law, “Open Courses” Program, Greece**

*Research Assistant and Technical Supporter to the creation of an online Constitutional Law course*

[06/2013 – 12/2013]

Created the PowerPoint slides, collected the relevant bibliography, and prepared short comprehension questions for all sessions of an online Constitutional Law course.

**Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Jean Monnet Chair for European Constitutional Law and Culture, Greece**

*Research and Teaching Assistant to Associate Professor Triantafyllia Lina Papadopoulou*

[01/2013 – 06/2013]

Taught several units of the undergraduate-level courses *Greek Constitutional Law*, *European Constitutional Law*, and *European Human Rights Law*. Supervised and provided feedback on student term papers. Drafted the case study for the Moot Court between the team of the *European Constitutional Law* class of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece) and the team of the *EU Law* class of the University of Macedonia (Greece) in June 2013. Acted as tutor of the Aristotle University’s team for the Moot Court.

**Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Law, Graduate Division, Greece**

*Teaching Assistant to Professor Emeritus Georgios Anastasiadis and to Professor Christina Deliyianni-Dimitrakou*

[10/2012 – 06/2013]

Assisted in teaching the graduate-level courses *Modern Political & Constitutional History of Greece* and *Comparative Law*. Supervised and provided feedback on student term papers.

**Eftidikia Law Firm, Thessaloniki, Greece**

*Intern under the supervision of Konstantinos Chryssogonos, Professor of Constitutional Law*

[10/2010 – 10/2012]

Researched and drafted petitions of annulment submitted to the Greek Supreme Administrative Court (Council of State), pleas against the validity of the results of the municipal elections, and lawsuits against the state.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Ecclesiastical Law Society – Member in Good Standing [since 12/2017]

Centre for Law and Religion, Cardiff Law School – Fellow [since 10/2019]

Ecumenical Christian Law Panel of Experts – Member in Good Standing [since 11/2020]

Society for the Law of the Eastern Churches – Ordinary Member in Good Standing [since 05/2021]

## LANGUAGES

**Modern:** Greek (native proficiency), English (full professional proficiency), German (reading proficiency)

**Ancient:** Classical, Koine, and Byzantine Greek (advanced reading proficiency), Latin (reading proficiency)

**PUBLICATIONS**

- “Conclusion – The 2016 *Statement of Principles of Christian Law: A Landmark in the History of the Ecumenical Movement and a Pivotal Stepping-Stone to Christian Unity*,” in *Church Laws and Ecumenism: A New Path for Christian Unity*, Norman Doe ed. (London & New York, NY: Routledge – Taylor & Francis Group, 2021), 247-255.
- “Rediscovering Anglican Priests – Jurists: III, William Beveridge (1637-1708),” *Ecclesiastical Law Journal* 23 (2021): 82-99 [together with Norman Doe].
- Case Comment, “Συμβούλιο της Επικρατείας, απόφαση αριθμ. 4467/2012, 19.11.2012 (Αίτηση για δίκαιη ικανοποίηση λόγω υπέρβασης της εύλογης διάρκειας της διοικητικής δίκης) – Παρατηρήσεις” [“Council of State, Case No 4467/2012, 19.11.2012 (Petition of Just Satisfaction for Exceeding the Reasonable Length of Proceedings in Administrative Court) – Comments”], *Ελληνική Επιθεώρηση Ευρωπαϊκού Δικαίου [Greek Review of European Law]* 4 (2012): 453-462.
- “Το τέλος του ‘βασικού μετόχου’ ... μέσω μιας κοινής αρχής: Η αναλογικότητα ως διάμεσος της εθνικής και της ενωσιακής έννομης τάξης – Σκέψεις με αφορμή την ΣτΕ (Ολ.) 3470/2011” [“The End of the ‘Basic Shareholder’ Case . . . Through a Common Principle: Proportionality as a Medium Between the National and the EU Legal Order – Thoughts on the (Plenary) Council of State, Case No 3470/2011”], *Το Σύνταγμα [The Constitution]* 3 (2011): 615-650.
- “Memorandum of ... «Supremacy» – Μια περίπτωση υπεροχής του ενωσιακού δικαίου έναντι του Ελληνικού Συντάγματος;” [“Memorandum of ... «Supremacy» – A Case of EU Law’s Primacy Over the Greek Constitution?”], in *Τρίτο κοινό σεμινάριο Συνταγματικού Δικαίου (Βόλος, 24 Μαρτίου 2011) [Third Common Seminar in Constitutional Law (Volos, March 24, 2011)]*, Antonis Manitakis & Yiannis Z. Drossos eds. (Athens: University of Athens Publications, 2011), 31-65.
- Case Comment, “Ο ανακριτικός έλεγχος της αρχής της αναλογικότητας (Υπόθεση *Λιοναράκης κατά Ελλάδα* 5.7.2007)” [“Cassation Check of the Proportionality Principle (Case: *Lionarakis v. Greece*, 5.7.2007)”], *Αρμενόπουλος: Επιστημονική Επετηρίδα [Harmenopoulos: Scientific Yearbook]* 31 (2010): 201-209.

**CONFERENCES (Guest Speaker/ Organizer)**

- Holy Church of the Holy Trinity, Istanbul, Turkey** [04/2022]  
**Lecture:** “Synodality: A Common Principle of the Eastern and Western Canonical Traditions and its Application in the Orthodox Church Today”
- Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, International Conference, Istanbul, Turkey** [12/2021]  
**Organizing Committee:** “The Patriarchal and Synodal Encyclical of 1920: 100 Years of Exceptional Influence”
- St Andrew’s Greek Orthodox Theological College, Themes in Contemporary Theology, Redfern, Australia** [08/2021]  
**E-Lecture:** “His All-Holiness Bartholomew I: The Canonist Patriarch”
- Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, International Conference, Istanbul, Turkey** [09/2019]  
**Organizing Committee, Executive Secretariat:** “The Theological Legacy of Archpriest Georges Florovsky”
- St Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, St Innocent Mission Society, Yonkers, NY, USA** [03 & 04/2018]  
**Workshop:** “Mission Methodology and the Canonical Tradition”
- St Tikhon’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, Florovsky Symposium 2017, South Canaan, PA, USA** [02/2017]  
**Paper’s Title:** “Neptic Theology as the Canonical Hermeneutic in the *Pedalion* of St Nicodemus the Haghiorite”
- Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Florovsky Symposium 2016, Brookline, MA, USA** [05/2016]  
**Paper’s Title:** “Same-sex Marriage in Light of the Canonical Tradition of the Orthodox Church”
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Law, Department of Public Law & Political Science, Greece** [06/2015]  
**Round Table:** “Professor Georgios Anastasiadis, the University of Thessaloniki, and the Greek Political and Constitutional History – Constitution, History, Politics: Symposium in Honor of Professor Emeritus Georgios Anastasiadis” (in Greek)
- New York University, School of Law, Colloquium on Legal and Constitutional History, New York, NY, USA** [04/2014]  
**Paper’s Title:** “For What People and for What Period? – The Absence of the Conditions for the Fulfillment of Constantine Karamanlis’ Model of Inclusive Liberal Constitutionalism in Post-war Greece (1955-1967)”
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Law, Department of Public Law & Political Science, Greece** [01/2014]  
**Paper’s Title:** “The Avoidance of Constitutional Conflicts Between the National and the EU Legal Orders through the Principle of Proportionality – On the Occasion of C-213/07 (*Michaniki*) & (Plenary) Council of State, Case No 3470/2011” (in Greek)
- University of Athens & University of Thessaloniki, Schools of Law, Departments of Public Law, Evoia, Greece** [04/2013]  
**Paper’s Title:** “The Consequences of the New Economic Conditions on the Legislation for the Greek Supreme Administrative Court – The ‘Model Trial’ of the Council of State as a Privileged Mechanism of Review of the Constitutionality of Laws” (in Greek)
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Law, Department of International Studies, Thessaloniki, Greece** [06/2011]  
**Paper’s Title:** “Fundamental Rights, Private Law’s Relationships and the Judicial Review of the Constitutionality of Laws in the French Legal Order – A Comparative Approach from a Greek Perspective” (in Greek)
- University of Athens & University of Thessaloniki, Schools of Law, Departments of Public Law, Volos, Greece** [03/2011]  
**Paper’s Title:** “Memorandum of ... «Supremacy» – A Case of EU Law’s Primacy Over the Greek Constitution?” (in Greek)
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Law, Department of Civil Procedure, Thessaloniki, Greece** [05/2010]  
**Paper’s Title:** “The Effect of the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights on the Greek Civil Court Proceedings – Cassation Check of the Proportionality Principle (Case: *Lionarakis v. Greece*)” (in Greek)