

## PERSONAL DATA:

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## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- graduated from the Faculty of Law, University of Nis, in 1981.
- obtained her master's degree in 1988 and her Doctor's degree in 1995 at the Faculty of Law in Nis.
- completed a series of training courses: *Mediation Skills, Mediation and Diversity /Distinctiveness*, 2004, UNICEF; *TNP1, TNP3*, Canadian Institute for Conflict Resolution; *Developing Instructional Skills*, SEED, etc.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Nevena Petrusic has been working at the Faculty of Law in Nis as full professor, teaching Civil Procedure Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Children's rights and Gender Studies and gender-based violence (Basic, master and doctoral studies). She lectures at the The Association of Centres for Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Studies and Research (ACIMSI), higher education unit of the University of Novi Sad. She was the founder and long-time coordinator of the Legal Clinic for the Protection of Women's Rights and is coordinator of the Antidiscrimination Legal Clinic at the Faculty of Law University of Nis. Also, she is member of Board of Victimology Society of Serbia and member of Board of Serbian national association of Mediators.

She has authored, independently or in co-authorship, over 60 monographs, textbooks, manuals and commentaries and over 200 articles in the field of civil procedural, civil and family law, gender-based violence, women's rights, human rights protection, mediation. Also, she participated as an author at over 70 scientific meetings in the country and abroad and she was the editor of a number of the collection articles and scientific conferences, including *Temida*, journal of human rights, victimization and gender, Victimology Society of Serbia.

She participated in the realization of more than 20 research and development projects in the field of Civil Law and Civil Procedural Law, Gender equality, Protection against discrimination and gender based violence, human rights, mediation, etc. Nevena Petrusic was the coordinator of the national project *Access to Justice - implementation of European standards in the legal system of the Republic of Serbia*, the Ministry of Education of Serbia (2006-2010).

She was engaged as an expert in the implementation of projects of OSCE, USAID and UNICEF. In projects of UNDP she was engaged to deliver high quality session on gender based discrimination in the media for representatives of the Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) of the Republic of Serbia and journalists/editors of the MoD magazine "Odbrana", to design and deliver high quality session on gender based discrimination within the workshop for the network of certified gender trainers in the Ministry of Defence

(MoD) of the Republic of Serbia and the Serbian Armed Forces and to read, comment and write/re-write the Gender Training Manual for gender trainers in the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Serbia (MoD) and Serbian Armed Forces (SAF).

Also, she was engaged as a SEESAC Expert on Prevention of Gender-based Discrimination to create and deliver high quality lectures about gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment and abuse at the Regional workshop on gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment and abuse for Ministries of Defence and Armed Forces in the Western Balkans. The workshop was organized for the representatives of the Ministries of Defence and members of the Armed Forces (AFs) in the Western Balkans, on 18 and 19 June 2019 in Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

She participated in the working groups for the preparation of several draft laws and strategic documents: *National Strategy for Improvement of Women's position and Promotion of Gender Equality*, the *Strategy for Combating Domestic Violence and Violence against Women in AP Vojvodina*, the *Strategy for Free Legal Aid System Development*, the *NAP for the implementation of UNSC Resolution 1325* etc. She was involved in the implementation of several reform projects in the field of social protection, children's rights, promotion of women's position, etc. She was a member of the working groups for the preparation of the *Draft Law on Gender Equality*, the *Draft Law on Children's Rights*, the *Draft Law on Mediation* etc.

Nevena is an activist of women's-rights movement in Serbia. She was a co-founder and volunteer of the S.O.S. Phone for women and children victims of violence from Niš (since 1993) and Women's Research Center in Niš (since 1997). She held lectures and educational workshops about women's and children's rights for judges and other professionals and members of different NGOs in Serbia. As a member of women's associations, she has been involved in several projects: "Informational Program on Women Human Rights", "Help and support program for overwhelming confliction relationships in family", "Gender studies", "Law in fight against domestic violence" etc.

She is a lecturer at the Judicial Academy. She was a dean of Faculty of Law of University of Nis (2008-2010) and the first Commissioner for the Protection of Equality (2010-2015). She was the Head of the Department of Civil Law at the Faculty of Law in Niš.

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