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EDUCATION:

UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA

LL.M., Specialization in Media, Entertainment, and Technology Law and Policy, expected May 2023

Awards: Fulbright Foreign Student Grant

Course work: Privacy and Data Protection, Intellectual Property, News Media Law

Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law, Budapest, Hungary

LL.M., Specialization in Legislative Drafting, Jan. 2011

Lawyer (equivalent to Juris Doctor), Feb. 2008

Activities: István Bibó College for Advanced Studies; contributions to reports on the state of fundamental rights in Hungary

Awards: National Scientific Students' Associations Conference (2003: III. Award in the section of Social Law and Ecclesiastical Law; 2007: I. Award in the section of Constitutional Law II.); Erasmus Programme Grant (Sapienza Università di Roma, Rome, Italy; Course work: Constitutional Jurisprudence, Ecclesiastical Law, Canon Law)

EXPERIENCE:

Constitutional Court of Hungary, Budapest, Hungary

Counselor

Oct. 2010-current

Handled petitions, conducted legal research, advised judges on cases, drafted opinions, supervised the activity of interns. Worked mainly on cases concerning the rule of law and democracy, electoral law, freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of information and the right to privacy, right to a fair trial, and judicial independence.

Ministry of Justice, Budapest, Hungary

Legal Advisor

Oct. 2009-Sept. 2010

Participated in the drafting of bills and other regulations, coordinated the response to reports by the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights (of Hungary), reviewed draft regulations.

Legal Specialist

Mar. 2008-Sept. 2009

Reviewed draft regulations ensuring compliance with constitutional and legislative drafting standards, represented the position of the unit/ministry at meetings, worked in teams preparing regulatory white papers and draft regulations.

Administrative Clerk

Oct. 2006-Feb. 2008

Assisted the legal team in monitoring legislative procedures and reviewing draft legislation.

Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington, D.C., United States

Intern

Aug. 2008-Dec. 2008

Monitored business and political news, contributed to weekly briefings in the New European Democracies Project; assisted in research in the Energy and National Security Program. (With the scholarship of the Hungarian American Coalition; on a leave from the Ministry of Justice.)

LANGUAGES:

Native Hungarian, Fluent English, Conversational Italian, Basic Spanish

SKILLS AND INTERESTS:

Privacy (Certified Information Privacy Professional/Europe, CIPP/E)

Comparative Constitutional Law (taught a course to political science students at Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary)

Interested in screenwriting, wine, IT, scuba diving

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Member, International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)

Member, Association of Hungarian Constitutional Lawyers

Participant, International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Supervisory Board Member (pro bono), Carpathian Foundation-Hungary, Eger, Hungary

PUBLICATIONS:

Review of “Reinventing Government - Constitutional Changes in Hungary” written by Prof. István Stumpf, Hungarian Yearbook of International Law and European Law 2018, Eleven International Publishing, The Hague, 2019. Eszter Bodnár-Benedek Varsányi: Decision of the Hungarian Constitutional Court on the exercise of the right to vote of Hungarian citizens living abroad, Hungarian Yearbook of International Law and European Law 2017, Eleven International Publishing, The Hague, 2018. (Other publications in Hungarian language in the field of electoral law, freedom of religion and legislation.)