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Education:

Master of Law and PhD in international maritime law - University of Gdansk/Poland;

Bar Exam - Gdansk/Poland;

LLM IMLI - Malta;

Friedrich-Wilhelms-University of Bonn/Germany - European and German Law

Career:

1996 - 2002 - Academic teacher at the University of Gdansk - Maritime Law Faculty;

1996 - 2004 - Barrister at the Gdansk and Warsaw Bars;

2004 - 2007 - Senior Legal Officer and Legal Counsel - Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure - Warsaw/Poland;

2007 - 2011 - Director of the Maritime Transport and Inland Navigation Department - Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure - Warsaw/Poland;

2011 - 2014 - Senior Legal Officer/Head of Treaties and Rules Section - Legal Affairs Office - International Maritime Organization;

2014 - 2017 - Head of the Legal Affairs Office - International Maritime Organization

2017- 2023 – Deputy Director/Head, Legal Affairs Office, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, International Maritime Organization

2023- present – Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, International Maritime Organization

Experience:

Before joining IMO: Head of the Polish Delegation to the IMO Legal Committee, delegate to other IMO meetings (Assembly, FSI, FAL etc); Vice President of the HNS Diplomatic Conference; Head of the Polish delegation to various UN meetings; Head of the Polish delegation to the various EU meetings; Head of the Polish delegation leading negotiations on bilateral agreements between Poland and other countries in the maritime field; Secretary of the Inter-ministerial Committee on the Maritime Policy of

Poland; Secretary of the Maritime Legislative Commission; Lecturer at Gdansk University.

Role at IMO: Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, where the duties include: leading and guiding the activities of the Division on various complex and topical subjects of international maritime law and treaty law; guiding the development of approaches, mechanisms, and tools for the enhancement of the Organization's legal and external relations work; representing IMO in cases before the UN Appeals Tribunal; overseeing and managing the depositary functions of the Organization; serving as the of Secretary to the Legal Committee; overseeing and managing the drafting and preparation of meeting documents, briefs and reports for the Legal Committee and other IMO organs, and provide first line support to the Secretary General in his capacity as Secretary of the Council and the Assembly; leading the Organization's accreditation, events, functions, inter-agency and protocol-related activities; providing guidance and assistance to Governments, inter and non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders; managing the Organization's Public Information Services, including the drafting and preparation of strategies and materials for outreach activities, including new media; managing the activities and continuous development of the Organization's Maritime Knowledge Centre; ensuring collaboration with all Divisions of the IMO Secretariat and all external stakeholders engaged in the Organization's legal and external relations work.