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**PERSONAL DATA:**

Born on 15<sup>th</sup> December 1962 in Ljubljana, Slovenia.  
Married to Ester Debernardi-Pavliha (1962), Judge at the Piran Local Court, Slovenia; two children: Gaia Ana (1992) and Benjamin (1994).

**EDUCATION:**

1993: *Slovenian Bar Examination.*  
1991: *Doctor of Civil Law, McGill University, Faculty of Law (Canada). Supervisor: Professor William Tetley, Q.C. (Oral defence of the thesis *Implied Terms of Voyage Charters* in November 1991; Convocation in June 1992).*  
1989 – 1990: *Master of Laws, McGill University, Faculty of Law (Canada). Upon recommendation by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty permitted to proceed straight to the second year of the doctoral programme without being required to submit a Master's thesis.*  
1989: *Master of Laws, University of Split, Faculty of Law (Croatia). Supervisor: Professor Dr. Ivo Grabovac.*  
1986: *Bachelor of Laws, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law (Slovenia). Supervisor: Professor Dr. Janez Pečar.*

**LANGUAGES:**

Permanent Court Interpreter for *English* and *French* 1993 – 2003 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 64/93 – Announcements and Publications); fluent in *Croatian* and *Serbian*, some *German* and *Italian*.

**TRAINING:**

November 2015: Slovenian Institute for Adult Education and Ministry for Education, Science and Sport: *Annual Conference on Adult Education.*  
March 2015: A week of practice and studying with Judges Dr. Marko Ilešič and Miro Prek at the Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg.  
May 2014: Slovenian Institute for Adult Education: *18<sup>th</sup> Colloquium on Self-Learning Community.*  
March/April 2013: University of Edinburgh - Coursera. *Online Course on Introduction of Philosophy.*

- September 2009: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Philosophy: *Seminar on Active Methods of Learning*, Portorož.
- September 1997: Bayerische Rück: *Central and Eastern European Seminar*, Munich.
- June 1995: Munich Re: *Risk Management Seminar*, Munich.
- May 1995: SCOR: *Séminaire MANAGERS*, Paris.
- October 1994: SCOR: *Techniques de la Réassurance*, Paris.
- Sept/Oct1994: Munich Re: *Basic Training Course in Engineering Insurance*, Munich.
- September 1994: Munich Re: *Fire Insurance Course*, Munich.
- May 1994: Sedgwick: *Aviation Insurance Seminar*, London.
- April 1994: Alexander Howden Group Reinsurance Brokers Limited: *The 1994 Overseas Students Seminar*, London.
- June 1989: Inter-University Centre of Post-Graduate Studies Dubrovnik: *The Postgraduate Course on Law of the Sea: Recent Developments of State Practice*.

### **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- 2009 - present: Member of the *IMO International Maritime Law Institute Academic Board*.
- 2008: Expert Lecturer at the European Commission, Directorate-General for Translation, Luxembourg.
- 2004 - present: Full Professor of Commercial, Transport and Insurance Law at the *University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation, and Faculty of Economics*.
- 2002: Visiting Professor at the *Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Faculteit Rechtsgeleerdheid, Leuven, Belgium*.
- 2002: Visiting Professor at the *Queensland University, T.C. Beirne School of Law, Brisbane, Australia*.
- 2001 - present: External Examiner at the *IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Malta*.
- 1999 - 2004: Associate Professor of Transport and Insurance Law at the *University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation, and Faculty of Economics*.
- 2000: Visiting Professor at the *University of Malta, Faculty of Law*.
- 1998 - present: Visiting Professor at the *IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Malta*.
- 1994 - 1999: Assistant Professor of Transport and Insurance Law at the *University of Ljubljana*.
- 1989 - 1992: Research Assistant to Professor William Tetley, *McGill University, Faculty of Law*.

### **HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS, PRIZES & SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- 2021: *The Golden Plaque of the University of Ljubljana* for exceptional contributions to the development of scientific, pedagogical or artistic endeavours, and for strengthening the reputation of the University.
- 2021: Nominated for the Rožanc Award (*Rožančeva nagrada*) for the best Slovenian book of essays.
- 2021: *Honorary Member* of the Members of Parliament Association.
- 2020: *Ten Most Influential Slovenian Lawyers Award*.

- 2020: The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation of the University of Ljubljana *Award for for promoting the Faculty at the national and international level.*
- 2019: *Ten Most Influential Slovenian Lawyers Award.*
- 2018: EMUNI Seal for Euro-Mediterranean Partnership “in grateful recognition of the dedicated work and devotion to the development of the Euro-Mediterranean region.”
- 2017: Special recognition by the *Federation of Bibliothecarial Associations of Slovenia.*
- 2017: *Ten Most Influential Slovenian Lawyers Award.*
- 2016: *Ten Most Influential Slovenian Lawyers Award.*
- 2016: *Winner of the Best Slovenian Essay Prize* awarded by the KUD Sodobnost International and Sodobnost, the oldest Slovenian literary journal.
- 2015: *Ten Most Influential Slovenian Lawyers Award.*
- 2014: *Ten Most Influential Slovenian Lawyers Award.*
- 2014: *Nominated for the Best Slovenian Essay Prize* granted by the KUD Sodobnost International and Sodobnost, the oldest Slovenian literary journal.
- 2013: *Ten Most Influential Slovenian Lawyers Award.*
- 2013: *Token of appreciation in recognition of the vision for the establishment of EMUNI, for the roles and functions exercised, and for the kind services rendered to EMUNI throughout the past years.*
- 2012: *Ten Most Influential Slovenian Lawyers Award* (Ius Software Poll - elected with the highest number of votes).
- 2011: *Ten Most Influential Slovenian Lawyers Award.*
- 2011: Special award by the Slovenian Federation of Lawyers’ Associations for outstanding 20-year voluntary work in the Federation and Slovenian Maritime Law Association.
- 2010: *Ten Most Influential Slovenian Lawyers Award* (Ius Software Poll - elected with the highest number of votes).
- 2009: *Ten Most Influential Slovenian Lawyers Award* (Ius Software Poll - elected with the highest number of votes).
- 2009: *Member of the Honorary Board* of the Euro-Mediterranean University Foundation.
- 2009: *The IMO International Maritime Law Institute Award* to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> annual course of lectures delivered at the Institute.
- 2008: Invited as the initiator of the project to *open the constitutive session* of the General Assembly of the Euro-Mediterranean University, Barcelona, November 26, 2008.
- 2008: *Ten Most Influential Slovenian Lawyers Award* (Ius Software Poll).
- 2008: Named in *The Personalities – Great Slovenian Biographic Lexicon (Osebnosti – Veliki slovenski leksikon*, Mladinska knjiga, Ljubljana, 2008).
- 2007: *Honorary Member* of the International Propeller Club of the Port of Koper.
- 2008: *Internautica 2008 Honorary Award.*
- 2008: *Internautica 2008 Award* for the Nautical Project of the Year – The Establishment of the Euro-Mediterranean University in Portorož.
- 2007: *Ten Most Influential Slovenian Lawyers Award* (Ius Software Poll).

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- 2003: *Ten Most Influential Slovenian Lawyers Award* (Ius Software Poll).
- 2002 - 2003: Listed as one of the leading Slovenian lawyers in *Key: Slovenia, Contemporary Slovenian Humanities in Translation*, Študentska založba, Ljubljana, 2002; *Key: Slovenia: Contemporary Slovenian Humanist & Social Scientists*, Republika Slovenija, Ministrstvo za kulturo, Ljubljana, 2003.
- 2001: *Lawyer of the Year Award* granted by the Slovenian Federation of Lawyers' Associations.
- 2001: *Ten Most Influential Slovenian Lawyers Award* (Ius Software Poll).
- 1999: Listed as one of the leading Slovenian lawyers in the *Slovenian Who is Who* (D. Bajt, *Slovenski kdo je kdo*, Nova revija, Ljubljana, 1999).
- 1999: *Titulary Member*, Comité Maritime International (CMI).
- 1991: *Summer scholarship and McGill Bursaries and Fee Waivers*.
- 1990 - 1991: *McGill Bursaries and Fee Waivers*.
- 1990: *Summer scholarship*, McGill University.
- 1989 - 1990: *Government of Canada Award*.
- 1987 - 1990: *Scholarship* granted by the 2000 Young Researchers Programme, Slovenia.
- 1987: *Distinguished Student Award*, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law.
- 1982 - 1986: *Slovenian Ministry of Justice Scholarship*.

#### **ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- 2015 - 2019: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation. *Vice Dean for Research and Development*.
- 2008 - 2019: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation. *Head of Law Department*.
- 2003 - 2004: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation. *Vice Dean for Science*.
- 1999 - 2004: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation. *Head of Maritime and Transport Law Department*.
- 1998 - 2002: Reinsurance Company Sava Ltd, Ljubljana. *Consultant to the Board of Management*.
- 1992 - 1998: Reinsurance Company Sava Ltd, Ljubljana. *Deputy Member of the Board of Management*.
- 1994 - 1998: Slovenian Nuclear Insurance and Reinsurance Pool. *General Manager*.
- 1990 - 1992: Marler, Sproule, Castonguay (law firm), Montreal. *Consultant*.
- 1987 - 1989: Institute for Public Administration at the Ljubljana Law Faculty. *Assistant and Research Fellow*.
- 1987: Kompas Jugoslavija (Travel Agency), Ljubljana. *Trainee*.
- 1986 - 1987: Splošna plovba Piran (Shipowner), Portorož. *Trainee*.
- 1981 - 1982: Compulsory Military Service, Pula.

**INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:**

- 2013 - present: *Member of the Academic Advisory Committee* of the Institute for European Traffic Law (IETL).
- 2011: *Short Term Expert*, EU MARSIC Project, Djibouti Regional Training Center.
- 2008 - present: *Expert* - Gerson Lehrman Group Legal & Regulatory Affairs Council.
- 2008 - 2009: *Member of the International Academic Council* of the University Centre for Euro-Mediterranean Studies (Center EMUNI).
- 2007 - 2009: *Maritime Ambassador* of European Commission for the *Green Paper: Towards a future Maritime Policy for the Union: A European vision for the oceans and seas*.
- 2006 - present: *Arbitrator* of the A.I.C. Forum Adriatic and Ionian International Court.
- 2003 - present: *Member of the Governing Board* of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, appointed by Secretary General of IMO.
- 2003 - 2009: *Member of the Panels of Conciliators and of Arbitrators*, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), The World Bank Group.
- 2003 - 2004: *Observer* of the Inland Hull, Fishing Vessels and Yachting Committee, International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI).
- 2003 - 2004: *Secretary General* of the Comité Maritime International (CMI).
- 2001 - present: *Expert* of the International Maritime Organization – *IMO Roster of Experts and Consultants*.
- 2001 - 2003: *Expert* of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (*Advisory Body of Experts on the Law of the Sea – ABE-LOS*).

**NATIONAL ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:**

- 2021- present: *Member* of the Statutory Commission of the University of Ljubljana.
- 2021- present: *Member* of the Executive Council of the Maritime Law Association of Slovenia.
- 2021 - present: *Member* of the Strategic Council of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia.
- 2020 - present: *Member* of the Supervisory Board of the Federation of Lawyers' Associations of Slovenia.
- 2015 - 2018: *Member* of the Supervisory Board of the Maritime Law Association of Slovenia.
- 2015 - present: *Expert* of the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN).
- 2015 - present: *Alternate Arbitrator* at the Court of Conciliation and Arbitration within the Organization for Security and Co- operation in Europe (OSCE).
- 2014 - 2017: *Member* of the Ethical Commission of the University of Ljubljana.
- 2012 - 2018: *Member* of the Strategic Council of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia.
- 2012 - present: *Member* of the Court of Honor of the Slovenian Association of Parliamentarians.
- 2010 - 2012: *President* of Slovenian Association of Parliamentarians (“Društvo poslancev 90”).
- 2008 - present: *Member of Senate*, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation.
- 2008 - 2010: *President* of the Maritime Law Association of Slovenia (MLAS).

- 2007 - 2008: *First President of the Academic Board* of the University Centre for Euro-Mediterranean Studies (Center EMUNI).
- 2004: *Member of the Slovenian Delegation* at the International Conference on Ballast Water Management for Ships, London, 9-13 February 2004 (IMO).
- 2003 - 2004: *Member of the "Personal Core": Law, Republic of Slovenia, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport.*
- 2002 - present: *Member, Permanent Court of Arbitration of the Chamber of Commerce of the Republic of Slovenia.*
- 2002 - 2004: *Member of the Supervisory Board* of Reinsurance Company Sava Ltd, Ljubljana.
- 2002 - 2003: *Member of the Science and Technology Council* of the Republic of Slovenia.
- 2002: *Member of the Slovenian Delegation* at the Twelfth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, New York, 16-26 April, 2002.
- 2002: *Official Candidate of the Republic of Slovenia* for a Judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in Hamburg (ITLOS). Elected by the Slovenian Parliament further to the recommendation of the President of the Republic (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 7/02).
- 2001 - 2003: *Member of the Commission* appointed by the Minister of Transport, responsible for supervising the privatization of Port of Koper.
- 2001 - 2004: *Member of Senate, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation.*
- 2001 - 2004: *Member of the University of Ljubljana Senate.*
- 2000 - 2001: *Chairman of Board of Management, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation.*
- 2000 - 2002: *Deputy President of Disciplinary Commission, University of Ljubljana Senate.*
- 1999 - 2004: *Member of the Judicial Council* of the Republic of Slovenia.
- 1999: *Member of the Slovenian Delegation* at the International Diplomatic Conference on Air Law, Montreal, 10-28 May 1999 (ICAO).
- 1998 - 2012: *Member of the Executive Board* of the Federation of Lawyers' Associations of Slovenia.
- 1997 - 2004: *President of the Maritime Law Association of Slovenia (MLAS).*
- 1997 - 2000: *Deputy President* of Triglav Insurance Company Arbitration.
- 1997: *Member of the Slovenian Delegation* at the International Diplomatic Conference to Amend the Vienna Convention on Nuclear Liability, Vienna, September 1997.

### **POLITICAL CAREER:**

- 2011 - 2012: Co-founder and member of the Council of the centralist party "Citizen List", candidate for a MP at the national parliamentary elections and candidate for a minister of foreign affairs.
- 2007 - 2008: Member of the Parliamentary Group of Friendship with Iran; Member of the Parliamentary Group of Social Democrats (SD); Member of the Parliamentary Committee for Higher Education, Science and Technology.

- 2006 - 2007: Vice-President of the Governmental High Level Group for Establishment the Euro-Mediterranean University; Member of the Strategic Council of Ministry of Foreign Affairs; President of the Parliamentary Group of Friendship with Malta.
- 2004 - 2007: Vice-President of the Parliament of the Republic of Slovenia; Member of the Parliamentary Group of Liberal Democrats (LDS); Member of the Parliamentary Committee for Internal Affairs, Public Administration and Judiciary.
- 2004 - 2008: Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Slovenia; Head of Delegation to the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly; President of the Parliamentary Group of Friendship with Canada; Member of the National Group of Inter-Parliamentary Union; Member of the Parliamentary Transport Committee; Member of the Constitutional Commission.
- 2004 - 2005: Vice-President of Liberal Democrats of Slovenia.
- 2004: Minister of Transport of the Republic of Slovenia.

### **LEGISLATIVE PROJECTS:**

- 2015: Participant at the workshop *The Vision of Slovenia 2050*, organized by the Government of Slovenia and OECD, Ljubljana.
- 2002 - 2003: Head of the Working Group (Ministry of Transport) preparing the *Contracts of Carriage by Road Act*.
- 2001: Head of the Working Group (Ministry of Defense) preparing the *Study on insurance of natural and other catastrophes* which will result in new legislation.
- 2000: Head of the Working Group (Ministry of Transport) preparing the Report for the European Union on Approximation of Slovenian Civil Aviation Legislation.
- 1999: Head of the Working Group (Ministry of Environment) preparing the *Liability for Nuclear Damage Act*.
- 1998: Head of the Working Group (Ministry of Transport) preparing the *Obligations and Property Rights in Aviation Act* (2000) which represents Slovenian private aviation law based on international conventions and *acquis communautaire*.
- 1997 - 1998: Member of the working group (Ministry of Finance) preparing the new *Insurance Act* (2001).
- 1994 - 1998: Member of the Drafting Committee (Ministry of Transport) preparing the *Maritime Code* (2001) which represents Slovenian maritime law based on international conventions (IMO, CMI etc.) and *acquis communautaire*.
- 1993 - 1994: Head of the Working Group (Ministry of Finance) preparing the *Insurance Companies Act* (1994).

### **EDITORSHIP:**

- 2022 - present: Member, Editorial Board, *Pravo i privreda* (Law and Economy), published by the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Law.

- 2017 - present: Reviewers Board Member, *Journal of Shipping and Ocean Engineering*, David Publishing Company, USA.
- 2017 - present: Member, Board of Editors, *International Law Collection*, published by the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Ljubljana and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia.
- 2014 - present: Member, Board of Editors, *Sodobnost, revija za književnost in kulturo* (the leading Slovenian review of literature and culture).
- 2010 - 2013: Member, Board of Editors, *Zavarovalniški horizonti, revija za zavarovalništvo in aktuarstvo (Insurance Horizons)*, Ljubljana.
- 2008 - 2010: Member, Publishing Board, *Zavarovalniški horizonti, revija za zavarovalništvo in aktuarstvo (Insurance Horizons)*, Ljubljana.
- 2006 - 2008: Member, Editorial Board, *Pravna praksa*, Ljubljana.
- 2005 - 2008: Member, Editorial Board, *Zavarovalniški horizonti, revija za zavarovalništvo in aktuarstvo (Insurance Horizons)*, Ljubljana.
- 2002 - present: Member, International Editorial Board, *Annals of Maritime Studies*, Rijeka.
- 2001 - present: Member, Publishing Board, *Promet – Traffic – Traffico, Scientific Technical Journal for Traffic Theory and Practice*, Portorož, Trieste, Zagreb.
- 1999 - present: Member, Board of Editors, *Davčno-finančna praksa (Tax and Financial Practice)*, Ljubljana.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE TO INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNALS & INSTITUTES:**

- 2009 - present: Slovenian correspondent to the *European Journal of Commercial Contract Law*, Paris Legal Publishers, Zutphen.
- 2002 - present: Slovenian correspondent to *Institut du Droit International des Transports (IDIT)*, Rouen.
- 1999 - present: Slovenian correspondent to the *European Transport Law*, Robert H. Wijffels, Antwerpen.
- 1999 - 2000: Slovenian correspondent to the *International Journal of Insurance Law*, Lloyd's of London Press, London.
- 1994 - 1999: Slovenian correspondent to the *International Insurance Law Review*, Sweet & Maxwell, London.

#### **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER SOCIETIES:**

- 2022 - present: Member of Slovenska matica, the oldest Slovenian cultural, scientific and publishing society (1864).
- 2019 - present: Member of the Galileo Commission.
- 2018 - present: Member of the International Law Association for Slovenia.
- 2017 - present: Member of the Cultural Association Peter Martinc.
- 2017 - present: Member of the Slovenian Association for European Law.
- 2011 - present: Member of the World Jurist Association.
- 2011 - present: Member of the World Association of Law Professors.
- 2007 - present: Member of the Government of Canada Scholars' Alumni Association.
- 2004 - present: Member of Alumni of the Ljubljana Law Faculty.
- 2004 - present: Sports Law Association.
- 2004 - present: Union of Associations of Drivers and Mechanics of Slovenia.
- 2003 - 2008: Lions Club Koper – Capodistria.



- 2000 - 2007: Maritime Law Association of Croatia.  
1999 - present: Slovenian Association of Traffic Science.  
1999 - present: Comité Maritime International (CMI).  
1998 - present: Association of Maritime Arbitrators of Canada (AMAC).  
1996 - present: Scuba-Diving Federation of Slovenia.  
1997 - present: International Nuclear Law Association (INLA).  
1997 - present: Association for the Promotion of Legal and Economic Development of Insurance Companies.  
1992 - present: Maritime Law Association of Slovenia (MLAS).  
1991 - 2011: Canadian Maritime Law Association (CMLA).

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

Author and coauthor of 44 books and hundreds of scientific and other articles, papers and essays on transportation law, maritime law, law of the sea, insurance law, European law, global ethic, philosophy, etc.