

Terms of Reference

Position

Legal Advisor at the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo

Background

Chapter VIII, Articles 112-118 inclusive of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo (hereinafter "the Constitution") establishes the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo (hereinafter "the Constitutional Court"). The Constitutional Court is, pursuant to Article 112 of the Constitution, the final authority for the interpretation of the Constitution and the compliance of laws with the Constitution. It is fully independent in the performance of its responsibilities.

During a transitional period the Constitutional Court is to be composed of six national judges appointed by the President of the Republic of Kosovo and three international judges appointed by the International Civilian Representative (hereinafter "the ICR"). On 12 June, 2009 the President of the Republic of Kosovo, on the proposal of the Assembly, appointed the six national judges and on the same day the ICR appointed the three international judges.

The Constitutional Court is currently seeking to recruit staff for the Permanent Secretariat of the Constitutional Court. In order to support the work of the Constitutional Court in the early stages of its establishment, the ICR intends appointing at least three legal advisors to support the work of the court.

Duties and Responsibilities

The legal advisors will work together with their local counterparts to provide support for the professional work of all of the judges of the court. In particular, the duties and responsibilities of the legal advisor shall include the following:

- Conducting legal research and analysis for the judges of the Constitutional Court;
- Assisting in the drafting of decisions, reports and other legal materials;
- Performing any other duties as defined by the Rules of Procedure of the Constitutional Court or as directed by the judges of the court.

Qualifications and Requirements

- Advanced studies in law (at master's or doctoral level);
- Distinguished jurist with an excellent professional reputation and with not less than ten (10) years of relevant professional experience;
- Significant experience in the field of public and constitutional law which, inter alia, is proved through having worked as a judge, prosecutor or lawyer; Experience in a Constitutional Court would be a significant and distinct advantage;
- High moral character and professional integrity;
- Fluency in English;
- Fluency in one of the official languages of the Republic of Kosovo would be a significant and distinct advantage;
- Familiarity with the Kosovo legal system and the applicable legislation in the Republic of Kosovo would be an advantage.

Other

Successful applicants may, in appropriate circumstances, be accorded the same privileges and immunities as those enjoyed by diplomatic agents and their families under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

Successful applicants should be in a position to prove that they are in excellent health and that they have not been convicted of a criminal offence.

Equal opportunities apply and applications are equally welcome from both men and women.