

Vasily Lukashevich

Professional profile

- Innovation-driven legal expert with profound knowledge of human rights law, legal policy-making, and institutional design. Pursuing sound judgment and dialogue by relying on the rich experience of cooperation with the national authorities, strategic decision-making in European human rights adjudication, and training legal professionals.
- Strong background and practical experience in comparative public law and human rights law with particular accents on legal policy-making, justice reform, institutional design, and concepts of procedural fairness.

Core expertise

- Vision and Strategic Insight
- Legal and policy analysis and reform
- Enhancing institutional capacity
- Design of effective working methods
- Fairness of judicial proceeding
- Justice reform
- European human rights law
- Comparative law

Career summary

2009 - present

Senior Lawyer

European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France

Key responsibilities:

- managing over 500 applications raising substantive human rights issues under the European Convention, conducting relevant legal and case-law research;
- drafting of Chamber and Grand Chamber judgments, decisions, and research reports;
- advising the Judges in individual and strategic decision-making, responding to specific questions and writing analytical memoranda on the national and Conventional legal issues;
- maintaining and enhancing contacts with the national authorities and non-governmental actors;
- supervising and advising up to 10 junior lawyers, encouraging and assessing performance;
- coaching and training of team members on substantive and procedural matters;
- giving presentations to judges, legal experts and practitioners, academics, and law students,
- participating in the working groups inside and outside of the Court tackling widespread and systemic substantive human rights issues, development and improvement of the working methods, transversal cooperation.

2021 - 2023

Legal Adviser

Directorate General Rule of Law and Human Rights, Council of Europe,
Strasbourg, France

Key responsibilities:

- legal, policy and institutional advice on devising efficient strategies for projects' design and implementation;
- substantive input in the projects implemented by the Council of Europe, drafting reports, giving presentations and talks on the Court's case-law and the Council of Europe standards;
- cooperation with the national authorities, supporting legal and procedural national reforms through project-related negotiations and exchanges.

2009 - present

Non-judicial Rapporteur

European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France

Key responsibilities:

- leading the team of assistant-lawyers processing incoming applications;
- verification and approving draft procedural documents and decisions;
- active and close cooperation with the designated Single Judge, advising him on the lists of notes prepared for his decision, coordinating the approaches to legal analysis and drafting;
- supervision, mentoring and training of the team ensuring quality and high productivity.

2013 - 2017

International legal expert

EU Rule of Law Justice Initiative for Central Asia, multiple locations

Key responsibilities:

- contributing to cooperation and standard-sharing events with the national authorities of the Central Asian states (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan) on the rule of law, policy and legal reforms, enhancing institutional capacity, criminal justice and substantive rights protected by various European instruments;
- conducting training on European and international law standards for judges, law-enforcement officials, legal practitioners, and human rights activists.

2003 - 2004

Research counsel

Altai Regional NGO League of Students, Barnaul, Russia

Key responsibilities:

- undertaking and coordinating research activities in the monitoring of the regional legislative developments in the areas of human rights, law-enforcement and functioning of the judiciary;
- supporting advocacy efforts in youth engagements, rights of children, fostering social cohesion and inclusion of the national minorities in the region;
- supporting students' academic research efforts, organizing seminars and conferences on the socio-political and legal issues.

2001 - 2002

Lobbying Assistant

Judy Castleman and Associates, Richmond, Va., USA

Key responsibilities:

- assisting on-going lobbying activities in Virginia General Assembly;
- management of grass-roots lobbying campaign in Virginia for accessible primary cover medication;
- monitoring of the legislative process on selected bills aimed at broadening access to healthcare services.

Education summary

2005 - 2006

LLM *magna cum laude* in Comparative Constitutional and European Law
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

1999 - 2005

JD and LLM *summa cum laude*
Altai State University, Barnaul, Russia

Languages

- Russian (mother tongue)
- English (full professional fluency, C2)
- French (advanced knowledge, C1)
- Ukrainian (advanced knowledge, C1)