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1.- ACADEMIC DEGREES

Degree in Law, University of Barcelona, 30.10.1972 (Degree qualification: Excellent)

PhD in Law, Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), 25.06.1977, Doctorate Extraordinary Award, UAB, 1977-78. Doctoral dissertation: “*The abuse of a dominant position in EC competition law*”, qualification: cum Laude. Supervisor: Dr. Oriol Casanovas La Rosa
Dissertation published by “Instituto de Administración Pública”, Madrid, 1979, 372 pp.

Diplôme (currently MA) de Hautes Etudes Européennes College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium, 1974-75. Scholarship - Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Diplôme de Droit Comparé, FIEDC, Scholarship - Faculté International pour l'Etude du Droit Comparé, Strasbourg, 1974

Certificate in American & Comparative Law– Scholarship- *Columbia-Leyden-Amsterdam Association*, (Juridische Instituut, University of Amsterdam) 1973

Language skills: on a scale of 1 to 5 (1-excellent, 5-elementary)

Catalan, Spanish (mother tongues)

French 1

English, Italian, 1/2

Modern Greek 2/3

Passive knowledge

Portuguese 3/4

German (GrSt/III level), Dutch 4

Working in a multilingual and multicultural environment for many years : in academic and research life and expertise (the field: International & European Law; the partners: College of Europe, foreign universities, PHARE or MEDA Programs), and in European institutional working environment (Legal Service, Commission in Brussels; before the Court of Justice, Luxembourg; in the Advisory Committees (equal opportunities, ERASMUS); as a Director or Responsible /representative (President of ELFA, Legal Counsel, NGOs).

2.- ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Professor (*Catedrática*) of Private International Law, Autonomous University of Barcelona (since 1987) and holder of a *Jean Monnet Chair* in European Community Law (since 1990), Professor in charge of the *Centre of Excellence Jean Monnet* (UAB, IUEE, European Commission, since 1998).

Professor at the *College of Europe*, Bruges (1990-2000) and Warsaw (1997-2007) (25 hours, *Internal Market Law – Droit du Marché Intérieur*); since 2005, jointly with Professor Miquel Gardeñes.

Academic Director of the Menéndez Pelayo International University Consortium of Barcelona – Ernest Lluch Center (CUIMPB), Barcelona (2005-june 2007).

Visiting Professor for Graduate Studies at the Universities of *Toulouse, Strasbourg, Aix-en-Provence (CERIC), Rennes (CEDRE), Saarbrücken, Perugia, Paris 2 (Institut de Hautes Etudes Internationales), Panteios (Athens)*, among other institutions; *ITAM* of Mexico D.F. (period 2000-2006), *Technologic Institute of Monterrey*, Mexico (since 2004), Universities of Guatemala/Ministry of Foreign Affairs/ Guatemalan Institute of Hispanic Culture (Doctorate 2000-2004) and Universities of El Salvador (2004, 2005).

Legal Expert, *Legal Service* of the European Commission (Brussels, 1994-1997).

Commission Agent in cases before the Court of Justice of the European Communities, Luxembourg (among others, in the fields of *Public Procurement, Fonction Publique, Humanitarian Aid, Insurance Law, Company Law*). In particular, in the following cases: *Spain v. Commission*, C-179/97 (legal regime of the inspections in the case of the “black halibut”), *Belgium v. Spain* (“duty of bottling in the region of origin - *Rioja wine*”) and *INFRISA v. Commission*, T-136/95 (“health safeguard clause”/prohibition on import of fishery products originating in Japan), among many others.

European Expert (short-term Senior Expert) in the field of *Legislative Harmonisation, Antitrust and State Aid; Economic and Company Law, Internal Market, Gender Mainstream, Civil Judicial Cooperation*, appointed by several teams for Central and Eastern European Countries (*PHARE/TACIS*) (particularly, Poland and Lithuania) (1996-2003), Albania, and *MEDA Program* (Mediterranean countries, 2004-2007).

Currently Member of the Group of Expert Advisers for the troika of Presidencies (Spanish, Belgian and Hungarian) of the EU, proposed by the Hungarian team (2011-2012).

Co-author (with Professor Joan Clavera) of the I Report commissioned by the Socialist Party of Andorra: The relationships between Andorra and the EU (2004). The II Report is in its final phase of elaboration (February 23, 2008).

Off Counsel Adviser for the legal firm *Gómez-Acebo & Pombo Abogados, S.L.* (Member of its Academic Board).

3.- RESPONSIBILITIES ON CAREER

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (*Vicerectora*) for European Affairs, UAB, 1987-1990, designing and developing the trans-European networks of the UAB in the ERASMUS, COMETT and LINGUA programs, as well as the European scientific projects coordinated from DG XII, European Commission, with the participation of the UAB.

Vice-Dean (*Vicedecana*) of the School of Law, UAB (1990-1992)

Director of the University Institute of European Studies (IUEE), UAB, 1992-1994. Co-founder in 1985, together with Professors J.Clavera, J. Bacaria, A. Borràs and E. Argullol.

Director of the Department of Private Law, UAB (1998-2001)

Director and Coordinator of the *Master in Advanced European Studies, Law*, 1984-1994 and 1997-2000. Current coordinator of the Legal Division "*Common Legal Area*" of the new Master in European Integration (IUEE) (2007-2008)

Member of the *EAG (European Advisory Group), Social Sciences*, appointed by the Ministry of Education and Universities, to plan and evaluate the application of the trans-European network program *ERASMUS*, Brussels (1987-1990)

Spanish member of the *Advisory Commity for Equality between Men and Women*, Brussels, 1986-1989, for the following-up and drafting of directives, as well as monitoring their enforcement.

President of the ELFA (European Law Faculties Association, based in Leuven, KUL (2006-2007). Member of the Board of Directors of ELFA (2003-2006)

4.- CIVIL & PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY

Member of the Directory Board, Observatory of Catalan Civil Law, appointed by the Government of Catalunya (since 2006)

Vice-President of the Catalan Council of European Movement (2003-2007)

Member of the Catalan Association of Democratic Jurists (since 1997)

Member of the Spanish Association for the Study of European Law (Member of its Board of Directors during eight years) (since 1989)

Member of the Spanish Association of Professors of International Law and International Relationships (since 1981)

Member of the Board of Editors of the *Spanish Yearbook of International Law* (since 2006)

Founding Member of the Catalan Association of International Studies (since 2006)

Member of the Board of the "Círculo de Economía" (Economic Circle) (1999-2002) of Barcelona

Member of the Board of Directors of *Pharmaciens sans Frontières* (2002-2006), Ass. Loi 1901, Clermont-Ferrand.

5.- RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Research lines (as supervisor of projects or financed works of legal research, or as a participant)

Legal harmonisation: methods

Private International Law and civil judicial cooperation

Market and legal integration: “market” and difference

Principle of coherence and EC legal model

EC Free Movement of goods and services Law (access to goods and services; exceptions and derogations)

Private International Law and social mandatory/public policy rules

EC Competition and Merger Law. In particular: abuse of a dominant position and oligopolistic markets

Private International Law of Commerce and Trading (intellectual and industrial property and derogations)

Harmonisation of Company Law (in particular: transfer of registered office and freedom of establishment)

European citizenship / Status of non-EC aliens: perspectives of convergence toward the criterion of habitual residence.

Publications (selection):

(a) Handbooks, Monographs, Practices Handbooks

El abuso de posición dominante en la CEE, IAP, Madrid, 1979, 382 pp.

Prácticas de Derecho Internacional Privado (in DÍEZ DE VELASCO, M., (ed.)), TECNOS, Madrid, 1978.

Prácticas de Derecho Comunitario Europeo (in ABELLÁN, PIÑOL, VILÁ et al.), TECNOS, Madrid, 1994; 2nd edition, Madrid, 2003.

El Parlamento Europeo (with SUBIRATS, Joan, VILANOVA, P.): appendix of documents, Ariel, Barcelona, 1984, 322 pp.

Lecciones de Derecho Comunitario Europeo (with ABELLÁN, V., (dirs.)), 4th edition, updated, Ariel, Barcelona, 2005. Reprint of the 4th edition, 2008.

El Derecho del Mercado Interior (una aproximación metodológica: Mercancías y Servicios), Barcelona, 2008, 320 pp. (in press)

(b) Articles in law reviews (selection), contributions to collective works, etc.

“Filiación y Adopción en el derecho civil de Cataluña y en el Código Civil: Cuestiones de Derecho interregional”, (in collaboration with Dr. Lluís Puig i Ferriol), *Revista Jurídica de Catalunya*, 1974.

“Los artículos 85 y 86 del Tratado constitutivo de la C.E.E.: su filosofía específica”, *Revista de Instituciones Europeas*, 1974.

“L'égalité homme-femme dans le droit communautaire: Droit espagnol”, *L'égalité homme-femme face au droit communautaire/Equality between men and women in EC Law*, European Commission, U.C. Louvain, Brussels, 1985, pp. 353-400.

“El Acta Unica Europea: Balance y perspectivas”, *La LEY, Comunidades Europeas*, 30 June 1986, p.1 et seq.

“La primera cuestión prejudicial planteada por un tribunal español”, *La LEY, Comunidades Europeas*, 1986, October, p.1 et seq.

“Los derechos de defensa en el derecho comunitario de la competencia”, *Revista de Instituciones Europeas*, 1989, Vol I, p.132 et seq.

“El régimen jurídico de las sanciones por infracción a las normas comunitarias”, *Revista de Instituciones Europeas*, 1991, p. 805 et seq.

“La notion de “travailleur” dans le droit et la jurisprudence communautaire”, en *Trente Ans de libre circulation de travailleurs*, U.C. Louvain, European Commission, 1999.

Comentario al artículo 3º, a los art. 10 bis y Cláusulas 28 y 29 de la Ley de Condiciones Generales de los Contratos, in *Comentarios a la Ley de Condiciones Generales de los Contratos*, TECNOS, Madrid, 1999.

“The quest for a consistent set of rules governing the status of non-Community Nationals”, in ALSTON, Ph. (ed.), *European Union and Human Rights*, European University Institute, Florence, Oxford University Press, London, 1999, pp.412-446.

Comentario de la Sentencia del TJCE de 16 de mayo de 2000 en el asunto 388/95 (Denominaciones de origen, derechos de propiedad industrial y comercial, embotellado en la región de producción y D.O.C.Rioja) *La LEY, Unión Europea*, June 2000, p.3 et seq.

“L'unité et l'universalité des droits de l'homme à l'épreuve du “fractionnement” du droit de l'Union Européenne – A la recherche d'un ensemble cohérent de règles régissant le statut des étrangers (non communautaires) », en ALSTON, Ph. (ed.), *L'Union Européenne et les Droits de l'homme*, Bruylant, Brussels, 2001, pp. 429-462.

“Identidad europea y Mercado Interior: un modelo constituyente”, *Revista Española de Derecho Europeo*, núm. 3 , Abril 2002, pp. 14-36

La Unión Europea durante la presidencia española: retos y perspectivas (editor), monographic issue of the Review *ARBOR*, no. 678, *Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas*, June 2002, Madrid, 447 pp.

“Régimen jurídico de las adquisiciones de empresas”, (VV.AA.) Cap. V: “*Las adquisiciones internacionales de empresas (transferencia de sede social; fusiones y escisiones)*”, with ARENAS, R., Aranzadi, Pamplona, 2004.

“El futuro de la arquitectura judicial europea: algunas reflexiones”, in VIDAL BENEYTO, J. (ed.), *El reto constitucional europeo*, Madrid, 2005, pp. 322-335.

“Los intentos de armonización europea en materia migratoria: distintas etapas. Las incoherencias del modelo”, en *Jornadas sobre Derecho, Inmigración y Empresa*, Barcelona, 2008 (in press)

“La consolidación de las relaciones entre ordenamientos y entre autoridades de competencia en el nuevo derecho español de la competencia”, in *El nuevo derecho español de la competencia*, Aranzadi, 2008 (in press)

“El principio de confianza mutua y el derecho internacional privado: en particular, la cooperación judicial civil”, *Revista de Derecho Comunitario Europeo* 2008-1 (in press)

“Cohesión social: de las políticas de igualdad al ‘Gender’s Mainstream’ en la Unión Europea: una experiencia a compartir con Latinoamérica” (2008, in press), XVII Jornadas Iberoamericanas de Derecho Internacional, Valdivia, Chile, 29-31 October 2007.

“Cooperación judicial civil y penal en el Tratado de Lisboa: control de la subsidiariedad y procedimientos legislativos especiales. Algunas reflexiones”, Jornadas sobre el Tratado de Lisboa, Madrid, Congreso-Senado, 18-19 December 2007 (2008, in press)

“Técnica legislativa y globalización: una reflexión al hilo del Reglamento sobre ley aplicable a las obligaciones contractuales”, Jornadas sobre el Reglamento 864/2007, Madrid, 19 February 2008 (to be presented)

* **Comments on European case law**, particularly in *Revista Jurídica de Catalunya*, holding the EC Section with A. Borrás, from January 1987 to January 2003, *see attached document*.