



Entering into force of the Civil Code of Romania

On the 1st of October 2011, the new Civil Code of Romania has entered into force. This historical moment was also celebrated by the SCM, on the occasion of the event "Opening of the new judicial year", organized on 28 September 2011, in the premises of the Romanian Academy.

Beyond the celebrations, the SCM enhanced its measures to facilitate the implementation of the new Civil Code, continuing to edit and publish brochures on the main novelties brought by the new Code.

In the beginning of October, the Portal **jurispedia.ro** was launched. This is a live instrument where legal professional may comment articles from the new Civil Code (as well as of the other three new codes) and add information on relevant case law.

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JUDGE HORAȚIUS DUMBRAVĂ, DELIVERED ON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE JUDICIAL YEAR

EXTRACT

The Superior Council of Magistracy together with the High Court of Cassation and Justice shall restore the tradition of symbolic opening the Judicial Year every fall, in September, bearing in mind and in our actions not only us as representatives of the legal professions, representatives of Justice, but especially those to whom we dedicate our daily work, namely to citizens.

This is why I want to thank the Romanian Academy - Institute for Legal Research "Academician Andrei Radulescu" and personally to Mr. Prof. Mircea Dutu Ph.D. for accepting to host this significant moment for the judiciary.

Why the Romanian Academy? Presently, the justice system and the entire Romanian society are facing some major challenges for our future, namely the entry into force of the Civil Code - the new Civil Code – on October 1st this year, in three days from now, and the imminent entry into force of the three other codes - such events, if we take into account the frequency of adoption of such legislation, happen once every 150 years!

The Romanian Academy represents a symbol of Romanian spirituality, a pillar of scientific research, including legal research and it is an active participant in our society.

Returning to the new Civil Code it is our task, our duty to promote it properly.

At the National Institute of Magistracy nearly 400 magistrates are being trained on the new provisions within a series of conferences.

Lawyers, clerks and judicial executors need to be trained on the new provisions, and therefore SCM has signed a partnership protocol with the authorities and institutions of the judicial system that provided human and financial resources to organize joint training sessions – it is for the first time when the legal professions in Romania initiate such important joint actions.

THE COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL

President:

1. judge Nicolae Horațius DUMBRAVĂ

Vice president:

2. prosecutor George BĂLAN

Elected members, with permanent activity – Judges and prosecutors:

3. judge Bucurel Mircea ARON
4. judge Vasilică Cristi DANILEȚ
5. prosecutor Grațiana Daniela ISAC
6. judge Ana Cristina LĂBUȘ
7. prosecutor Dimitrie Bogdan LICU
8. judge Adrian Toni NEACȘU
9. prosecutor Oana Andrea SCHMIDT HĂINEALĂ
10. judge Alexandru ȘERBAN
11. judge Marius BADEA TUDOSE
12. judge Mona Maria PIVNICERU
13. judge Alina Nicoleta GHICA
14. prosecutor Florentina GAVADIA

Representatives of the civil society:

15. Mrs. Corina DUMITRESCU
16. Mrs. Georgiana IORGULESCU

Ex officio members:

17. Livia Doina STANCIU – president of the High Court of Cassation and Justice
18. Cătălin Marian PREDOIU – Minister of Justice
19. Laura Codruța KOVEȘI – General Prosecutor of the Prosecutors' Office attached to HCCJ



STRENGTHENING THE SCM CAPACITY

ADOPTION BY THE SCM PLENUM OF AN ACTION PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON THE PROGRESSES OF ROMANIA UNDER THE MECHANISM FOR COOPERATION AND VERIFICATION (CVM)

In its Plenum meeting of October 4, 2011, the SCM has approved a document containing guidelines for the implementation of the EC's Recommendations under the CVM by all the authorities and institutions that have responsibilities in judicial reform and fight against corruption.

The general and specific objectives as well as proposed actions and measures which fall under the direct responsibility of the SCM will be closely monitored within the SCM's working commissions. Meanwhile, the SCM will continue the inter-institutional dialogue, especially with the Ministry of Justice and National Integrity Agency and the Parliament, in order to observe the achievement of other objectives.

New SCM elected members

Following validation by the Senate of Romania, three new elected members of the SCM took over their 6 years term in office: judge Mona Maria PIVNICERU, judge Alina Nicoleta GHICA and prosecutor Florentina GAVADIA.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to wish them good luck and to achieve all of their objectives for this important function.

Speech of the SCM President (continuation from page 1)

We shall not forget that the individual is the most important. He should also know the new provisions, because, after all, he is the recipient of civil law.

Justice is mainly represented by Civil Justice, thus statistically - more than 80% percent of cases are pending before the civil courts and the Council of Europe and European Union recommend the Member States to maintain Justice closer to citizens. This recommendation is symbolically transposed in meetings with NGOs and journalists, in events called "open doors".

SCM approved on September 13th, 2011 to organize such activities and recommended the courts to support these events. This is how we all prove to understand the civic spirit, the importance of addressing to a public well informed and the importance of our mission in ensuring the judicial education of people in order for them to observe and obey to law and in trust for the authorities.

On this occasion, due to the presence of the Prime-Minister – proving the respect and the collaboration of the state powers – we shall be aware that legislative reform can not be argued only by reading and information, but that it necessarily involves orientation to the sufficient budgetary resources for the judiciary in order to make it a success.

Justice must receive the attention it deserves as a matter of national importance.

We continue to believe that a comprehensive agreement is required for the further development of Justice, and it is a challenge and a responsibility for all the representatives of the Judiciary, of the Legislative and of the Executive.



HUMAN RESOURCES WITHIN THE JUDICIARY

Promotion to the High Court of Cassation and Justice

After the admission of 5 candidates for the position of judge at the High Court of Cassation and Justice (1 for the Civil Section, 2 for the Criminal Section and 2 for the Commercial Section) on the occasion of the interview on 29th of August 2011, in the plenary meeting on September 27th, SCM Plenum analyzed the proposal of the president of the High Court of Cassation and Justice and of the president of SCM on the opportunity **of launching a new recruitment procedure for the position of judge at HCCJ.**

Taking into account the important shortage of personnel, the predicted retirements and the EC recommendation on increasing the capacity to deal especially with high-level corruption cases, SCM Plenum unanimously agreed to launch a new recruitment procedure according to the Decision no. 484A/ July 21st 2011. The announcement for the new recruitment procedure for the vacant positions of judge at HCCJ was published on September 29th of the SCM website.

National Institute of Magistracy and National School of Clerks

On September 26th 2011, Superior Council of Magistracy launched the procedure for appointing the deputy director for the National Institute for Magistracy in charge with the in service professional training, due to the fact that the current mandate is to become vacant on November 27th 2011.

*By the Decision no. 622/ September 22nd 2011 the SCM Plenum decided on extending the in service professional training with a **new training program for judges and prosecutors within Wealth Investigation Commissions**, according to the recent EC recommendations for unifying the practice of these commissions.*

*By the Decision no. 705/September 4th 2011SCM Plenum approved the **Network of trainers for initial training at NSC for 2011-2012**, according to the proposals submitted by National School of Clerks.*



JUDICIAL INSPECTION

The Council intends to strengthen the functional independence of Judicial Inspection and to improve the efficiency of its activity.

Strengthening the role of the Judicial Inspection

- By the **Decision no. 572/September 13th, 2011, SCM Plenum** approved the Activity Report of the Judicial Inspection for the first semester of 2011 and the proposals for the second semester of 2011.
- In the current period the Service of Judicial Inspection for Judges elaborated the final control report on monitoring the cases pending for more than one year within the judiciary system; the report is to be presented to the Section for Judges; the Service of Judicial Inspection for Prosecutors has elaborated the final control report on monitoring the cases pending for more than one year at the Prosecutors' Office attached to Targoviste Court of First Instance and at the Prosecutors' Office attached to Cluj-Napoca Court of First Instance.
- Also, the Section for Judges approved the report of the Judicial Inspection on assessing the situation of requests repetitively submitted as a mean of avoiding the system for random distribution of cases and decided on improving ECRIS system in order to for similarities to be identified by the system.

Disciplinary sanctions exercised by the disciplinary commissions

The Section for Judges delivered five disciplinary actions during September 2011; the sanctions applied were the following:

- "warning" for one judge for exercising the office with serious negligence (art. 99 lt. h, These II, Law no. 303/2004),
- "decreasing the initial gross monthly salary with 15% for 3 months" for one judge for violation of legal provisions regarding incompatibilities and interdictions for judges and prosecutors (art. 99 lt. a, Law no. 303/2004);
- "decreasing the initial gross monthly salary with 15% for 3 months" for one judge for repeatedly non-observing legal provisions of celerity in solving cases (art. 99 lt. e Law no. 303/2004);
- "decreasing the initial gross monthly salary with 15% for 3 months" for one judge for violation of legal provisions on filling in the wealth declarations, the declarations of interest and the provisions on incompatibilities and interdictions for judges and prosecutors (art. 99 lt. a, Law no. 303/2004);
- "warning" for one judge for repeatedly non-observing legal provisions of celerity in solving cases (art. 99 lt. e Law no. 303/2004).

Professional training of the judicial inspectors

The regular professional meetings continued in the referred period; the main topics were the following: *analyzing dismissal solutions; non-unitary jurisprudence of the disciplinary commissions in terms of solutions to the solicitations of the Ministry of Public Finance.*

Recruitment of the judicial inspectors

In the plenary meeting on 21st of July 2011, SCM Plenum decided on the date of the interview and on the versions of exam subjects (two theoretical issues and one practical case) according to the recruitment procedure for the inspector position.

The public announcement on the new procedure for recruiting 11 new judicial inspectors was widely disseminated throughout the country; 32 candidates have applied for these positions;

➤ On September 20th, 2011 took place the interview for the position of judicial inspector within the Service of Judicial Inspection for Judges. 2 of the 4 interviewed candidates were admitted (6 judges withdrew their candidacy and 1 candidate was not present).

On September 22nd, 2011 took place the interview for the position of judicial inspector within the Service of Judicial Inspection for Prosecutors. 6 of the 7 interviewed candidates were admitted (4 prosecutors withdrew their candidacy and 4 candidates were not present).

➤ By the Decision no. 677/September 27th 2011, SCM Plenum launched **a new recruitment procedure** for a number of 8 inspector positions within the Service of Judicial Inspection for Judges and for a number of 3 inspector positions within the Service of Judicial Inspection for Prosecutors.



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND EU AFFAIRS

RELATION WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

The president of the SCM, judge Nicolae Horatius DUMBRAVĂ and judge Cristi DANILEȚ, member of the SCM, have met on September 26, with Mr. Thomas BARNES, Resident advisor of the European Commission in Romania. Items of interest under the CVM have been discussed, such as promotion to the High Court of Cassation and Justice, recruitment of judicial inspectors, integrity, disciplinary actions and accountability of judges and prosecutors.

International relations

- Ms. Oana Andrea SCHMIDT HĂINEALĂ, member of the SCM, participated in the second General Assembly of the Euro-Arab Judicial Training Network, held in Amman, Jordan, from 4 to 6 October. Ms. HĂINEALĂ has been elected member of the EAJTN board.
- On October 11, 2011, in The Hague, Florin-Răzvan RADU, director for European Affairs and International Relations, represented Romania in the 3rd meeting of the National Correspondents of the European Judicial Network (EJN).
- On 25-26 October 2011, Mr. George BĂLAN, Vicepresident of the SCM, and Ms. Alina Nicoleta GHICA, member of the SCM, will participate in Istanbul in the Conference "Judicial reform in Turkey. Evolution of the High Council of Judges and Prosecutors from an European perspective."
- From 17 to 21 October 2011, Ms. Oana Andrea SCHMIDT HĂINEALĂ, member of SCM will participate in the 52nd plenary session of GRECO, held in Strasbourg.

EUROPEAN NETWORK OF COUNCILS FOR THE JUDICIARY (ENCJ)

- From 15 to 16 September 2011, a delegation of the SCM, composed of Nicolae Horatius DUMBRAVĂ, president, Grațiana Daniela ISAC, member of SCM, Oana Andrea SCHMIDT HĂINEALĂ, member of SCM and Florin-Răzvan RADU, director for European Affairs and International Relations, have participated in the meeting of the ENCJ Projects. Mr. DUMBRAVĂ also attended the Steering Committee meeting, held on September 14.
- The SCM delegation has had an active contribution in the works of the 3 of the 4 teams. The 1st team, coordinated by the Romanian SCM has approved the Project Fiche, as well a questionnaire which was distributed to ENCJ members and observers, in order to draft a report of judicial reform in Europe and guidelines on best practices to be presented in the next General Assembly.



Annex: Brief presentation of the members of the Romanian Superior Council of Magistracy

ELECTED MEMBERS - MAGISTRACY

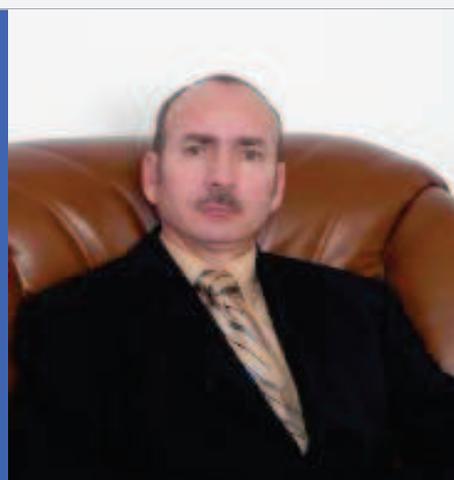
Mr. Nicolae Horațius DUMBRAVĂ: president of the Council for a term of office of one year (January 7th, 2011 – January 6th, 2012), representing the judges from the courts of appeal.



His relevant professional background:

- Bachelor`s Degree in Law (1996) and in Philosophy (1995);
- 15 years of work experience in magistracy;
- experience in the organization of the judicial system activity as former president of Târgu-Mureș Court of Appeal (2009-2011) and chief-prosecutor of the Prosecutors` Office attached to the Târgu-Mureș First Instance Court (1999-2000);
- author/coauthor of articles, studies and reports published in national and international review;
- former president of Society for Justice (SoJust, 2006) – a NGO who had cooperation with the juridical system; founder in different NGOs and professional magistrates associations;
- member of the Executive Board of the European Network of the Councils for the Judiciary;
- in January 2011 he signed the statement of integrity as a member of SCM.

Mr. George BĂLAN: vice-president of the Council for a term of office of one year (January 7th, 2011 – January 6th, 2012), representing the prosecutors from the prosecutors` offices attached to the courts of appeal.



His relevant professional background:

- Bachelor`s Degree in Law (1990);
- 21 years of work experience in magistracy;
- General Prosecutor of the Prosecutors` Office attached to Bucharest Court of appeal (2002-2010) and chief prosecutor of several offices within Prosecutors` Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice (1998-2002);
- president of the Disciplinary Committee within the Public Ministry (1999-2002)
- chief prosecutor of Bucharest 1st District Prosecutors` Office attached to the First instance court (1996-1998)
- attended many specialization training sessions in corruption, criminal, international cooperation, organized crime fields;



Mr. Bucurel Mircea ARON: member of the SCM, elected as representative of judges from the High Court of Cassation and Justice in 2010.



- Bachelor`s Degree in Law (1981);
- 30 years of work experience in magistracy;
- judge within the highest Romanian court – the former Supreme Court and High Court of Cassation and Justice (19 years);
- prosecutor for 11 years;
- specialized in criminal law;
- former member of Superior Council of Magistracy (1998-2002); former deputy general secretary of the Superior Council of Magistracy (1998-2001).

Mr. Vasiliță Cristi DANILEȚ: member of the SCM, elected as representative of judges from first instance courts in 2010.



- Bachelor`s Degree in Law (1998); post-graduated studies in Criminal Law Specialisations (2001); master in Criminal Law and Forensics (2002);
- 13 years of work experience in magistracy;
- coordinator of *Commission no. 4 – Transparency and integrity* within the SCM (from 2011 onwards);
- vice-president of Oradea first instance court (2009-2010);
- experience in the management of the national juridical system (former counselor of the minister of justice, 2005-2007); member in the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ-Council of Europe, 2005-2007); leader of the project *Support for improving juvenile justice in Romania* (partners: Ministry of Justice of Romania and the Ministry of Justice of France, 2005-2006, 1 million euros budget)
- trainer on Ethics at the National Institute of Magistracy and international groups;
- former member or professional magistrates associations, in Romania and abroad (2003-2010); member of the Executive Board of Transparency International – Romanian Chapter (2006-2009);
- consistent publishing activity: over 25 articles and books published in national and international volumes regarding independence of judiciary, impartiality of magistrates, integrity of the justice system, alternative dispute resolution;
- in January 2011 he signed the statement of integrity as a member of SCM.



Mrs. Grațiana Daniela ISAC: member of the SCM, elected as representative of prosecutors from the Prosecutors' Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice in 2006.



- 25 years of work experience in magistracy;
- over 10 years as prosecutor in management positions within the Prosecutors' Office attached to Bucharest Court of Appeal and Prosecutors' Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice (1995-2006);
- member of the Leading Board of the Prosecutors' Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice during October 2005 – February 2008;
- vice-president of the SCM for two mandates (2008-2009; 2010-2011);
- specialized in investigating organized crimes and terrorism;
- participated to international conferences, seminars, working groups, study visits and internships related to criminal justice, European standards for justice, public confidence.

Mrs. Ana Cristina LĂBUȘ: member of the SCM, elected as representative of judges from tribunals in 2006.



- Bachelor's Degree in Law (1996); PhD candidate in law;
- 14 years of work experience in magistracy;
- coordinator of *Commission no. 3 – Efficiency of activity and judicial performance of courts and prosecutors' offices* within the SCM (from 2011 onwards)
- specialized in criminal law and human rights law;
- scientific and didactic experience as university assistant/associate professor at the Faculty of Law in Iasi and trainer at the National Institute of Magistracy;
- participation as member of the commission in charge with the elaboration of the Criminal Code and Criminal Procedure Code (2008-2009);
- participated to international conferences and training seminars.

Mr. Bogdan Dimitrie LICU: member of the SCM, elected as representative of prosecutors from the Prosecutors' Offices attached to tribunals in 2006.



- Bachelor's Degree in Law (1995); PhD candidate in law;
- 15 years of work experience in magistracy;
- chief prosecutor of the Section for Surveillance of Criminal Investigations within the Prosecutors' Office attached to Bucharest Tribunal (2001-2005, 2005-2006);
- seconded to the Government of Romania – Chancellery of the Prime Minister, Directorate for Fight against Fraud (2005);
- former vice-president of the SCM (2009-2010);
- specialized in fight against fraud and counterfeit.



Mr. Adrian Toni NEACȘU: member of the SCM, elected as representative of judges from tribunals in 2010.



- Bachelor`s Degree in Law (1998);
 - 13 years of work experience in magistracy;
 - coordinator of *Commission no. 2 – Institutional strengthening and efficiency of SCM* within the SCM (from 2011 onwards)
 - president of Vrancea Tribunal (2006-2011);
 - trainer at National School of Clerks (2002-2008);
 - manager and coordinator of JURINDEX, the national web-portal for publishing the court decisions, freely and anonymously;
 - author/coauthor of articles, studies and reports published in national review;
 - former president of *Society for Justice (SoJust, 2008)*; founder of the Romanian National Union of Judges.
- in January 2011 he signed the statement of integrity as a member of SCM.

Mrs. Oana Andrea SCHMIDT-HĂINEALĂ: member of the SCM, elected as representative of prosecutors from the Prosecutors' Offices attached to tribunals in 2010.



- Bachelor`s Degree in Law (1997);
- 13 years of work experience in magistracy;
- coordinator of the *Commission no. 5 - Relation with EU and International Organisms and Organizations* within the SCM (from 2011 onwards);
- chief prosecutor of the Prosecutors' Office attached to Moinești first instance court (2001-2002), deputy chief prosecutor (2002-2004) and chief prosecutor (2004-2007) of Prosecutors' Office attached to Bacău Tribunal;
- chief prosecutor of the Bureau for Special Investigations of Magistrates and Police Officers within the Prosecutors' Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice (2004);
- Counselor of State in the Technical Apparatus of the Vice Prime Minister, Romanian Government (2009); counselor of the President of the Office for Preventing and Fighting Money Laundering (2010);
- director of the Department for Relation with the Public Ministry and for Prevention of Criminality and Corruption, Ministry of Justice (2007-2009); head of Romanian delegation at GRECO, head of the Romanian delegation at Regional Anti-corruption Initiative (RAI) within the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) and representative of the Ministry of Justice in MONEYVAL – Council of Europe;
- participated to international conferences and training seminars related to criminal law.



Mr. Marius TUDOSE: member of the SCM, elected as representative of judges from first instance courts in 2010.



- Bachelor`s Degree in Law (1995);
- 16 years of work experience in magistracy;
- coordinator of *Commission no. 6 – The partnership with the civil society* within the SCM (from 2011 onwards)
- president of Bucharest 3rd District first instance court (2001-2010);
- tutor of practice for justice auditors within the National Institute of Magistracy;
- specialized in criminal matters;
- participated to conferences and training seminars.

Mr. Alexandru ȘERBAN: member of the SCM, elected as representative of judges from the courts of appeal in 2010.



- Bachelor`s Degree in Law (1997);
- 14 years of work experience in magistracy;
- coordinator of *Commission no. 1 – Independence of justice and inter-institutional cooperation* within the SCM (from 2011 onwards)
- vice-president of Brașov Court of Appeal (2008-2010);
- tutor of practice for justice auditors within the National Institute of Magistracy;
- specialized in criminal matters;
- participated to international conferences and training seminars;
- in January 2011 he signed the statement of integrity as a member of SCM.



Mrs. Mona-Marisa PIVNICERU: member of the SCM, elected as representative of judges from the High Court of Cassation and Justice in 2011.



- Bachelor's Degree in Law (1982); PhD in International Public Law, (1999) and Civil Law (2008)
- 20 years of work experience in magistracy
- Judge at Iasi Court of First Instance (1991 - 1993), Iasi Tribunal (1993 - 1999), Iasi Court of Appeal (1999 - 2009), High Court of Cassation and Justice since 2010
- University lecturer/professor and doctoral tutor at the Faculty of Law – Iasi "Al. I. Cuza" University
- Member of the Scientific Board of NIM since 2005, trainer in civil law at NIM since 2004
- Awards: National Order of Merit – Commander - for outstanding achievements in development of jurisprudence, judicial reform and proper law enforcement (2000), distinction awarded by the Magistrates Association in Romania "moral and professional landmark for other magistrates"
- President of the Magistrates Association in Romania (2008 - 2011)
- Participation to conferences and professional training seminars
- Author/coauthor of over 90 studies and articles

Mrs. Alina Nicoleta GHICA: member of the SCM, elected as representative of judges from the Courts of Appeal in 2011.



- Bachelor's Degree in Law (1998)
- 12 years of work experience in magistracy
- Judge at the Court of First Instance in Bucharest Sector 2 (1998 - 2001), prosecutor at the Prosecutors' Office attached to Sector 3 Court of First Instance (2001 - 2003), prosecutor at the Prosecutors' Office attached to Bucharest Court of Appeal (2003-2006), judge at Bucharest tribunal (2006 - 2007)
- Judge at Bucharest Court of Appeal (since 2007)
- Participation to conferences and professional training seminars



Mrs. Florentina GAVADIA: member of the SCM, elected as representative of prosecutors from the prosecutors' offices attached to courts of first instance in 2011



- Bachelor's Degree in Law (1992), postgraduate specialization in Criminal Sciences, Master in intelligence and private security Law
- 19 years of work experience in magistracy
- Chief prosecutor of the Prosecutors' Office attached to Sector 6 Court of First Instance (since 2001)
- Practice tutor at NIM (since 2001)
- Practice tutor at NSC (since 2004)
- Member of the commission for drafting and verification of the topics at the exams for admission to magistracy and at the final exams, organized by SCM

ELECTED MEMBERS – CIVIL SOCIETY

Mrs. Georgiana Camelia IORGULESCU: member of the SCM, representative of civil society since 2011



- Bachelor's Degree in Law (2003) and Engineering – Faculty of Science and Engineering of metal materials Polytechnic University (1992)
- Member of Bucharest Bar (2004) and member of honor of Magistrates Association in Romania (2005)
- Mediator diploma(2004), awarded by the Delegation of the European Commission in Bucharest (Ministry of Justice)
- 11 years of work experience in coordinating projects within NGO-s programs
- Expert within Romanian Parliament (1998 - 2000)
- Executive director of Center for Judicial Research (2005 - present)

Mrs. Corina Adriana DUMITRESCU: member of the SCM, representative of civil society since 2011



- Bachelor's Degree in Law (1990)
- 11 years of work experience as professor
- PhD in Law, Cluj - Napoca "Babes Bolyai" University
- Professor and rector of "Dimitrie Cantemir" Cristian University (since 2007 - present) (founder of this University and founder member of "Dimitrie Cantemir" Cultural Association)
- General Secretary at the Ministry of Justice (2001 - 2005)
- Participation at courses of comparative law and international law at the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium) and Stanford (California)
- Author of numerous articles in the field of juridical sciences in different Romanian publications



EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Mrs. Livia Doina STANCIU: president of the High Court of Cassation and Justice (from 2010 onwards)

- Bachelor`s Degree in Law (1980);
- 21 years of work experience in magistracy;
- PhD in Criminal Law, Romanian Academy, Institute of Legal Researches, with thesis "The Exegesis of Criminal Law", 2008;
- judge at the Criminal Chamber of the High Court of Cassation and Justice since 2004, president of the Criminal Section within the HCCJ (2007-2008) and president of the High Court of Cassation and Justice since 2010;
- former president of Galați Tribunal (2001-2002)
- representative of HCCJ in Scientific Council of the National Institute of Magistracy since 2005;
- publishing activity: over 45 scientific articles in professional journals, national and international;
- participated to international conferences and training seminars.

Mr. Cătălin Marian PREDOIU: Minister of Justice (from 2008 onwards)

- Bachelor`s Degree in Law (1991);
- 20 years of legal experience as lawyer;
- PhD in Law, degree in Commercial Law, summa cum laudae, 2004;
- Minister of Justice, since 2008;
- member of the Bucharest Bar, Bar Council (2003 – 2007);
- member in various internal and international lawyers` associations;
- published scientific articles in professional journals, national and international;
- participated to international conferences and training seminars.

Mrs. Laura Codruța KOVESI: General Prosecutor of the Prosecutor`s Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice (2006-onwards)

- Bachelor`s Degree in Law (1995);
- 16 years of work experience in magistracy;
- specialized in combating organized crime and corruption, judicial and material assistance for victims of human trafficking and macro economic crime;
- publishing activity: scientific articles in professional journals, national and international;
- participated to international conferences and training seminars.