



MARIA CHRISTOFIDES

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Nationality: Cypriot
Date of Birth: 20th September 1978
Marital Status: Married

WORK EXPERIENCE

March 2001 – to date
Lawyer

September 2010- to date
Managing Partner

CHRISTOFIDES, SAMPSON & CO Law Firm

I practice law in the following major areas of law:

- Administrative law cases, Banking Law cases, Civil Law cases, Criminal Law cases, Corporate Law cases, Company Law cases, Energy Law cases, Torts Law cases e.t.c.

Most specifically, I am involved in the following activities of the firm:

- **Court appearances:** Supreme and District Court litigation both civil and criminal.
- **Case research:** In particular finding the answer to a specific legal question – and producing at least the first draft of the document for which the information is required. This could be a letter advising a client or a formal document such as pleading, affidavit, skeleton argument or written submission.
- **Client meetings:** Our work, criminal, corporate and civil, is wide ranging and I participate in client meetings at all levels of the legal process.
- **Drafting documentation:** Drafting of contracts, agreements and pleadings, affidavit, skeleton argument or written submission.
- **General Administrative and Managerial duties:** Office and personnel management, billing of clients, research and administrative office procedures.

Previously (1996-1997) I spent my gap year gaining experience working in all legal areas throughout the firm.

**October 2000-
February 2001**

Dr K. Chrysostomides & Co LLC Law Firm

In my time with this firm I specialized in Intellectual Property (IP) law. My responsibilities included working in the following areas:

- conducting trade mark research
- translation of documents from English to Greek
- attended hearings at the Registrar of Companies
- researching European IP law for particular relevance to local cases

June- August 1999

**Gordon Dadds Solicitors
London**

I worked mainly in the family law department (the speciality for which this firm is well known), including attending client meetings and court work. I also undertook some commercial and litigation work and was also very active in relation to certain administrative duties.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

1995

Chrysaphinis & Polyviou Law Firm

A work study scheme in association with my school.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2002-2003

University of Leicester

LLM in European Law and Integration

-Essay/Research paper on the role and status of the European Central Bank (ECB) within the European Union, in terms of its objectives, powers, duties and regulation.

1997-2000

University of Sheffield

LLB (Hons) Law

Degree class: 2-2

1993-1996

Acropolis Lyceum

Apolytirion 18 9/12

Winning general academic awards in all years

1990-1993

Acropolis B' Gymnasium

INTERESTS - AFFILIATIONS

Affiliations During my higher education in the UK, I was an active member of the University's Hellenic society and helped to organize several annual International events.

Member of the Rotaract Club Nicosia-Lefkothea since 2002. In July of 2004 I became the President of Professional Development Rotaract Club Nicosia-Lefkothea and in June of 2006 I became the President of International Relations in the District 2450.

Member of the JCI Nicosia (Junior Chamber International) since June 2004.

OTHER SKILLS

Languages Greek (native), English (fluent), French (fluent).

Computing Extensive knowledge of Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access).

REFERENCES

Available on request