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Anna Despotidou was born in Serres, Greece (1996), where she concluded her basic education (1984 – A' Lyceum of Serres). She studied Law at the Faculty of Law – School of Law and Economics of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, from where she graduated in July 1988 with the highest distinction (“Excellent” - 9 2/10, out of 10). During her undergraduate studies she was awarded scholarships from the Hellenic State Scholarships’ Foundation (IKY). She pursued her legal studies at the School of Law (Boalt Hall) of the University of California at Berkeley (USA) and in December 1989 she received the postgraduate degree LL.M. (Master in Laws) with the highest distinction (“Highest Honors” 3.85, out of 4). Under the supervision of Prof. Emeritus Dr. Lambros Kotsiris, renowned scholar in the area of Commercial Law and member of the Academy of Sciences of Athens, she wrote a doctoral thesis on Copyright Law, bearing the title “Legal Nature and Function of the Publishing Contract” and in April 2002 she was nominated Doctor of Legal Sciences (Ph.D. degree) of the Faculty of Law - School of Legal, Economic and Political Sciences of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, with the highest distinction (“Excellent”-unanimously). Having received a scholarship for post doctoral research from the Hellenic State Scholarships’ Foundation (2005-2006) and under the supervision of Prof. Emeritus Dr. E. Alexandridou, who is an expert on Consumer Protection Law, she conducted a research in the field of “Distance marketing of financial services”. Her book, bearing the same title, was published by Sakkoulas Publications (Athens – Thessaloniki) in 2009.

Ms A. Despotidou has served as a Special Postgraduate Scholar (EMY) at the Department of Commercial and Economic Law of the Faculty of Law - School of Law and Economics of A.U.TH., from 1990 to 1996, performing duties of scientific, educational and administrative character. She was appointed: a) external scientific collaborator in an EU funded project (EPEAEK), run by the Faculty of Law (School of Law and Economics) of A.U.TH. (1998-1999), under the title “Reforming the curriculum of graduate legal studies and introducing new teaching, assimilation and evaluation methods” (scientific supervisor: Prof. Dr. Anna Grammatikaki Alexiou)

and b) scientific collaborator with teaching duties in an EU funded project (EPEAEK), run by the Faculty of Law (School of Law and Economics) of A.U.TH., under the title “Unified European Legal Area” (scientific co-ordinator: Prof. Dr. P. Stangos). In this context, she provided her services to the Lab “Law and New Technologies” (2004-2004). With an Act issued by the Rector of the University of Macedonia (Thessaloniki – Greece) on 12/10/2004, Ms. A. Despotidou was hired as a Special Scientific Collaborator (P.D. no. 401/1981) and served as a full - time Lecturer in Law at the Department of Accounting and Finance of the same University, for three (3) academic years (October 2004 – August 2007).

In June 2009 she was elected Lecturer in (Commercial) Law at the Faculty of Law (School of Legal, Economic and Political Sciences) of A.U.TH. and was appointed to this position in January 2011. She teaches several courses that systematically fall into the area of Commercial Law, such as: Industrial Property Law, Unfair Competition Law and Consumer Protection in the context of Commercial Law, Accounting of Commercial Companies, European Commercial Law (Jean Monnet Programme), Copyright Law, Private Maritime Law (Erasmus Programme). At a post-graduate level, she co-teaches the course “Law of Commercial Transactions” (1st year of studies). She was appointed a member of the General Assembly of the Faculty of Law, representing the Department of Commercial and Economic Law at the academic grade of Lectures, from September 2011 to December 2012.

Ms. A. Despotidou is an attorney-at-law, accredited with the Bar Association of Thessaloniki since 1991, and serves as a legal counselor to the State Museum of Contemporary Art of Thessaloniki (SMCA) since 2009. She is a founding member of the Macedonian Society of Commercial Law (1995), as well as a member of the Greek Association of Commercial Law (1992), the Association for the Protection of Copyright, which is the Greek Department of Association Littéraire et Artistique International (ALAI) based in Athens (2002), and the Greek Association of Civil Law (2003). Since 2004 she is a member of the Board of Directors (treasurer) of the Greek Department of ALAI. She is also an active member of the International Alumni Association of the School of Law of the University of California at Berkeley (IABA) since 1990.

In September 2013 she was appointed -amongst others- as a Scientific Associate of the Law Journal “Survey of Commercial Law” (EpiskED).

As a Copyright Law Expert, she provided her services to two EU funded programmes (Phare European Twinning Projects), run by the European Public Law Center (EPLC) under the scientific supervision of Prof. Dr. D. Kallinikou, a renowned authority on IP Law. In this context, Ms. A. Despotidou participated in Seminars for Public Awareness and delivered lectures (in English) to judges and other public servants on Copyright Law, initially in Tallin - Estonia (6-9/9/2004, Project no. EE/02/IB-IF-04

entitled “Enforcement of Intellectual and Industrial Property Legislation”) and afterwards in Ankara, Istanbul and Antalia - Turkey (December 2006, April and October 2006, Project no. TR/2004/IB/OT/O1 “Support to Turkey’s efforts in the full alignment and enforcement in the field of Intellectual Property Rights with a focus on the fight against piracy”). She also participated as an external scientific collaborator (Copyright Law Expert) in the EU funded Tempus Project JEP – “Towards EU Copyrights and Neighboring Rights Standards”, run under the auspices of the University of Macedonia (scientific supervision: Prof. Dr. Th. Hatzigagios). Thus, through the action “Training of trainers in Greece” she delivered training to Law Faculty members and high-ranked public servants originated from FYROM.

She has participated as a main speaker or/and an auditor in numerous scientific national and international conferences. She is the author of two books and she has published a series of studies, articles, contributions to collective works and case notes. Her scientific and research interests focus mainly on the areas of Intellectual Property Law (Copyright and Industrial Property Law), Unfair Competition and Antitrust Law, Consumer Protection Law and Law of Companies and Corporations.

Languages: Greek (native), English and German (proficient user); French (basic user).

Publications and Lectures:

1. Monographs:

- “Legal Nature and Function of the Publishing Contract” (494p.), Sakkoulas Editions, Athens-Thessaloniki 2003 (p. XXI + 494, ISBN 960-3-1-678-0). Doctoral thesis, published in the context of the scientific series: «Contemporary Topics of Commercial Law”, Ref. no. 24.
- “Distance marketing of financial services” - A parallel interpretative approach to the provisions of Directive 2002/65/EC and of Art. 4a of L. 2251/1994, after the enactment of L. 3587/2007, Sakkoulas Editions, Athens – Thessaloniki 2009 (p. XVIII + 237, ISBN 978 -960-445-390-0). Post-doctoral research, conducted under a fellowship received by the Greek Scholarship Foundation (I.K.Y.); published in the context of the scientific series: «Contemporary Topics of Commercial Law”, Ref. no. 37.

2. Contributions to collective works:

- Interpretation of Art. 12 (Transfer), 13 (Licenses and Contracts of Exploitation), 14 (Legal Form), 15 (The extent of transfer of economic rights and (of) licenses and contracts of exploitation), 16 (The consent of the author as an exercise of the moral right), 17 (Transfer of the material, in which the work has been incorporated) and of Art. 32 (Proportionate remuneration) 33 (Provisions on publishing contract) of Greek L. 2121/1993 on the protection “of Copyright and Related Rights”, in *Kotsiris/Stamatoudi* (ed.), Law

- 2121/1993, Sakkoulas Editions, Athens – Thessaloniki 2009, pp. 313-448, 637-673.
- Analysis of Art. 4a of the Greek L. 2251/1994 on “Consumer protection”, that regulates the “Distance marketing of financial services”, in *Alexandridou* (ed.), *Consumer Protection Law (Greek and European) – An analysis of L. 2251/1994, after the enactment of L. 3587/2007*, Nomiki Vivliothiki Editions, Athens 2009, pp. 249-326.
 - Introductory remarks to Art. 36 – 40a, General Introduction on the Law of Auditing and systematic Interpretation of Art. 36, 36a and 37 of codified L. 2190/1920, in *Antonopoulos/Mouzoulas* (ed.), “Companies Limited by shares (S.A.), Vol. II – Articles 18-40a, 42e § 5 (Interpretation of the Articles of C.L. 2190/1920 – The remuneration in Public Companies and in the Companies of the financial sector), Sakkoulas Editions, Athens – Thessaloniki 2013 (ISBN 978-960-445-568-018-30, pp. 755-986.
 - *Forthcoming*: Comments on Art. 118 TFEU (“Protection of Intellectual Property Rights”), in *Skouris* (ed.), “Systematic Interpretation of the Treaty of the European Union and the Treaty of the Functioning of the European Union” (to be published under the auspices of KDEOD).

3. Essays and Articles:

- “The moral right of the author to reconsider”, *Review of Armenopoulos* (Epistimoniki Epetirida Armenopoulou), 13 (1992), pp. 153-176 (Co-author: A. Papadopoulou).
- “The institution of auditors in Societé Anonyme, especially within the limits of the E.E.C.”, *Review of Commercial Law* (Epitheorisi Emporikou Dikaiou), ME' (1994), pp. 520-570.
- “The legal protection of the title”, *Survey of Commercial Law* (Episkopisi Emporikou Dikaiou), A' (1995), pp. 717-735.
- “The economic rights of the author according to Art. 3 § 1 L. 2121/1993 (as amended)”, in the collective work “Information Society and Copyright Law – The Greek regulation”, Ant. Sakkoulas Ed., Athens-Komotini 2003, pp. 11-54.
- “Consumer protection in distance contracts according to Art. 4 of L. 2251/1994”, *Survey of Commercial Law* (Episkopisi Emporikou Dikaiou) IA' (2005), pp. 563-592.
- “Directive 2004/48/EC on the enforcement of intellectual property rights – Introduction and cases of application”, in the collective work “Protection of Copyright Law – The Community Regulation”, Ant. Sakkoulas Ed., Athens – Komotini 2005, pp. 11-36.
- “The performer who works for the state” (Thoughts by reason of the decision n. 670/2007 of the Supreme Court of Greece), *Media Law Review* (DiMEE) 2007/4, pp. 502-514.
- “Economic Rights and Exploitation of Copyright Works”, in “Copyright and Related Rights – National and International Theory and practice”, University

Iustinianus Primus (FYROM), Faculty of Law (Ed.), 2007, (ISBN 978-9989-194-06-1), pp. 261-269.

- “Contracts of exploitation”, in the collective work “The work of George Koumantos and the current issues of Copyright”, Sakkoulas Editions, Athens – Thessaloniki 2011, pp. 151-188.

4. Case notes:

- Comments on decision 1134/1993 of the Single Member Court of First Instance of Volos (on the problem of the legal nature of “consortium”), *Survey of Commercial Law* (Episkopisi Emporikou Dikaiou) A'/1995, pp. 165-181.
- Comments on decision 606/2003 of the Multi Member Court of First Instance of Athens (on civil law protection provided to authors and other copyright owners), *Media Law Review* (DiMEE) 3/2004, pp. 399-404.

5. Active participation in Conferences - Presentations - Lectures (Indicative list):

- “The use of the work for the benefit of the society and the social restraint of the right of literary property”: paper presented orally at an International Seminar on Copyright Law, organized at the Faculty of Law – School of Law and Economics of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki by the Department of Commercial and Economic Law in co-operation with Prof. Dr. M. Rehbinder, of the Zurich School of Law, May 14-16, 1990.
- “Intellectual Property Rights (IP Rights) – An analysis based on TRIPS Agreement (Part II) with reference to EU Legislation in the IP Sector”: lecture given to officials of the Ministry of Culture of Estonia at a seminar that took place in Tallin in the context of the PHARE EUROPEAN TWINNING PROJECT (action: n. EE02-IB-IF-04) entitled “Enforcement of Intellectual and Industrial Property legislation”.
- “Public lending right and public libraries”: speech delivered at a Conference organized by the Aegean University, in co-operation with the Hellenic Organization of Copyright (O.P.I.) and the Association of Greek Public Libraries, at Mytilini (Lesvos), on November 4th, 2005. (It may be reached at <http://www.copyright2005.lib.aegean.gr/presentations.htm>).
- “Exploitation of Copyright works: transfer of rights, general principles, examples”: lecture given in the Seminar of Judges, that took place in Ankara (Turkey), under the title “Copyright and Related Rights at the beginning of the 21st Century”, in the context of the PHARE EUROPEAN TWINNING PROJECT (n. TR/2004/IB/OT/01 – Support to Turkey’s efforts in the full alignment and enforcement in the field of Intellectual property Rights with a focus on the fight against Piracy”), December 7, 2006.
- “The economic right of the author”: lecture delivered at the “Seminar for Public Awareness”, that took place at the University of Bahcesehir (Istanbul), in the context of the above mentioned EU Project, April 25-26, 2007.
- “Contracts of exploitation of cinematographic works”: presentation at the

“Seminar for public Awareness”, that took place in Antalia (Turkey), in the context of the above mentioned EU Project, October 22-24, 2007.

- “The rights of newspapers’ publishers according to L. 2121/1993”: oral presentation at a seminar organized by the Hellenic Organization of Copyright (O.I.I.) in Athens (Megaron Mousikis), November the 8th, 2007, under the general title “Journalists and Mass Media Publishers – Problems of Copyright Law”.
- “Abuse of dominant position in the supply of port services”: paper presented orally at a 2-day Conference on “The Law of ports and port policy”, that was organised in Thessaloniki by the Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport of the Aegean University, in co-operation with the Macedonian Society of Commercial Law, May 14-15, 2010.
- “Contracts of exploitation”: essay presented orally at the conference entitled “The work of George Koumantos and the current issues of Copyright”, which was organised in Athens by the Greek Group of ALAI in the memory of Professor G. Koumantos, May the 7th, 2010.
- “Extrajudicial arrangement according to art. 2 of the L. 3869/2010”: oral presentation at a seminar organized by the Bar Association of Kozani, in co-operation with the General Secretariat of Consumer, in Kozani (November 26, 2010), under the general title: “Over-indebted households – Topics concerning the application of L. 3869/2010”. The same speech, with slight alterations, was also delivered at another seminar, organized by the Bar Association of Serres, in co-operation with the General Secretariat of Consumer, that took place in Serres, on January the 13th, 2011, under the general title: “Application of L. 3869/2010 for the settlement of the debts of over-indebted natural persons”.
- “The subject matter of protection – Works” (questions: 1.1. – 1.3.): part of the National Report, which was submitted to the International Congress of Copyright Law (ALAI Study days), that took place in Dublin (Ireland), from June 30 to July 1st, 2011, under the general title: “Expansion and Contraction of Copyright: Subject Matter, Scope, Remedies”. The report can be reached at: www.alaidublin2011.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/Greece.pdf.
- “Company alterations in the Private Company Limited by Shares (IKE – the Greek SPE)”: presentation delivered at the 22nd National Congress of Commercial Law, which was organized by the Greek Association of Commercial Law, in Larissa (October 19-20, 2012), under the general title : “The new company law of the medium-sized enterprise (L. 4072/2012)”.
- “Company alterations in the Private Company Limited by Shares (IKE – the Greek SPE) – Relations of the partners amongst them and towards the Company”: presentation delivered at an educational seminar organized by the National School of Judges, sponsored by the Greek State and the EU (ESPA 2007-2013), on March 12-13, 2013, in Thessaloniki, under the general title: “Company law topics in the context of L. 4072/2012”.
- “Contemporary issues on Copyright Law”: lecture given in the context of an

educational seminar, that was organized by the European Law Students' Association (ELSA) of Komotini, on Thursday, May the 23rd 2013, at the School of Law of the Democritus University of Thrace, under the general title: "Contemporary issues on Industrial Property and Copyright Law". The presentation on Industrial Property Law was delivered by Assistant Prof. Dr. Ap. Karagounidis.

- "Exhaustion of distribution right in copies of computer programmes that are downloaded from the Internet" – Thoughts by reason of the Decision of the ECJ "UsedSoft v. Oracle International Corp." of the 3rd of July, 2012, Case n. C-128/2011): presentation at a Conference that was co-organized by the Bar Association of Thessaloniki, the Department of Applied Computer Science of the University of Macedonia, the Department of History, Philosophy and Sociology of Law of the School of Law of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Association of Greek Lawyers e-themis, in Thessaloniki, June 7-8, 2013, under the general topic: "Legal and Social consequences of the Internet today".