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Dr. Achilleas Bechlivanis graduated from the Classical Lyceum of Volos, Greece. In 1992 he was admitted, among the top rated candidates, to the Faculty of Law of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – School of Law and Economics. He graduated with distinction (“excellent”) in 1996.

He continued his legal studies in Germany at the Faculty of Law of University of Bonn (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität Bonn, Rechts- und Staatswissenschaftliche Fakultät). In 1998 he was awarded the degree “Magister iuris comparativi” with distinction (“summa cum laude”).

During the years 1999-2002 he worked on his doctoral dissertation titled “Vermögensbindung bei der unabhängigen und der einfach faktisch konzernierten Aktiengesellschaft“ under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Ulrich Huber and Prof. Dr. Markus Lutter. After an oral examination covering all fields of law (so called “rigorosum”) in November 2002, he was nominated Doctor of Legal Sciences (Doktor der Rechte) with distinction (“summa cum laude”). During his scientific presence in Bonn - Germany he attended courses in all fields of law, emphasizing in Commercial and Civil law (under the supervision of Professors U. Huber, M. Lutter, K. Schmidt, W. Schön, R. Knütel). His dissertation has been published in the series of studies on economic and labor law (Abhandlungen zum Arbeits- und Wirtschaftsrecht) by “Recht und Wirtschaft” Publications in Heidelberg, partly sponsored honoris causa by the Faculty of Law of University of Bonn.

He was a scholarship recipient of “Sofoklis Achillopoulos” Foundation (1999-2001) as well as a recipient of a scholarship for postdoctoral research from the State Scholarships’ Foundation of the Hellenic Republic (2005-2006).

He is member of the Bar Association of Thessaloniki (Greece) since 1999 and Cologne (Germany) since 2006. He specializes in commercial and civil law (acting mainly as legal counsel and representative of domestic and foreign corporations).

From February 2005 to February 2011 he held an academic position at the level of “Lecturer” at the University of the Aegean – School of Business, Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport where he lectured to undergraduates and postgraduates on Commercial and Financial Law, Marine Insurance Law, Maritime Law, Chartering and Sea Labor Law.

In April 2010 the Faculty of Law of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki unanimously elected him “Lecturer” in the Department of Economic and Commercial Law. Due to delay in the completion of his official appointment (because of the respective national budgetary commitments and restrictions) he took office for the first time in January 2014. In July 2016 he was unanimously elected at the rank of Assistant Professor and officially appointed in November of the same year. In February 2020 his academic position was unanimously converted to permanent.

During the academic year 2018-2019 he was Director of the Department of Commercial and Economic Law of the Faculty of Law of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

He has been member of the Legislative Committee for the preparation of a draft law on transformations - mergers of companies, which became Articles 1 to 147 of Law 4601/2019 “Corporate transformations and harmonization of the legal framework with the provisions of Directive 2014/55/EU of the European Union and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on electronic invoicing in public procurement and other provisions” (Government Gazette A 44 / 9.03.2019).

From October 2004 to February 2019 he was permanent scientific associate at the field of Commercial Law on the monthly law review “Armenopoulos” published by the Bar Association of Thessaloniki. Since January 2006 he is a scientific associate of the “Commercial Law Review”, a quarterly journal published by the “Macedonian Commercial Law Union”, whereas in June 2013 he was appointed scientific coordinator of the journal.

His main scientific interests focus on commercial and civil law. He has participated in many scientific conferences as speaker. His numerous publications include monographs, essays, contributions to collective works, studies and comments on judicial decisions.

He is fluent in German, English and French.