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Anna Despotidou was born in Serres, Greece (1966), where she concluded her basic education (1984). She studied Law at the Faculty of Law – School of Law and Economics of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), from where she graduated in July 1988 with the highest distinction (“Excellent” - 9 2/10, out of 10), that placed her in the top 1% of her class. During her undergraduate studies she was awarded annual scholarships from the Hellenic State Scholarships’ Foundation/IKY for her outstanding performance. She pursued her legal studies at the School of Law of the University of California at Berkeley (UC Berkeley Law, USA), conducting an LL.M. thesis, with the title: “Abuse under Article 86 of the EEC Treaty and the conduct requirement in the offense of monopolization under Section 2 of the Sherman Act – A comparative approach” (pp. 1-148), under the supervision of (late) Prof. L. A. Sullivan, whereas in December 1989 she received her LL.M. (Master in Laws) with the highest distinction (“Highest Honors/HH”, 3.85 out of 4). Coming back to Greece, she wrote a doctoral dissertation on Copyright Law, bearing the title: “Legal Nature and Function of the Publishing Contract”, under the supervision of (late) Prof. Lambros Kotsiris, a renowned scholar in the area of Commercial Law and member of the Academy of Sciences of Athens, 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 AUTH, with the highest distinction (“Excellent”- unanimously). Having received a scholarship for post doctoral research from the Hellenic State Scholarships’ Foundation/IKY (2005-2007) and under the supervision of Prof. Emeritus Dr. E. Alexandridou, who is an expert on Consumer Protection Law, she conducted research in the field of “Distance marketing of financial services”, the results of which are included in a monograph, bearing the same title, that was published by Sakkoulas Publications (Athens – Thessaloniki) in 2009.

Ms A. Despotidou 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 AUTH (1990-1996), performing duties of scientific, educational and administrative character. She was also appointed as an *external scientific collaborator* in an EU funded project (EPEAEK), under the title “Reforming the curriculum of graduate legal studies and introducing new teaching, assimilation and evaluation methods” (1998-1999), run by the Faculty of Law – School of Law and Economics AUTH, and as a scientific collaborator *with teaching duties* in another EU funded

project (EPEAEK), under the title “Unified European Legal Area”, that was run by the same Faculty. In this context, she provided her services to the Lab “Law and New Technologies” (2002-2004). Furthermore, Ms. A. Despotidou was hired as a Special Scientific Collaborator (pursuant to P.D. no. 401/1981) and served as a full - time Lecturer in Law at the Department of Accounting and Finance of the University of Macedonia -Thessaloniki, GR, 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 AUTH and was appointed to this position in January 2011. In July 2019 Anna was elected Assistant Professor of Commercial Law at the Faculty of Law - School of Law AUTH, where she serves until today. She has taught and presently teaches several courses, *at graduate and post-graduate level*, which systematically fall into the area of Commercial and Economic Law and more specifically: Synthesis of Commercial Law, IP Law (Copyright, Patents, Trademarks), Unfair Competition Law and Antitrust Law, Consumer Protection Law, Accounting of Commercial Companies, European Commercial Law (Jean Monnet Program), EU IP Law and Private Maritime Law (Erasmus Program) as well as Art and Copyright Law (at the School of Fine Arts of AUTH). At a post-graduate level, Ms Despotidou co-teaches the course “Law of Commercial Transactions”, in the context of the Graduate Studies Programme (GSP) offered by the Department of Commercial and Economic Law of the Faculty of Law AUTH, whereas she delivers lectures in a series of post-graduate programs organized on an interuniversity or interdisciplinary basis, such as: “Law and Economics: Economic Background and Legal Context” (organized in co-operation with the Faculty of Economics of the University of Macedonia – Thessaloniki, GR), “Food Law” (offered in conjunction with the Faculty of Agriculture - Department of Food Technology AUTH), “Pharmaceutical Law: Law and Practice” (offered in co-operation with the Faculty of Pharmacy of the School of Health Sciences AUTH) and “ICT Law and Policy” (offered on conjunction with the School of Journalism & Mass Communication). In addition, the applicant is going to teach EU IP Law in the context of the English-speaking Graduate Studies Programme “European Business and Economic Law”, that will be offered by at the Faculty of Law AUTH in the next academic year (2022-2023). Moreover, Anna is a scientific member of the “Laboratory for the research of Medical Law and Bioethics”, that operates in the Faculty of Law AUTH, supervising the trainees’ programme, taking part in the drafting of the Lab’s legal opinions and participating actively not only in its regular educational and training activities but also in the International Congresses it organizes (almost annually) in Thessaloniki. At the same time, she also participates in the educational activities organized by the “Research Institute for Transparency, Corruption and Financial Crime” (RITCFC), giving lectures to lawyers and other professionals on topics of special interest.

Apart from her teaching and research activities as a member of the Faculty of Law AUTH, Ms Despotidou has undertaken several administrative tasks. In this context, she has served as a member of the General Assembly of the Faculty of Law AUTH (2011-2013, 2019-2021) and participated in more Standing Committees of the same, such as the Committee of Finance (2015-2017) and the Committee of Scientific Events and the Connection with the Judicial Practice (2017 – today), which -among others- is in charge of organizing the annual congress of the Faculty of Law AUTH. In addition, the applicant is an alternate member of the Legal Committee of AUTH, that is an advisory body, represents (since 2019) the Faculty of Law in the Council of the “Center for Training and Lifelong Education” AUTH (ΚΕΔΙΒΙΜ ΑΠΘ) and has been recently appointed -by the Chancellor of AUTH- as a member of the Committee for the management of the programme “Pan European Seal” AUTH.

Ms Despotidou has served as a *Copyright Law Expert* in to 2 (two) “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 Copyright Law. In this context, Anna 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 -Thessaloniki GR. Thus, through the action “Training of trainers in Greece” she delivered training to Law Faculty members and high-ranked public servants originated from Northern Macedonia. Furthermore, Anna participated in the International Conference on “Copyright Limitations and Exceptions for Libraries, Archives, Museums and Education & Research Institutions”, which was held at the World Intellectual property Organization (WIPO) Headquarters in Geneve, on October 18-19, 2019, as a panelist in the Panel on Museums (18/10). Most recently (November 2021), she participated in another EU Twinning Project, run by the Center of International and European Economic Law (CIEEL) – Thessaloniki, GR in Bacu - Azerbaijan (mission 4.1.2021), giving a lecture (via Webex) to the officers of the Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on the topic: Directive 2019/790/EU on Copyright and Related Rights in the Digital Single Market: A general overview, with an emphasis on the so-called “value gap” provision (Art. 17). Finally, Ms Despotidou has been appointed *as the Tutor* of Team no. 8, which consists of 12 trainees and coaches from all-over Europe and is going to participate in the IP Campus 2022 (May 2-5, 2022), organized by the EUIPO Academy within the framework of the Pan-European Seal programme, with the task to deliver a presentation on the topic “IP

and Interior Design”, aiming to win the relevant prize.

During her academic career, Anna has participated as a main speaker, a chairman, a panelist or/and an auditor in numerous national and international conferences and seminars (as well as webinars) and was in charge of drafting the National/Greek report in 3 (three) ALAI International Congresses [in: Dublin (2011), Bonn (2015) and Madrid (2021)]. She is the author of 3 (three) monographs, that have been published as books in Greece, and she has written approx. 40 studies, articles, contributions to collective works (eg. chapters in books or interpretation of legislative provisions) as well as case notes. Her scientific and research interests focus on the areas of Intellectual Property Law (Copyright and Industrial Property Law, *mainly* Patents and Trademarks), Unfair Competition and Antitrust Law, Consumer Protection Law, EU Economic Law and Law of Companies and Corporations. She has supervised several graduate dissertations and is currently supervising five (5) PhDs, falling into her main areas of expertise.

Ms Despotidou is an attorney-at-law, accredited with the Bar Association of Thessaloniki since 1991, and is currently appointed to the Court of Appeals. Since 2009 she serves as a legal counselor to MOMus - Metropolitan Organization of Museums of Visual Arts of Thessaloniki (former: SMCA - State Museum of Contemporary Art of Thessaloniki), dealing with a series of complex and interesting matters. 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 Law (EIIIII), that stands as the Greek Department of Association Littéraire et Artistique Internationale (ALAI) and is based in Athens (2002), and the Greek Association of Civil Law (2003). Since 2004, Anna is regularly elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Greek Department of ALAI. Additionally, she is an active member of the International Association of Berkeley Law Alumni in Europe (IABA) since 1990, having participated in the organization of several academic and social events all over Europe.

In September 2013 Ms Despotidou was appointed as a scientific associate in the Law Journal “Survey of Commercial Law” (EpiskED), whereas in May 2021 the Minister of Culture appointed her as a member of the Legislative Committee for the transposition of Directives (EU) 789/2019 and 790/2019 into the Greek legal order.

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

Indicative list of Publications:

1. Monographs:

- “Legal Nature and Function of the Publishing Contract”, Sakkoulas Publications, 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 Publications, Athens – Thessaloniki 2009 (pp. XVIII + 237, ISBN 978-960-445-390-0). Published in the context of the scientific series: «Contemporary Topics of Commercial Law», Ref. no. 37.
- “Partner’s withdrawal from a Private Company (P.C.) limited by shares – Contribution to the interpretation of pars. 1 and 2 of art. 92 L. 4072/2012”, Sakkoulas Publications, Athens – Thessaloniki 2019 (pp. XIX + 278, ISBN 978-960-568-890-5).

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 Publications, Athens – Thessaloniki 2009, pp. 313-448, 637-673.
- “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.
- 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) – A Commentary of L. 2251/1994, after the enactment of L. 3587/2007, Nomiki Vivliothiki Publications, 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 (A Commentary of C.L. 2190/1920 – The remuneration in Public Companies and in the Companies of the financial sector), Sakkoulas Publications, Athens – Thessaloniki 2013 (ISBN 978-960-445-568-018-30), pp. 755-986.
- Analysis of Art. 40 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) – A Commentary of L. 2251/1994 and other relevant legal acts, 2nd ed. (revised), Nomiki Vivliothiki Publications, 2015, pp. 269-399.

- Analysis of Art. 40 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) – A Commentary of L. 2251/1994, as amended by L. 4512/2018 and codified by M.D. 5338/2018*, 3rd ed. (revised and enriched), pp. 297-405.
- Interpretation of Art. 118 TFEU (“Protection of Intellectual Property Rights”), in *Skouris* (ed.), “The Treaty of Lisbon: A systematic Interpretation – The Treaty on European Union, The Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, The Charter of Fundamental Rights”, Sakkoulas Publications, Athens – Thessaloniki 2020 (ISBN 978-960-648-094-2), pp. 1206-1221.
- The New Mandatory Teaching Exception or Limitation (Article 5 of the CDSM Directive): Ensuring its Application in the Digital and Cross-Border Environment(s) While Losing the Way to Harmonization? (Chapter 5, pp. 99-139), in: *Synodinou/Jougleux/Markou/Prastitou-Merdi* (eds.), *EU Internet Law in the Digital Single Market*, Springer Nature Switzerland AG 2021, ISBN 978-3-030-69582-8

3. Essays and Articles:

- “The moral right of the author to reconsider”, *Review of Armenopoulos* (Epist. Epet. Armenopoulou), 1992, pp. 153-176 (Co-author: A. Papadopoulou).
- “The institution of auditors in Société Anonyme, especially within the limits of the E.E.C.”, *Review of Commercial Law* (EEmpD) 1994, pp. 520-570.
- “The legal protection of the title”, *Survey of Commercial Law* (EpiskED), 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* (EpiskED) 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, pp. 502-514.
- “Contracts of exploitation”, in the collective work “The work of George Koumantos and the current issues of Copyright”, Sakkoulas Publications, Athens – Thessaloniki 2011, pp. 151-188.
- “The protection of Intellectual Property Rights in the EU since the Treaty of Lisbon entered into force: Contribution to the interpretation of the provision of Art. 118 TFEU”, *Survey of Commercial Law* (EpiskED) 2014, pp. 21-51.
- “The exhaustion of the right of distribution in the digital environment –

Thoughts by reason of the Decision of the ECJ “UsedSoft v. Oracle International Corp. (C-128/2011)”, published in: ALAI – The Copyright Protection Union (ed.), “Law 2121/1993 on Copyright and related rights: 20 years of application”, Nomiki Vivliothiki Publications, Athens 2014, pp. 45-68.

- “Copyright infringements in the Internet”, *Survey of Commercial Law* (EpiskED) 2017, pp. 591-629.
- “Some thoughts on the theory of “the purpose of the transfer” (or *the contract*) in the context of Copyright Law (Zweckübertragungstheorie and, already, Übertragungszwecklehre or Übertragungszweckgedanke)”, Armenopoulos 2020, pp. 621-633.
- “Obligations and liability of financial institutions arising from consumer and mortgage credit contracts, in “Liability of financial Institutions”, in the collective volume comprising from the reports and papers submitted to the 29th Panhellenic Conference of the Association of Greek Commercialists (Serres, October 4-6, 2019), Nomiki Vivliothiki Publications, Athens 2021, pp. 193-242.
- “Intellectual Property Rights on vaccines against SARS-Cov-2: Legal and Ethical Issues”, *to be published* in the collective volume containing the reports and papers submitted to the International Conference (via zoom) “Covid-19 Pandemic: Medical, Legal and Ethical Issues”, organized by the Laboratory for the research of Medical Law and Bioethics, in November 12-14, 2021.

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* (EpiskED) 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) 2004, pp. 399-404.
- Comments on decision 651/2013 of the Supreme Civil and Penal Court of Greece, under the title: “Communication of works to customers in hotel rooms through television sets, to which the signal received by the hotel(s) is distributed”, EpiskED 2013, pp. 415-436.