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Professor Klavanidou's research interests focus on the fields of Civil Law and European Private Law. Her research areas include the legal aspects of sales' contracts and consumer loans and general legal issues related to societal challenges in the modern digital era, human rights, environmental protection, consumers' protection, etc. She is the author or co-author of a significant number of research studies and academic articles, as well as many presentations and interventions in numerous national and international workshops, congresses and professional associations' meetings, i.e. the Hellenic Civil Law Association, the Europäische Rechtsakademie (E.R.A.), and OECD's Working Group on Competition and Regulation. Her work has been cited extensively in court decisions, books and academic articles. Professor Klavanidou has a long teaching experience in many courses related to Civil Law both at the undergraduate and postgraduate level at the School of Law of A.U.Th., she is the author/coauthor of 4 textbooks used in university courses, and she has also taught at the "Greek National Academy of Judges and Prosecutors".

Professor Klavanidou has served as Vice Rector for Planning and Development of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki for 5 years (September 2014 – August 2019). She has also served as the Head of the Evaluation Committee of the School of Law, and in various administrative positions in the School of Law and in other Bodies of the Aristotle University (i.e. Director of A.U.Th.'s Day Care Centre and Nursery School, Member of the Senate, University's Legal Committee, and the University's Library Committee). Since 2018 she has been appointed by A.U.Th.'s Senate as the Director of the UNESCO Chair on Education for Human Rights and Democratization at A.U.Th. and Director of A.U.Th.'s Section of European Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation.

Professor Klavanidou is a member of many Greek and international scientific associations, including the Hellenic Civil Law Association, the Law Society of Northern Greece, the Macedonian Association for Commercial Law, the Consumer Protection Association, the Hellenic Society of Banking Law and Capital Markets, the

Society of European Contract Law (SECOLA) and the European Women Rectors Association (EWORA). She organized the 2019 SECOLA Conference on "European Contract Law and Sustainability" in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Professor Klavanidou has served as a member of the Auditing Standards Board of the Accounting & Auditing Standards Oversight Board of Greece. She has been a member of the Bar Association of Thessaloniki (1987-2012) and served as a member of the Hellenic Competition Commission (2006-2009). She speaks Greek (native language), English, German and French.

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