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15 December 1947, Almaty region, Kazakhstan

Working languages:

English, Russian, Kazakh languages (fluently)

Current position/function:

Member, Expert of the Commission of human rights at the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan - the issues of constitutional and criminal-law means of defence of human rights (1997-1978, 2012 till present); Member of the Consultative body of human dimension on human rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, taking part in discussions of activities of law enforcement bodies; Member of the Central Election Commission of Kazakhstan - electoral human rights, engaged with compliance of international obligations of Kazakhstan to the OSCE, UN; Doctor of Laws, Professor, engaged with International Law of Human Rights and on prevention of torture – from 1994.

Educational background:

- 1) Faculty of English language of Almaty Institute of foreign languages in 1965-1969 with honours;
- 2) Faculty of law of Kazakh State University named after Sergei Kirov in 1966-1973 with honours.

Main professional activities:

Investigator, Senior investigator of the Prosecution office of Schuchinsk city of Kokshetau region, Kazakhstan – 1971-1973. Professor of International Law and Human Rights - on the issues of the fight against torture and ill-treatment, Dean of the Law Faculty of the Kazakh State University - 1973-2000; Dean of the Law Faculty, Professor (conducting lectures on Human Rights, including the problems of the fight against torture - in English) of Eurasian national University named after Nikolay Gumilyov - 2002-2005.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

1. Member of UN Human Rights Committee (January – December of 2012);
2. Member of the Commission of the Supreme Council of the Kazakh SSR on December events of 1986 in defence of participants of youth in demonstrations, who have been subjected to ill-treatment (1990);
4. Expert on the drafts of laws and treaties on line of consulting legal group «Bolashak» and Ministry of Justice, improving legislation on defence of rights of victims of crimes, torture and ill-treatment (2008-2016).

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

1. Freedom from Torture and ill-treatment. - In the book: Sarsembayev M.A. Going in the UNO. UN Human Rights Committee: Feelings, Impressions, Analysis. Monograph. - Astana (Kazakhstan): Bolashak Consulting Group, 2014. – Pp. 94-119.
2. On Countering Torture. - In the book: Criminal law (the Kazakhstan law, international law) – Almaty (Kazakhstan): Science, 1998. – Pp. 251-252, 255.

3. Introduction to «Jurisprudence» Specialty (on the work of investigator, prosecutor, judge). - Almaty (Kazakhstan): Daneker, 2002. – 154 pages.
4. About the Convention against Torture. - In the book: Sarsembayev M.A. International law. Textbook. - Almaty (Kazakhstan): Zhety Zhargy. – 2009. – Pp. 127-128, 137.
5. How More Effectively Combat Torture, Promote Women’s Rights: the Answers to these questions were sought at the Geneva Seminar. - Human Being and the Law (Republican weekly legal newspaper.) - Astana (Kazakhstan). - 2012. - № 32. - 27 December. - P. 2.
6. Critical look at Human Rights and Freedoms (including prevention of torture). - In the compendium: Actual problems of modern international law: Materials of XI annual international scientific - practical conference dedicated to the memory of Professor I.P. Blischenko: – Moscow: Russian Peoples’ Friendship University, 2014. - Pp. 408-414.