



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS  
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS  
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

**File number:** KSC-BC-2020-06/IA009

**Before:** The President of the Specialist Chambers  
Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

**Registrar:** Fidelma Donlon

**Date:** 30 August 2021

**Language:** English

**Classification:** Public

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## Decision Assigning a Court of Appeals Panel

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**Judges of the Court of Appeals Panel:**

Judge Michèle Picard

Judge Emilio Gatti

Judge Nina Jørgensen

**Counsel for Hashim Thaçi:**

Gregory Kehoe

**Counsel for Kadri Veseli:**

Ben Emmerson

**Specialist Prosecutor's Office:**

Jack Smith

**Counsel for Rexhep Selimi:**

David Young

**Victims' Counsel:**

Simon Laws

**Counsel for Jakup Krasniqi:**

Venkateswari Alagendra

**THE PRESIDENT** of the Specialist Chambers (“President”), noting Articles 33(1)(c), and 45(2) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office, Rules 97(1)(a), (3), 169 and 170(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers and Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules on the Assignment of Specialist Chambers Judges from the Roster of International Judges (“Rules on Assignment”), herewith assigns a Court of Appeals Panel to decide on the appeals of Messrs Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi, Jakup Krasniqi (“Accused”) and the Specialist Prosecutor against the Pre-Trial Judge’s decision regarding the jurisdiction of the Specialist Chambers (“Appeals”).<sup>1</sup>

## I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 22 July 2021, the Pre-Trial Judge rendered his decision on the Accused’s preliminary motions challenging the jurisdiction of the Specialist Chambers.<sup>2</sup>
2. On 27 August 2021, the Accused and the Specialist Prosecutor filed the Appeals against the Impugned Decision.<sup>3</sup>

## II. ASSIGNMENT

3. Having considered the criteria set forth in Rule 4 of the Rules on Assignment, including relevant experience and expertise as well as availability at this time,

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<sup>1</sup>IA009/F00012, Thaçi Defence Appeal against Decision on Motions Challenging the Jurisdiction of the Specialist Chambers, 27 August 2021; IA009/F00010, Veseli Defence Appeal against Decision on Motions Challenging the Jurisdiction of the Specialist Chambers, 27 August 2021; IA009/F00011, Selimi Defence Appeal against the “Decision on Motions Challenging the Jurisdiction of the Specialist Chambers”, 27 August 2021; IA009/F00013, Krasniqi Defence Appeal against Decision on Motions Challenging the Jurisdiction of the Specialist Chambers with Public Annex I, 27 August 2021; IA009/F00014, Prosecution Appeal against the ‘Decision on Motions Challenging the Jurisdiction of the Specialist Chambers’ Pursuant to Rule 97(3) with Public Annex I, 27 August 2021. See also F00412, Decision on Motions Challenging the Jurisdiction of the Specialist Chambers, 22 July 2021 (“Impugned Decision”).

<sup>2</sup> See generally Impugned Decision.

<sup>3</sup> See generally Appeals.

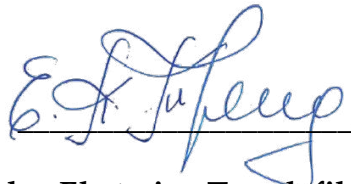
**THE PRESIDENT HEREBY ASSIGNS:**

**Judge Michèle Picard**

**Judge Emilio Gatti**

**Judge Nina Jørgensen**

to the Court of Appeals Panel to decide on the Appeals.



**Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova,  
President of the Specialist Chambers**

Dated this Monday, 30 August 2021  
At The Hague,  
The Netherlands