



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS  
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS  
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEĆA KOSOVA

**File number:** KSC-BC-2020-06/IA026

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

**Registrar:** Fidelma Donlon

**Date:** 15 March 2023

**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 Kai Ambos

**Counsel for Hashim Thaçi:**  
Gregory Kehoe

**Counsel for Kadri Veseli:**  
Ben Emmerson

**Acting Specialist Prosecutor:**  
Alex Whiting

**Counsel for Rexhep Selimi:**  
David Young

**Victims' Counsel:**  
Simon Laws

**Counsel for Jakup Krasniqi:**  
Venkateswari Alagenda

**Counsel for Denied Victims:**  
Jelena Cakić

**Counsel for Applicant 24/06:**  
Gregory Townsend

**Victims' Participation Unit:**  
Head of Victims' Participation Unit

**THE PRESIDENT** of the Specialist Chambers (“President”), noting Articles 33(1)(c) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office, Rules 113(6) and 169 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 “Victims’ Counsel Submissions Pursuant to Article 22(6) of the Law No.05/L-053”<sup>1</sup> (“Submissions”), the “Victims’ Counsel Appeal on Fourth Decision on Victims’ Participation”<sup>2</sup> and the “Appeal of Victim 24/06 against the ‘Fourth Decision on Victims’ Participation’ Pursuant to Rule 113(6) of the Rules with Strictly Confidential and *Ex Parte* Annexes 1 to 7”<sup>3</sup> (collectively, “Appeals”).

## I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 12 December 2022, the Pre-Trial Judge rendered the “Fourth Decision on Victims’ Participation” (“Impugned Decision”), wherein he, *inter alia*, rejected the applications of certain individuals who sought to participate as victims in the current proceedings.<sup>4</sup>

2. On 13 February 2023, Counsel for denied applicant 24/06 filed an Appeal. On 28 February and 2 March 2023, Counsel for 19 denied applicants filed the Submission

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<sup>1</sup> IA026/F00008, Victims’ Counsel Submissions Pursuant to Article 22(6) of the Law No.05/L-053, 28 February 2023 (strictly confidential and *ex parte*). A public redacted version of this submission was filed on 1 March 2023. See IA026/F00008/RED.

<sup>2</sup> IA026/F00009, Victims’ Counsel Appeal on Fourth Decision on Victims’ Participation, 2 March 2023 (strictly confidential and *ex parte*). A public redacted version of the Appeal was filed on 9 March 2023. See IA026/F00009/RED.

<sup>3</sup> IA026/F00006, Appeal of Victim 24/06 against the “Fourth Decision on Victims’ Participation” Pursuant to Rule 113(6) of the Rules with Strictly Confidential and *Ex Parte* Annexes 1 to 7, 13 February 2023 (strictly confidential and *ex parte*). A public redacted version of the Appeal was filed on the same day. See IA026/F00006/RED.

<sup>4</sup> F01152, Fourth Decision on Victims’ Participation, 12 December 2022 (strictly confidential and *ex parte*), para. 73(b). A public redacted version of the Impugned Decision was filed on the same day. See F01152/RED.

and the other Appeal.

## 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,

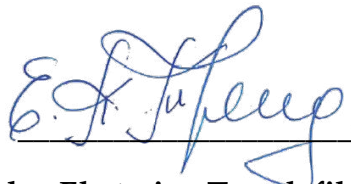
### THE PRESIDENT HEREBY ASSIGNS:

**Judge Michèle Picard**

**Judge Emilio Gatti**

**Judge Kai Ambos**

to the Court of Appeals Panel to decide on the Appeals and any matter related thereto.



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

Dated this Wednesday, 15 March 2023  
At The Hague,  
The Netherlands