



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS  
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS  
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

**File number:** KSC-BC-2020-06/IA028

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

**Registrar:** Fidelma Donlon

**Date:** 18 May 2023

**Language:** English

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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 Kai Ambos

Judge Nina Jørgensen

**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

**THE PRESIDENT** of the Specialist Chambers (“President”), noting Article 33(1)(c) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office, Rules 77, 169 and 170(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (“Rules”) 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 following the issuance by Trial Panel II of the “Decision on Thaçi, Selimi and Krasniqi Defence Request for Certification to Appeal the Oral Order on Trial Panel Questioning” (“Decision Granting Leave to Appeal”).<sup>1</sup>

## I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 20 April 2023, Trial Panel II rendered an oral decision wherein it dismissed submissions from Messrs Hashim Thaçi and Kadri Veseli regarding the Trial Panel’s questioning of a witness (“Impugned Decision”).<sup>2</sup>

2. On 1 May 2023, Messrs Thaçi, Selimi and Krasniqi filed a request for certification to appeal the Impugned Decision.<sup>3</sup>

3. On 17 May 2023, Trial Panel II granted the request for leave to appeal the Impugned Decision, in part.<sup>4</sup>

## II. ASSIGNMENT

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

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<sup>1</sup> F01531, Decision on Thaçi, Selimi and Krasniqi Defence Request for Certification to Appeal the Oral Order on Trial Panel Questioning, 17 May 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Decision on Leave to Appeal, para. 2.

<sup>3</sup> F01495, Thaçi, Selimi & Krasniqi Defence Request for Certification to Appeal the Oral Order on Trial Panel Questioning, 1 May 2023.

<sup>4</sup> Impugned Decision, para. 44.

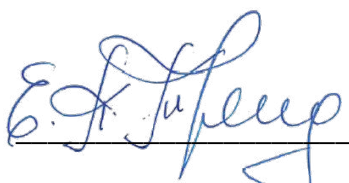
**THE PRESIDENT HEREBY ASSIGNS:**

**Judge Michèle Picard**

**Judge Kai Ambos**

**Judge Nina Jørgensen**

to the Court of Appeals Panel to decide on the appeal  
pursuant to the Decision Granting Leave to Appeal.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Trendafilova', written over a horizontal line.

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

Dated this Thursday, 18 May 2023  
At The Hague,  
The Netherlands