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He studied Law, Political and Economic Science at Athens University (1958-1963) and pursued Doctoral work in constitutional law and political sciences at Paris University (1965-1967).

From 1967 to 1971 he practiced law in Nicosia. In 1971 he was appointed judge, a post that he held until March 1978 when he became Minister of Justice and as from May 1979 he was also the Minister to the President. He served as well as Special Advisor to the President on legal and human rights matters.

In 1981 he joined the Diplomatic Service and served as Ambassador of Cyprus to France, Italy, Austria and other European countries with concurrent accreditations. He was the permanent Representative of Cyprus to the Council of Europe, the World Tourism Organization, the OSCE and the United Nations and other International Organizations and Agencies in Vienna. He also served as Director of Policy Planning and Ag. Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Michaelides represented Cyprus in various ministerial Committees and Meetings of the Council of Europe, the U.N and the OSCE. He was a member of the Committee of Minister's Deputies Group on Human Rights and the Venice Conference on Democracy through Law. He has participated to the meetings of the OSCE Court of Conciliation and Arbitration and in various International Conferences and meetings on legal matters.

From 1989 to 2011, Mr. Michaelides has been an elected member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment. Since 2010 is an elected member of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture.

Since 1999 he is a practicing lawyer-legal consultant in Nicosia. He is the author of various publications and articles on the Cyprus legal system and human rights. He speaks Greek, English, French, German and Italian.

Research interests

- Research interest in the field of Human Rights with emphasis on matters of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment where I participate in the work of

specialized European Working groups on the matter mainly at the UN in Geneva and in other European countries.

- Particular research interest, participation and follow up in the work of specialized Unions and Associations of Public Law Professors in Greece and France regarding the developments in Public Law within the EU and the Council of Europe member-states in view of the jurisprudence of the European Courts.

Publications

- Η Περί Δικαστηρίων Κυπριακή Νομοθεσία, (εξαντλημένη έκδοση)
Ετοιμάζεται σύγχρονη αναθεωρημένη έκδοση.

- Πτυχές Κυπριακού Δικαίου, Τόμος Α' Εκδόσεις Ασπέλια, όπου συμπεριλαμβάνεται και η πιο πάνω μελέτη.

- Γενικό Διοικητικό Δίκαιο (υπό έκδοση)

- Η Ευρωπαϊκή Επιτροπή για την Πρόληψη των Βασανιστηρίων και Απάνθρωπης ή Ταπεινωτικής Μεταχείρισης ή Τιμωρίας (CPT) , έχει δημοσιευθεί σε διάφορα Νομικά περιοδικά: Επιθεώρηση Κυπριακού Δικαίου, Νομικό Βήμα, Επιθεώρηση Τοπικής Αυτοδιοίκησης, Αθήνα 2015 τ.81. Απετέλεσε επίσης κύριο θέμα ομιλίας μου σε ειδικό Συνέδριο Επιτρόπου Διοικήσεως για τα Ανθρώπινα Δικαιώματα.

- Το Προαιρετικό Πρωτόκολλο της Σύμβασης των Ηνωμένων Εθνών κατά των Βασανιστηρίων (OPCAT) και η Διεθνής Διερευνητική Επιτροπή για την Πρόληψη των Βασανιστηρίων και της Απάνθρωπης ή Ταπεινωτικής Μεταχείρισης ή Τιμωρίας (SPT) (Επιθεώρηση Αυτοδιοίκησης -Αθήνα, 2016, Τ.86) – Διάλεξη που έγινε σε ειδική εκδήλωση για τα Δεκάχρονα του Πρωτοκόλλου στα εδώ γραφεία της Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης.

- Various articles on the Cyprus Problem published in the French Revue des Deux Mondes and speeches and interviews on the same subject in local and international Law Conferences organized by the Ministry of Justice where the legal aspect of the Cyprus problem was analyzed by eminent law professors as well.