

HABILITATION THESIS

The Dynamics of Family Relations and the Reform of Family Law in the National and European Context

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Summary

The habilitation thesis entitled "The dynamics of family relations and the reform of family law in the national and European context" presents the scientific and academic work I have carried out since obtaining my PhD in Law, as well as the directions in which this work is developing.

The *first part* of the habilitation thesis is devoted to professional, academic, and scientific achievements. My professional career is closely linked to the "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași, where I began my teaching career in 1999, after completing my bachelor's degree, as an associate professor, and in 2000, I became a full professor at the Faculty of Law. To date, I have gone through all the university stages, from teaching assistant to associate professor.

My research activity continued after obtaining my PhD with postdoctoral research within the project "Modernization of national legislation in the context of the harmonization of law at European level and the socio-political implications on the administrative system," a strategic project co-financed by the European Social Fund through the Sectoral Operational Program for Human Resources Development 2007-2013, and subsequently as a research fellow in the project "Developing innovation capacity and increasing the impact of research excellence at UAIC" at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bologna.

My research activity is mainly focused on family law. My scientific research activity has focused on several areas, namely: participation in research projects; participation in scientific events; publication of books, articles/studies/reviews in specialized journals and in collective volumes or conference proceedings in Romania and abroad. Thus, in the section dedicated to scientific achievements, I highlighted the fact that my research activity was equally oriented towards teamwork within research projects. Within these projects, I had the opportunity to collaborate with teaching staff from all faculties of our university, both as members of the project implementation teams and as beneficiaries of these projects, as well as with students, doctoral students, and postdoctoral researchers from the target groups.

Participation in international and national conferences is an essential component of my scientific activity. These represent both an opportunity to validate my own research and consolidate my legal knowledge, as well as an opportunity for scientific dialogue with specialists in the field of law and for expanding professional networks. Throughout my professional career, from defending my doctoral thesis to the present, I have participated in a series of international and national conferences.

In the section dedicated to scientific contributions in the field of family law, I have summarized the main directions and results of my research in the field of family law and highlighted the contributions that I consider relevant not only from a theoretical point of view, but also in relation to the current needs of society and legal practice. My scientific endeavors have focused on the legal analysis of family relationships, from traditional aspects, such as matrimonial property regimes or filiation, to current topics such as surrogacy or children's rights in an international context, all of which are sources of reflection.

Thus, I have indicated the reference works I have published, highlighting the relevance and originality of my personal contributions to the development of family law. In this regard, I also mentioned that the numerous citations in specialized works or court decisions, as well as contributions to the unification of judicial practice through opinions drafted at the request of the High Court of Cassation and Justice, represent a recognition of my scientific and professional activity. In addition, this is also reflected in my membership in prestigious academic and professional bodies, my involvement

in specialized editorial structures, and my participation as a keynote speaker, speaker, and moderator at national and international conferences.

Another significant component of my academic activity is my participation in international academic mobility programs, within the Socrates-Erasmus initiative. These mobility programs have provided important opportunities for professional development and the exchange of good teaching practices with prestigious universities in Europe.

With regard to teaching, in support of course and seminar activities, I have published university courses as sole author or in collaboration, intended for the current training of students, in-depth training at master's level, preparation for the bachelor's degree exam and, respectively, preparation for admission to the legal professions. In my habilitation thesis, I highlighted the fact that I have always tried to pay special attention to the development of learning skills, stimulating students' creativity, and preparing them for integration into the labor market. To achieve these objectives, I proposed and coordinated various activities, both individual and team-based, designed to complement and revitalize the traditional framework of courses and seminars.

The second part of the habilitation thesis presents the directions for professional, scientific, and academic career development. For greater clarity, I have presented my research activity separately from my teaching activity. Regarding future publishing activity, I have indicated future projects that will materialize in the near future. I have also launched the main theses.

Regarding my teaching career development, I would like to emphasize that I constantly strive to integrate the results of my research into my teaching activities. As I have done so far, I will continue to support student associations that initiate activities involving my presence as a mentor and coordinator. In my teaching activities, I will integrate modern teaching technologies and constantly seek to develop students' critical thinking, encourage debate in teaching activities, contribute to curriculum development through innovative courses, and continuously contribute to the development of an ecosystem of good academic practices. Regarding the international dimension of my academic career, I intend to continue to be involved in Erasmus+ mobility programs, to consolidate and expand the positions I have acquired in

international legal associations, with a view to developing collaborations with universities and research institutes in Europe.

In the *conclusions of* my habilitation thesis, I highlighted the fact that family law is considered the least suitable for harmonization or reform. The reasons given include tradition, culture, religion, political climate, ideology, and conservatism. However, my personal belief is that the contemporary dynamics of family relationships, influenced by globalization, digital technologies, migration, new forms of cohabitation, and advanced medical procedures, coupled with new ideologies, are changing the nature of family relationships