

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal information

- Family name(s) Ažubalytė
- First name(s) Rima
- Nationality(ies) LT
- Sex Female

Relevant qualifications summary

As a judge, I have been presiding over criminal cases, including those involving domestic violence and human trafficking, for almost ten years. Additionally, I have been a criminal law professor for nearly 30 years, during which I have conducted extensive research. My research focuses on human rights in criminal procedures, fair trials, evidence law, and the rights of vulnerable individuals, including victims.

I have also lectured to lawyers providing free legal aid to vulnerable victims and participated in a project aimed at improving the efficiency of the Moldovan judiciary. Moreover, as a national expert, I have engaged in meetings with international experts to assess Lithuania's obligations in the field of human trafficking.

Current professional activity

- Start date 2014
- Name and address of employer Supreme Court of Lithuania
- Sector of activity Law, justice
- Occupation or position held judge
- Main activities and responsibilities dealing with criminal cases, including human trafficking cases

Relevant previous professional activity(ies)

- Dates 1996 until now
- Name and address of employer Mykolas Romeris university, Law school, Department of criminal law and procedure
- Sector of activity higher education (legal studies), law science
- Occupation or position held professor

- Main activities and responsibilities teaching criminal procedural law (master degree studies); supervising PhD students, publishing scientific articles, participating in research on law enforcement practices etc

Education/training

- Dates 2002
- Title of qualification awarded Doctor's degree.
Dissertation: „Discretionary prosecution: background, problems of practice, outlook in Lithuania” (2002)
- Principal skills covered analytical skills in the field of legal research
- Name and type of organisation Mykolas Romeris university

Relevant additional responsibilities:

Participation in research and development projects.

1. Project "Building up modern and open prosecution service in the Republic of Lithuania" financed by the 2020–2024 European economic area financial mechanism and co-funding. „Assessing the quality of the prosecution's procedural work“, promoter, 2023-2024.
2. BALTICS Project (882065/JUST-AG-2019 / JUST-JTRA-EJTR-AG-2019) "Improvement of competences of justice professionals in investigating and prosecuting of economic and financial crimes in the Baltic States", member of the Inter-Institutional Group, 2020–2023.
3. Project "Building up modern and open prosecution service in the Republic of Lithuania" financed by the 2020–2024 European economic area financial mechanism and co-funding. "Analysis and assessment of the existing criminal procedure“, promoter, 2021-2022.
4. Project “Evaluation of Legal, Policy and Economic Responses in Times of Crisis: Balancing Public Safety and Human Rights” funded by the Research Council of Lithuania (Project No. S-COV-20-28), 2020, promoter.
5. EU TWINNING PROJECT NO. MD 16 ENI JH 01 18 (MD/33) “ENHANCING THE SYSTEM OF PREVENTION AND COMBATING MONEY LAUNDERING AND TERRORISM FINANCING IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA”, Component 6, „Improvement of the AML/CFT field in the justice system”, promoter, 2018-2021.

Supervising defended doctoral dissertations:

1. Žibaitė – Neliubšienė Free evaluation of Evidence in Criminal Proceedings: discretion within defined limits. Social Sciences, Law (01 S). Mykolas Romeris University, 2024.

2. Jakštienė, R. Domestic Violence against Women: Protection by Criminal Law. Social Sciences, Law (01 S). Mykolas Romeris University, 2019;

3. Murauskienė, D. The Expression of Parents Patriae Doctrine in the Criminal Procedure Involving Children. Social Sciences, Law, (01S). Vilnius: Mykolas Romeris University, 2017.

Lecturing, conducting seminars for legal practitioners - judges, prosecutors etc.
(visiting lecturer at the National Judicial Administration, Attorney General's Office etc)

Publications

Publications in the Web of Science or Scopus DB

1. **Ažubalytė, R.** Zajančauskienė, J. Accessible and sustainable criminal justice: the right of an incapacitated accused person to be present at a court hearing. In Law and Sustainability - Perspectives for Lithuania and beyond. Ed. A. Bartolacelli, D. Sagatienė, Krakow, KSIĘGARNIA AKADEMICKA PUBLISHING, 2023, p. 309-340.
2. **Ažubalytė, R.** Titko, I. Remote criminal trial – fair trial? // International comparative jurisprudence. Vilnius: Mykolas Romeris universitetas. eISSN 2351-6674. 2022, vol. 8, iss. 2, p. 178-192. DOI: 10.13165/j.icj.2022.12.005. [Scopus; DOAJ; Hein Online] [CiteScore: 0,00, SNIP: 0,000, SJR: 0,000, Q4 (2021, Scopus Sources)] [M.kr.: S 001] [0,500]
3. Valutytė, R., Jočienė, D., **Ažubalytė, R.** Legality of Human Rights Restrictions during the COVID-19 Pandemic under the European Convention on Human Rights. 2021, Tilburg Law Review, 26(1), pp. 1-15, Open Access. DOI: 10.5334/tilr.245 [DOAJ; Scopus] [CiteScore: 0,70, SNIP: 0,389, SJR: 0,118, kvartilis: Q3 (2021, Scopus Sources)] [M.kr.: S 001] [0,333].
4. **Ažubalytė, R.**, Fedosiuk, O. Legal Principles vs. Statutory Ambiguity in Criminal Justice: Lithuanian Court Experience. Crim Law Forum (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10609-021-09421-5>
5. **Ažubalytė, R.**; Zajančauskienė, J.. Vulnerability assessment of participants in Lithuanian criminal proceedings in the context of eu regulations // Baltic journal of law & politics. Kaunas, Warsaw : Vytautas Magnus University ; Versita. ISSN 2029-0454. 2014, Vol. 7, Nr. 2, p. 152-178. [Scopus; MetaPress] [CiteScore: 0,07, SNIP: 0,161, SJR: 0,111 (2014, Scopus Journal Metrics)] [M.kr.: 01S]

Scientific articles in peer-reviewed monographs or studies:

6. **Ažubalytė, R.**, The impact of the pandemic on the right to access justice. In Law and COVID-19 Pandemic,. Vilnius: Mykolas Romeris University, 2022, p. 371-405.
7. **Ažubalytė, R.**, Fedosiuk, O. The constitutional non bis in idem principle in criminal justice: the contemporary concept and current issues of application. In Constitution

and legal system. Liber Amicorum Vytautui Sinkevičiui, Vilnius: Mykolo Romerio universitetas, 2021. ISBN 9786094880162. eISBN 9786094880179; p. 599-642.

8. **Ažubalytė, R.**, Limitation of a Person's Private Life Using Special Investigative Techniques: Problem of (Un)qualitative Law. Jurisprudence: research papers / Mykolas Romeris University. Vilnius: Mykolas Romeris University. ISSN 1392-6195 (print); ISSN 2029-2058 (online). 2019, 26(2), p. 260–291.
9. **Ažubalytė, R.**, Criminal Responsibility for Breaches of Rules on Combating Epidemics or Zymotic Diseases. Lithuanian law. 2020. Substantive Changes, Part I. COVID-19 Related Decisions from the Legal, Governance and Economic Perspective, Mykolas Romeris University. Vilnius: Mykolas Romeris University, ISSN 2669-137X (hard-copy), ISSN 2669-1388 (online), 2020, p. 119-130.
10. **Ažubalytė, R.** Development of the Lithuanian criminal procedure law within the period of 1918-2018. In Development of the Lithuanian law within the period of 1918-2018: the centennial experience and prospects. Mykolas Romeris University, Vytautas Magnus University, Vilnius University, 2018, p. 672-692.

Computer skills

Software packages Microsoft Office

Language skills

Mother tongue	Lithuanian				
	Understanding	Speaking	Writing	Writing	
Language	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing skills
English	C1	B2	B2	B2	B2
Russian	C1	B2	B2	B2	B1