

Lawrence Cenk Laws, Esq.

Admitted to the Virginia (VA) Bar Association (Bar No. 94350)
3203 Graham Road
Falls Church, VA 22042
+1 (571) 242-9367

Website: www.lawrencecenklaws.com

Email: lawrencelaws88@gmail.com

Education

Koç University, İstanbul, Turkey

L.L.M. (Master of Laws) in Public International Law, Scholarship Recipient (25%) GPA 3.19, February 2018

- (Thesis) Linguistic Minority Rights under International Law: Hard vs. Soft Law Protections and an Analysis on the Linguistic Rights of Kurds in Turkey

The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, Washington, DC

Juris Doctor (Law), May 2015, Comparative and International Law Certificate

- Exchange Student at Pontifical Lateran University, Rome, Italy
- President, Black Law Students Association Chapter (BLSA)
- Recipient of Extra Mile Award 2012-13, Recognition of work in the CUA Innocence Project and BLSA.
- Recipient of Marathon Award 2014-15, Recognition of work in BLSA, ILSA, and the law school.
- Secretary, International Law Students Association Chapter (ILSA)

Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, Washington, DC

Bachelor of Science, May 2011, Major: International Politics, Concentration: Foreign Policy and Policy Processes

Work Experience

Turkish Coalition of America (TCA), Washington, DC

September 2019 – Present

Program Director,

- Leading outreach to Turkish American youth.
- Coordinating the Turkish American Women Leadership Initiative.
- Managing programs, research grants and scholarships offered by the organization.

Oxford University Press, İstanbul, Turkey

December 2015 – December 2019

Senior Case Reporter,

- Brief current cases from CCPR, CERD, CAT, and CEDAW to be published in the Oxford Human Rights Law Review.
- Work closely with Koç University's Center for Global Public Law
- Analyze current and past jurisprudence from related international legal regulatory bodies and committees

King & Nordlinger L.L.P., Arlington, VA and **Oliveri & Tammadge LLC**, McLean, VA

July 2012 – July 2018

Paralegal and Law Clerk,

- Filed cases with the Superior Court of District of Columbia, Montgomery County Circuit Court (MD) and Prince William County General District Court (VA)
- Attended and participated in initial hearings with tenants alongside the attorney
- Researched and drafted motions and notices to tenants for lease violations
- Researched and drafted trial briefs for attorneys
- Drafted and edited estate planning documents such as wills, trusts, and memoranda
- Conducted legal research on estate planning issues

Accounting Assistant,

August 2009 – June 2011

- Answered billing inquiries from clients
- Produced invoices for lawyers
- Organized and consolidated estate files

Yasmine Taeb VA State Senate Campaign, Falls Church, VA

March 2019 – June 2019

Field Organizer,

- Door-to-door campaigned and disseminated information to constituents
- Participated in grassroots efforts on a local and regional level

Akol Özok Namlı Attorney Partnership (Akol), Istanbul, Turkey March 2016 – January 2017
Legal Proofreader,

- Proofread legal documents for Corporate/M&A, Banking/Finance, and Litigation Departments
- Review engagement letters and business proposals
- Handle billing and invoicing process for firm clients

Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), Washington, DC October 2011 – July 2012
Governmental Relations Assistant,

- Researched and present domestic BPA legislation
- Kept track of economic sanctions specifically regarding Iran and Syria
- Coordinated planners and schedule meetings, flights, and reservations for attorneys

Internships & Volunteering

Ten Thousand Turks Campaign, Washington, DC September 2019 – Present
PAC Assistant

- Assist PAC Manager, Treasurer and Director on all 5 Turkish American PACs
- Coordinate and attend fundraising events with local and state-level Turkish American candidates
- Represent TC-USA PAC in meetings with Members of Congress

Representative Don Beyer (VA-8th Congressional District), Washington, DC June 2019 – August 2019
Hill Intern

- Drafted constituent letters and managing constituent correspondence
- Filed bills and amendments through the House Committees
- Transcribed and attended Congressional hearings

The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) Program, Washington, DC February 2019 – December 2019
Application Evaluator,

- Reviewed applications for final-round high school candidates

Poverty and Race Research Action Council, Washington, DC January 2014 – May 2014
Policy and Legal Intern,

- Drafted U.N. alternative report for housing and education imbalances
- Researched and track international equal access to housing legislation
- Researched articles related to racial inequalities in U.S. housing and education policies

First Home Alliance, Woodbridge, VA September 2006 – Present
Volunteer and Board Member Candidate

- Assisting legal matters with the nonprofit
- Reviewing grant proposals
- Actively coordinating with board members regarding executive decisions

Acknowledgements

- **2020 State Delegate**, DNC VA-8th Congressional District Convention
- **2020 State Delegate**, DNC Virginia State Convention
- **Congressional Intern**, Turkish Coalition of America (TCA), Summer 2019
- **Delegate**, Turkish American Youth Leadership Congress, TCA, October 2018
- **Researcher on Syrian Refugees and Asylum-Seekers**, Turkish Heritage Organization (THO), Summer 2018
- **2015 CUA Jessup Cup International Moot Court Team Member**, Qualifying Rounds, Washington, DC
- **State Department Critical Language Scholarship Turkish Program**, Summer 2011 Recipient, Turkey

Technical & Language Skills

- Native English Speaker
- Advanced/Near-Native Proficiency in Turkish Speaking, Writing, and Reading
- Intermediate Proficiency in Spanish Speaking, Writing, and Reading
- MS Office: Excel, PowerPoint, Word
- Juris Accounting Program
- Quorum Public Affairs Software
- Constant Contact
- MailChimp

Activities

- Member, CUA Law Alumni Council
- Member, American Society of International Law (ASIL)
- Member, European Society of International Law (ESIL)

Publications

- “The Precarious State of Temporary Protections”, THO, July 2019 (accessible also through <https://lawrencecenklaws.com/f/the-precious-state-of-temporary-protections>)
- “Temporary Solutions for Long-Term Problems”, THO, <https://medium.com/meddah-a-u-s-turkey-storytelling-project/lawrence-cenk-laws-living-in-limbo-temporary-protections-for-a-permanent-dilemma-ff596e95789e>, July 2018.
- “Czechoslovakian Restitution Cases: Article 26 v. Ratione Temporis” (Koc University’s Center for Global Public Law), <https://kuremer.ku.edu.tr/en/czechoslovakian-restitution-cases-article-26-iccpr-v-ratione-temporis>, December 2017.
- Case Reports for Oxford Reports on International Law (accessed through <http://opil.ouplaw.com/home/ORIL>)
 - *Pavel Kozlov et al. v. Belarus*, UN Doc CCPR C/113/D/1949/2010; IHRL [] (UNHRC 2015); 25 March 2015
 - *B and C v. Czech Republic*, UN Doc CCPR/C/113/D/1967/2010; IHRL [] (UNHRC 2015); 2 April 2015
 - *M.G. v. Poland*, UN Doc CCPR/C/114/D/2183/2012; IHRL [] (UNHRC 2015); 23 July 2015
 - *Franck Kitenge Baruani v. Democratic Republic of Congo*, UN Doc CCPR/C/110/D/1890/2009; IHRL [] (UNHRC 2015); 27 March 2014
 - *N.D.M. v. Democratic Republic of Congo*, UN Doc CCPR C/113/D/1971/2010; IHRL [] (UNHRC 2015); 30 March 2015
 - *M.M. v Russian Federation*, UN Doc CERD/C/87/D/55/2014; CERD [] (UNCERD 2015); 7 August 2015