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Riva Gjecaj is a lawyer specializing in international arbitration, public international law, and international criminal law. She is fluent in English, Spanish, Italian, and Albanian.

International Arbitration:

Riva served as a Spanish-language International Arbitration Trainee with the Guatemala office of ECIJA, an Ibero-American law firm (2024). In this role, she assisted with legal research and submissions in domestic and international commercial arbitration proceedings, including disputes in the pharmaceutical sector. Riva has completed the Columbia–CIArbNY Comprehensive Course on International Arbitration and the NOVA Lisbon Summer School on International Arbitration.

International Criminal Litigation:

Riva has worked for the past five years as part of the Defense before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, an international criminal tribunal based in The Hague (2021-2026). She has been involved in the Thaci et al. case, a complex prosecution concerning war crimes and crimes against humanity, involving more than 200 witnesses over a two-year trial. As a Legal Associate for the Defense, Riva has been responsible for drafting preliminary jurisdictional challenges, pre- and post-trial briefs, and preparing cross-examination plans for Counsel.

RECOGNITION AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- Institute for International Legal and Advocacy Training – Oral Advocacy Certificate (2024)"
- Admitted to the Albanian Bar (since 2023)
- Rapporteur for the Oxford Public International Law Database OXIO (since 2023)

EDUCATION:

- University College London, LL.M. in International Banking and Financial Law (2020); Full-ride merit-based scholarship
- The Hague University of Applied Sciences, LL.B. in International and European Law (cum laude, 2019); World Citizen Talent Scholarship; Top 10 Oralist, John H. Jackson WTO Law Moot Court
- The Hague University of Applied Sciences, B.Sc. in Finance and Control (2019)