

Curriculum vitae

Gianni Buquicchio

born in Bari (Italy) on 19.11.1944,

married to Maud de Boer Buquicchio, two sons

Education

1959-1963	High School in Bari
1963-1967	Law Faculty of the University of Bari
1968	Awarded a Doctor of Law for a thesis in Public International Law on the United Nations (<i>cum laude</i> 110/110)

Professional experience

1968-1970	Trainee-lawyer, Bar of Bari
1968-1971	Lecturer at the Institute of International Law and Political Science of the University of Bari.
1970	Visiting Professor, Directorate of Legal Affairs, Council of Europe
1971-1974	Administrator, Division of Public Law, Directorate of Legal Affairs, Council of Europe
1978-1983	Senior Administrator
1983	Head of Section. Responsible for a number of intergovernmental experts' committees dealing with administrative law, international law, the free movement of persons, data protection, etc. Contributed to the harmonisation of European law by preparing a large number of international treaties and recommendations
1981-1994	Responsible for the Conferences of European Ministers of Justice
1990-1996	Head of the Division of the Legal Advisor and Treaty Office; Directorate of Legal Affairs, Council of Europe Responsible for the opinions requested by the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly and the Secretary General, as well as by other departments and intergovernmental committees of the Organisation. Also in charge of administrative appeals (defending the Secretary General at the Administrative Tribunal of the Council of Europe).
1990	Secretary of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) making a significant contribution to its creation
1996-2009	Director, Secretary of the European Commission for Democracy through Law As Secretary of the Commission, contributed to its successful

	<p>establishment and development (created by 18 member States of the Council of Europe, today this body has 56 European and non-European member States), by ensuring the conception, preparation and follow-up of projects concerning constitutional reforms and the setting up of democratic institutions within Europe and beyond.</p> <p>Has established and maintained relations at the highest level and has represented the Commission vis-à-vis persons at the highest political and judicial levels in member States and vis-à-vis international authorities.</p>
30 November 2009	Retirement from the Council of Europe
12 December 2009	Elected President of the Venice Commission
11 December 2011	Re-elected President of the Venice Commission

Frequently asked to lecture and publish articles.

Member of the Scientific Council of the Foundation “Venice for Research on Peace”

Member of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL)

Decorations and Awards

- Grand Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic (2002)
- Femida/Themis Prize (Russian Federation) in recognition of his co-operation with the Russian Federation and in the development of democratic institutions in the Commonwealth of Independent States (2002)
- Medal of Honour of the President of the Republic of Albania in recognition of his contribution to constitutional and legislative reform in Albania (2003)
- Knight of the Legion of Honour (France, 2004)
- Cross of commander of the Republic of Lithuania (2005)
- Commander of the Order "Star of Romania" (2006)
- Medal of Honour of the President of the Republic of Armenia for contributing to Armenia's European integration and legislative reforms (2009)
- Medal of the “Order of Honour of the State” of Moldova (2009)
- Commendation letter of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation (2009)
- Grand Decoration of Honour in Silver with Star for Services to the /span> Republic of Austria (2009)
- Middle Cross of the Order of Merits of the /span> Republic of Hungary (2009)
- Medal of the National Order of the Southern Cross of /span> Brazil (2009)
- Order of the Golden Fleece (Georgia 2010)