

# Curriculum Vitae

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## **Education:**

ELTE Radnóti Miklós High School, Budapest, Hungary: 1989 – 1993

ELTE University, Law School, Budapest, Hungary: 1993 – 1998:  
Law Degree in 1998

Columbia University Law School, New York, NY, USA: 2003 – 2004:  
PILI/OSI/Columbia LS Human Rights fellow, visiting scholar

Rapid Assessment Training Trainer, Budapest: 2002

## **Languages:**

Basic **Russian**, Intermediate **French**, Fluent **English**

## **Professional Experiences:**

***Hungarian Civil Liberties Union: 2004 - actual  
Executive Director***

*Respublica Magazin 1993 – 1995  
Journalist*

*Hungarian Civil Liberties Union Legal Aid service: 1997-2000  
Legal counseling for the clients on criminal cases*

*Dr. Pelle Andrea Law Office: 1998 - 2001  
Lawyer  
Representation in criminal and civil cases*

*Hungarian Civil Liberties Union, Drug Policy Program Director: 2001 – 2004  
International and Hungarian drug policy advocacy work*

*Hungarian Helsinki Committee, Police Detention Center Monitoring Program: 2002 – 2004  
Police detention center monitoring, Head of the Budapest Group in 2003*

*The Drug Policy Alliance, 2004  
intern*

*The American Civil Liberties Union, 2004  
intern*

*Vitorlázás Magazin, 2005 - actual editor*

**Other:**

*Hungarian Association of Harm Reductionists: 2004 - Founding member, member of the Executive Committee 2005-2006*

*Eurasian Harm Reduction Network: 2005-2011 Member, Steering Committee*

***Public Interest Law Initiative Foundation: 2006- Member, Board of Trustees***

***Common Sense for Drug Policy Foundation 2008 – Member, Board of Directors***