

Marcos Kyprianou

Mr. Kyprianou was born in Limassol on 22 January 1960. He studied Law at the Law School of the University of Athens. He attended graduate studies at Trinity College, Cambridge University, where he specialised in International Law and Tax Law and was awarded a Master's degree in Law (LLM). He continued his studies at Harvard Law School and was awarded a Master's degree in Law, specialising in Company Law and Taxation. Thereafter, he worked as a trainee at the Human Rights Commission of the Council of Europe and carried out research in International Law at the University of Cambridge. He is an associate member of the American Bar Association, member of the Harvard Law School Association of Europe, member of the International Bar Association and member of the Cyprus Red Cross Society.

Professional Activities

Practising law since 1985, first as an associate with the law firm of Antis Triantafyllides & Sons (1985-1991) and then as a partner with Kyprianou & Boyiadjis (1991-1995), and since the merger in 1995 of that law firm with George L. Savvides & Co, as a partner with the latter, until 28 February 2003.

Politics

Served as Municipal Councillor for the City of Nicosia from 1986 to 1991. Member of the Democratic Party, served as President of its Youth Organisation from 1993-1997. Member of the Central Committee of the Democratic Party (DIKO) since 1986 and of the Political Committee of the Party since 1990 and of the Executive Bureau of the Party from 1993-1998 and in 2001.

Elected to the House of Representatives for the Nicosia District in the 1991 parliamentary elections under the banner of the Democratic Party and re-elected in 1996. Re-elected for a third term in 2001, until he resigned from the House of Representatives to take over as Minister of Finance.

He has served as the Parliamentary Leader of the Party and the Chairman of the delegation of the House of Representatives to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and as a member of the Cyprus delegation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. He has also served as the Chairman of the House Standing Committee for the "Areas Close to the Demarcation Line", Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Foreign and European Affairs, and member of the Committee on Legal Affairs.

He was the Chairman of the House Committee on Financial and Budgetary Affairs from 1999 to 2003.

Minister of Finance from 1st March 2003 to 31st April 2004. Under this capacity he was also responsible for Research and Development, Regional Development, Public Administration and Information Technology.

Member of the European Commission as of 1st May 2004.