

KAREN ANDREASYAN

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

EXECUTIVE BIOGRAPHY

Doctor of Law, Member of Chamber of Advocates of Armenia (since 2006); was born in 1977.

From **1994 to 2002** Andreasyan studied and became specialized and certified at the following range of institutions: took graduate and post graduate course (PhD in Law) at the Law Department, Yerevan State University (1994-1999); University of California, Berkeley, US (1999); Canadian Human Rights Foundation, Montreal, Canada (2001); at Center for Social-Legal Studies, Oxford University, UK (2003); European Journalism Center based in the Netherlands.

In the period of **1997 – 2000** he was employed by several state agencies; among them are: Yerevan Mayor's Office, Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia, the RA Court of First Instance; he also lectured on Human Rights and Administrative Law at Secondary school N120 and at the RA Police Academy as well.

From **2001 to 2007** he lectured at Law Department in Yerevan State University. Simultaneously, over the period of 2001 – 2003 he worked in several non-governmental organizations, among them are: Free Legal Aid Center of Bar Association of Republic of Armenia (BARA) as Director; Civil Education Project international NGO (CEP), as a Program Coordinator, "Internews" International NGO, as Legal Consultant. During the mentioned period, Andreasyan also lectured on Human Rights in Abkhazia, South Ossetia and Karabakh at seminars held for journalists.

In **2003** Andreasyan was Senior Fellow at Center for Socio-Legal Studies, Oxford University, UK.

During **2003 and 2004** he was employed as Consultant and International Expert, by "Article 19" International NGO, London, UK; "Open Society Justice Initiative" International, Budapest, Hungary; Access to Information Programme (AIP), Bulgaria.

From **2005 to 2008** he was a Staff Attorney at American Bar Association (CEELI), after he advanced to Senior Staff Attorney, later on he was appointed as Deputy Director. Over the same period he also held the position of the Adviser to the President of the RA Constitutional Court.

From **2008 to 2011** Andreasyan held the position of the Director of “Defense” Law Firm.

Karen Andreasyan began his broadcasting career starting from 2007 and held a number of TV and public projects up to 2010. Together with European Journalism Center he organized Media Law and Investigative Journalism competition for university students specialized in Journalism and Law. He also anchored Yerkri teman (“Country's Theme”) at YerkirMedia-TV and Irakanum (“In Fact”) at Armenia-TV.

Karen Andreasyan is the author of over 20 published scholarly articles and books, such as “Reflection of the Freedom of Expression Provisions of the European Convention of Human Rights in Armenian Legislation”, “Problems of Jurisprudence”, “English-Armenian Glossary of the Council of Europe Related Terms and Expressions”, “Legal Regulation of Telecommunications”, “Current Tendencies of Media Law Development in Armenia”, “The Reform of Telecommunications” and the others are.

He is married with three children.

Karen Andreasyan assumed his responsibilities of Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia as of March 3, 2011.