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Biography Dr. Christos Clerides got his LL.B (Hons) from Brunel University, Uxbridge having been awarded the First Prize for the best examination performance in 1976. In his foreword to his First Published Book in 1976 "Some Unsolved Problems in attempts to commit a crime", Professor George W. KEETON MA, LL.D, F.B.A wrote for Dr Clerides:

"His work is a notable achievement for a young lawyer at the outset of his professional career".

In 1977 he got his LL.M specializing in Maritime Law, Carriage of Goods by Sea, Marine Insurance and General Insurance at the University of London, University College. His performance made him eligible for scholarship. In 1981 he was awarded his Ph.D. at King's College, University of London, specializing in EEC Law. For his Ph.D at King's College he worked under the supervision of Professor A. Chloros later the Greek Judge of the European Court of Justice and Professor Francis Jacobs, later Advocate General of the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg.

His thesis, "Conflicts" of "Social Security Laws in the European Committees" was approved by an External Board of examiners, Professors K. Lipstein of Cambridge and Hartley of The London School of Economics in 1981.

He worked in England as part of his LL.B (Hons) "sandwich" course with CITY Solicitors, Barlow, Lyde and Gilbert, under the supervision of the late President of the Law Society, Sir Denis Marshall. He was called to the Cyprus Bar in 1982 having passed relevant Bar Exams, First Grade. He is a practicing Advocate and head of the Nicosia Offices since 1982.

Dr. Christos Clerides has handled before the Supreme Court of Cyprus numerous cases. He also practises in the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. He was a cofounder with Judge of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, L. Loucaides, of the International Association for the Protection of Human Rights in Cyprus in 1999.

He served as Honorary President and President of the Association. He was Deputy Chairman of the New Horizons Party and elected Member of House of Representatives of the Nicosia District 2001 – 2006 and Deputy elected in 2006 – 2011 with the European Party.

He was a member of the National Council, the highest authority advising the President of the Republic on the Cyprus problem up to December 2004

He served in the Human Rights Committee, the European Law Committee and the Legal Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives. He has tabled numerous laws and questions to Ministers in the House and has participated in numerous official delegations on behalf of the House of Representatives. He served in the Assembly of the Western European Union and its Committees in Paris as a member of the Cyprus team.

He also attended numerous meetings of the Mediterranean dialogue of the NATO Assembly. He has written numerous studies and articles in Legal affairs magazines and in the local press as per Appendix C by way of indication. He served as a member of the Family Law Reform Committee 1983 – 1986 the report of which was adopted in substance culminating in the amendment of the Cyprus Constitution and the introduction of the New Family Law in Cyprus, abolishing the exclusive jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Court, in matters of divorce.

He has participated and organized numerous Human Rights conferences and meetings in Cyprus. He is currently Head of the Law Department at the Frederick University where he also teaches.

Information about the Firm The Chambers have a history of some 50 years and more. The Law Practice goes back to the early 1950's. It was setup by Mr. Phoebus N. Clerides Barrister-at-law, of Lincoln's Inn. He unfortunately passed away on 30.11.2011. Phoebus Clerides came from a well known family of teachers, lawyers, politicians. His father was a well known author and teacher from Agros village. First cousin to Glafkos Clerides ex President of the Republic. Phoebus was the brother of Lefkos Clerides also a Barrister-at-Law and Senior Counsel, ex Minister of Justice and ex President of the Cyprus Bar. Phoebus was also a Minister of Justice 1983-1985 and a Member of the House of Representatives. He served in the Cyprus Regiment during the Second World War. Though he was retired he still was a valuable consultant to our firm until his death.

His son Dr. Christos Clerides joined the practice in 1982. The practice was carried out under Phoebus Clerides & Co. Years later, the firm started cooperating with Neophytos Pirilides law firm in Limassol and still does until today.

In 2009 the firm formed a Lawyers' Limited Company and was re-named Phoebus, Christos Clerides & Associates LLC. Many young and aspiring pupil advocates did their year of training with Phoebus, Christos Clerides and Associates and still do so.

