

Janko Munjić is a Senior Judicial Assistant in the Criminal Department of the Appellate Court in Kragujevac, a career judicial role involving the drafting and review of appellate decisions in criminal cases, and a PhD Candidate in Criminal Law at the University of Kragujevac. His research examines AI-assisted sentencing, contestability of machine-generated evidence and the allocation of responsibility for AI-mediated harm. He combines appellate practice with scholarship on the conditions under which predictions, evidence and recommendations may legitimately shape judicial decisions.

SELECTED DISTINCTION

Best Paper Award, WeRobot 2026 - "Intention, But Hybrid: A New Test for Posthuman Agents"

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- ◆ AI-assisted sentencing and judicial decision-making
- ◆ Criminal responsibility and AI-mediated harm
- ◆ Robotics and hybrid agency
- ◆ Digital evidence and contestability
- ◆ Human rights and AI governance
- ◆ Digital transformation of justice

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2025-Present **Appellate Court in Kragujevac**
Senior Judicial Assistant, Criminal Department
 - Drafting and reviewing appellate decisions in criminal matters.
 - Providing legal analysis in substantive and procedural criminal law.
- 2023-2025 **Appellate Court in Kragujevac**
Judicial Assistant, Criminal Department
 - Prepared draft decisions and legal memoranda in criminal appeals.
 - Conducted legal research on case law and statutory interpretation.
- 2020-2022 **Basic Court in Kragujevac**
Judicial Intern
 - Assisted judges with case preparation, legal research and hearing support.

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

- 2021-Present **University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Law**
PhD Candidate in Criminal Law
Expected completion: 2027 | Coursework average: 9.80/10.00 | Dissertation: "The Role and Significance of Artificial Intelligence in the Reform of Criminal Law"
Current research includes algorithmic sentencing, contestability of machine-generated evidence and criminal-law reform.
- 2023 **Ministry of Justice, Republic of Serbia**
Bar Examination
- 2021 **University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Law**
LLM, Business and Corporate Law
GPA: 10.00/10.00
Thesis: "Legal Challenges in Artificial Intelligence Systems"
- 2020 **University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Law**
LLB
GPA: 9.24/10.00

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2026 “From Admissibility to Contestability: Structural Opacity, Encrypted-Platform Evidence, and the Limits of Adversarial Review.”
Journal of Criminology and Criminal Law, 64(1).
- 2026 “Rethinking Human Rights Protection in the Age of AI: From Ex-Post Remedies to Rights-by-Design.”
Facta Universitatis, Series: Law and Politics.
- 2026 “Hybrid Intention in Criminal Law: Rethinking Culpability in Posthuman Contexts.”
Proceedings of the 29th International Legal Informatics Symposium (IRIS 26), 421-430.
- 2025 “Robots as victims? Examining criminal law’s boundaries in the digital age.”
Alternative Law Journal, 50(4), 298-304.
- 2023 “A Critical Review of the Institute of Multiple Recidivism in the Modern Criminal Law of the Republic of Serbia: The Controversy of the Current Legal Solution and Possible Solutions.”
Kutafin Law Review, 10(4), 788-816.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 **WeRobot 2026, Berlin**
Speaker: “Intention, But Hybrid: A New Test for Posthuman Agents”
- 2026 **The Paris Conference on AI & Digital Ethics (PCAIDE 2026), Paris**
Speaker: “Hybrid Intention and Augmented Agency: Allocation of Criminal Culpability in Neuroprosthetic Control”
- 2026 **RoboPhilosophy 2026, University College Dublin**
Speaker: “Posthuman Victims in the Anthropocene: Environmental Social Robots, Layered Harm, and the Edges of Criminal Law”
- 2026 **International Legal Informatics Symposium (IRIS 26), Salzburg**
Speaker: “Hybrid Intention in Criminal Law: Rethinking Culpability in Posthuman Contexts”
- 2026 **Perspectives on Law & Technology, University of Verona**
Speaker: “The ‘Harm-Through-Robot’ Concept: A Context-Sensitive Method for Criminal-Law Responses to Robot-Targeted Harm”
- 2025 **Digitalisation of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice of the European Union, Université Grenoble Alpes**
Speaker: “AI and Judicial Cooperation in Serbia: Readiness, Fundamental Rights, and EU Alignment”
- 2025 **40th Nordic Conference on Law and IT, University of Oslo**
Speaker (PhD Workshop): Presentation on criminal liability in AI-mediated systems

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Scholarship recipient, AI Winter School “Introduction to AI in Law and Business,” University of Warsaw, 2026.
- Ministry scholarship for doctoral students, Serbia, 2022-2023.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Peer reviewer, Kutafin Law Review | Peer reviewer, Frontiers in Robotics and AI | Peer reviewer, Journal of Law, Market & Innovation

PROFILES & LANGUAGES

Website | ORCID | Google Scholar | LinkedIn

Serbian (native) English (fluent) German (basic)