Janko Munjić

SENIOR JUDICIAL ASSISTANT | PHD CANDIDATE IN CRIMINAL LAW | AI & CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCHER

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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 criminal attribution in AI-mediated conduct, human control in hybrid human-machine systems and the contestability of machine-generated evidence, connecting appellate practice with doctrinal work on responsibility and culpability where conduct is distributed across human and technological actors.

SELECTED DISTINCTION — **Best Paper Award, WeRobot 2026: "Intention, But Hybrid: A New Test for Posthuman Agents"**

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Criminal attribution in AI-mediated conduct
- Digital evidence and contestability
- Hybrid human-machine agency and mens rea
- Robotics and posthuman criminal law
- Human control in automated decision systems
- Human rights safeguards in criminal 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 covers criminal attribution in hybrid human-machine systems, contestability of machine-generated evidence and criminal-law reform.

2026 — **Republic of Serbia**
Judicial Examination (sudijski ispit)

2023 — **Ministry of Justice, Republic of Serbia**
Bar Examination (pravosudni ispit)

2021 — **University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Law**
LLM, Business and Corporate Law
GPA: 10.00/10.00
Thesis: "Legal Questions within Artificial Intelligence Systems" (defended November 2021)

2020 — **University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Law**
LLB
GPA: 9.24/10.00

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Selected for the Oxford Winter Neuroethics School 2026–27, University of Oxford, with Dana Foundation support, 2026.
- Scholarship participant, AI Winter School "Introduction to AI in Law and Business," Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw, one of twenty international participants, funded under the NAWA SPINAKER programme, January 2026.
- Ministry scholarship for doctoral students, Serbia, 2022–2023.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2026 "Hybrid Intention and Augmented Agency: Allocation of Criminal Culpability in Neuroprosthetic Control."
The Paris Journal on AI & Digital Ethics, 2, 22–31. · doi.org/10.65701/tk3x4lamdy

2026 "Hybrid Intention in Criminal Law: Rethinking Culpability in Posthuman Contexts."
Jusletter IT, 25 June 2026. · doi.org/10.38023/da669e69-2730-4c2b-abab-a391164afb83

2026 "From Admissibility to Contestability: Structural Opacity, Encrypted-Platform Evidence, and the Limits of Adversarial Review."
Journal of Criminology and Criminal Law, 64(1), 83–102. · doi.org/10.47152/rkkp.64.1.5

2026 "Rethinking Human Rights Protection in the Age of AI: From Ex-Post Remedies to Rights-by-Design."
Facta Universitatis, Series: Law and Politics, 24(1), 23–36. · doi.org/10.22190/FULP251226003M

2025 "Robots as victims? Examining criminal law's boundaries in the digital age."
Alternative Law Journal, 50(4), 298–304. · doi.org/10.1177/1037969X251388474

2026 "AI-Driven Criminal Justice: The Sharp Edge of the Automated State."
In Humanity in the Automated State (DigiCon DigiBook).

2026 Review of Kamil Mamak, *Robotics, AI and Criminal Law: Crimes Against Robots* (Routledge, 2023).
International Journal of Law and Information Technology, Oxford University Press. Accepted. · doi.org/10.1093/ijlit/eaag020

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED LECTURES

2026 **Supernatural Law: Regulating the Paranormal, University of Essex, 5 October 2026**
Speaker: "Telepathic Technologies and Hybrid Intention: Criminal Responsibility for Symbiotic Human–Technology Agents"
Commentator on Marina Lostal and Joel Colón-Ríos, "The Regulation of Exorcism".

2026 **WeRobot 2026, Berlin**
Speaker: "Intention, But Hybrid: A New Test for Posthuman Agents" (Best Paper Award)

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"
Proceedings of IRIS 26, 421–429.

2026 **Perspectives on Law & Technology, University of Verona**
Speaker: "Harm-Through-Robot"

2025 **Digitalisation of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice of the European Union, Université Grenoble Alpes**
Speaker: "AI and Judicial Cooperation in Serbia"

2025 **40th Nordic Conference on Law and IT, University of Oslo**
Speaker: "Who Bears Criminal Liability?"

2026 **Culture of Memory: 80 Years Since the Nuremberg Trials, Novi Sad, 27 June 2026**
Speaker: "Culture of Memory and the Transformation of Evidentiary Reasoning in Criminal Procedure"

2026 **Pravosuđe 2036, Faculty of Law, University of Kragujevac**
Invited panellist on the judiciary, digitalisation and artificial intelligence

JUDICIAL PRACTICE & PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

2024–2026 **Bulletin of the Appellate Court in Kragujevac**
69 published legal statements, substantive criminal law and procedure.

2026 "From Penal Populism to Nomotechnical Correction: Article 55a of the Criminal Code as a Test of Proportionality and Judicial Discretion."
Bulletin of the Appellate Court in Kragujevac, 89–105. In Serbian.

RESEARCH NETWORKS

2026–2030 **COST Action CA25133, European Legal Design Action (ELDA)**
Member, Working Group 4, AI and Digital Tools

ACADEMIC SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS

Peer reviewer: Kutafin Law Review | Frontiers in Robotics and AI | Journal of Law, Market & Innovation
Cadernos de Dereito Actual | Metaverse
Member: Robotics & AI Law Society (RAILS) e.V. | Association of Judicial Assistants (ASP)
Profiles: Google Scholar | LinkedIn

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