

# Ewa Rejman

LL.M. (2023), J.S.D (2025), Notre Dame Law School

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## **Education and academic experience:**

**Notre Dame University – J.S.D. (Doctorate) in International Law and Human Rights (2023-2025)**, grade: *summa cum laude*.

Dissertation “International Law as a Tool to Protect Mothers’ Rights,” under the supervision of Prof. Carter Snead.

- Teaching Assistant to Prof. Paolo Carozza in his course on Jurisprudence and Human Rights (Fall 2024).
- Research Assistant at the Religious Liberty Clinic (Fall 2023).
- Doctoral Fellow at the Nanovic Institute for European Studies.
- Doctoral Affiliate at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies.
- Doctoral Affiliate at the Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights.
- Sorin Fellow at the deNicola Centre for Ethics and Culture.

**Notre Dame University – LL.M. in International Human Rights Law (2022-2023).**

Full merit-based scholarship (tuition + living expenses).

Graduated *magna cum laude*.

- Riley Fellow to the Provost.
- Research Assistant to Prof. Paolo Carozza
- Sorin Fellow at the deNicola Centre for Ethics and Culture.
- Student Affiliate at the Nanovic Institute for European Studies.
- Student Affiliate at the Klau Centre for Civil and Human Rights.

**University of Wroclaw (Poland) – Law – 5-year-long, single-cycle Master’s degree (2016-2021).**

Master thesis: *The relation between freedom of conscience and “new human rights.”* For the thesis I received 5 (the highest possible grade). During my studies, I spent a semester at the **University of Bologna, Italy (2019).**

### **Selected professional experience:**

#### **Doctoral Fellow at the Global Human Rights Clinic (Notre Dame) – (January–August 2024).**

Conducted research and prepared memos on cases concerning religious freedom, freedom from torture and arbitrary detention, and other human rights issues, particularly in Latin America and Russian-occupied territories in Ukraine. Assisted in data analysis for the Clinic's submission regarding the request for an advisory opinion to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on climate change and attended the Court's hearing in person, providing ad hoc assistance there.

#### **Blackstone Legal Fellowship (Washington D.C./Geneva) – (June–August 2022).**

Served at the United Nations in Geneva between June and August 2022. Prepared legal analyses on the relevant topics of international human rights law, covering, among others, the summer session of the Human Rights Council and interacting with diplomats from the Member States on a daily basis.

#### **The Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations (New York) – Fellow (August 2021–May 2022).**

Prepared reports and provided analyses on human rights and development-related activities of the United Nations. The portfolio included the Second, Third, and Sixth Committee of the U.N. General Assembly, the High-level Week of UNGA 76, the Commission on Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, the UNICEF, UNFPA, UNOPS, UNDP sessions, the International Law Commission, the Durban Summit, Food Summit, Energy Summit, the meetings of the Secretary-General on *Our Common Agenda*, and the UN Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Person

#### **The Higher Academy of Justice System (Szkoła Wyższa Wymiaru Sprawiedliwości) – Legal Analyst (June–July 2021).**

Prepared analyses on the legal status of sexual and reproductive health and rights in international human rights law.

#### **World Youth Alliance – Leader of the Polish Chapter (November 2019–August 2021).**

Completed Certified Training Program, CTP Training for Trainers, Advocacy Academy, and became the First Level Advocacy Trainer. Organized Human Rights Webinars and took part in the Emerging Leaders Conference and the International Solidarity Forum.

#### **Institute of Justice (Instytut Wymiaru Sprawiedliwości) – Intern (July–August 2020).**

Co-authored the report about the role of physicians in legal procedures and authored the report about the UN policy towards family.

#### **Aleteia.pl – Journalist (February 2017 – May 2022).**

Published around 200 texts and interviews concerning, among others, faith, life, and human rights.

#### **Droga (magazine for youth) - Journalist (December 2015 – June 2018).**

Was responsible for the bi-weekly bioethics column.

### **Selected training:**

Vita Institute (2024), International Summer School of Human Rights and Bioethics (August 2021), Academy of the Law Leaders (October 2020 – June 2021), International Summer School on Religious Freedom (July 2019), European Leadership Academy (April 2019), European Advocacy Academy (April 2018).

## **Academic publications:**

### ***Published/forthcoming:***

*Sex-selective abortion and the problem of discrimination. A critical analysis*, *Studia Iuridica* (2025).

*Discrimination that requires a remedy. The case of mothers of children with disabilities*, *Mercer Law Review* vol. 76, 2025.

*Special protection of mothers in ICESCR and CEDAW. The analysis of travaux préparatoires and a proposal for the future*, *George Mason International Law Journal*, vol. 15.2, 2024.

*Child migrant workers. The Invisible Children?* *Denver Journal of International Law & Policy*, vol. 52.2, 2024.

*Religious Freedom in North America*, *Dictionary of the Religious Freedom*. Religious Freedom Lab. 2023.

*The status of an unborn child: selected theoretical and practical contexts in contemporary legal discussions* (co-authored with Dr. Błażej Kmiecik), *Theory and Practice of Law in the Natural Law Perspective*, 2022

*The conflict between reproductive health and religious freedom? Reflections on the case of the Little Sisters of the Poor*, *The State and Religion*, 2021.

*Is there a right to abortion? Analysis of international law and the concept of person*, *Acta Erasmiana*, vol. 19, 2020.

*The Law on the Court-Appointed Physician. Analysis and Perspectives* (co-authored with Dr. Błażej Kmiecik), *Fundamental Rights*, 2020.

*Religiously Motivated Mens-Rea in Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity. Why is its recognition crucial for the protection of victims?* *Law, Religion, Belief*, 2020.

### ***In progress/under review:***

*Limitations of socioeconomic rights in the context of armed conflicts*, work in progress for the *International Review of the Red Cross*.

*The emerging Right to Care within the international system: a universal and comparative perspective*, under peer-review for *Law and Social Justice Edited Collection* (Manchester University Press).

## **Recent conference presentations and other speaking engagements**

*Protection of motherhood in international law*, Conference at the Ludovica University of Public Service, "Care, Love and Relationality," 2 April 2025.

*International Law and the Protection of Mothers* - Event of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, sponsored by the Holy See Mission, 18 March 2025.

*Human rights of mothers of children with disabilities: international law and non-discrimination perspective*, Symposium of the Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender and Justice “The Policy and Politics of Caregiving,” 21 February 2025.

*Two 90-minute lectures on the scope and nature of social and economic rights*, Peter Pazmany Catholic University, Budapest, Hungary – 2-6 December 2024.

*‘They didn't suppress our humanity.’ Artistic works created in World War II concentration camps*, Fall Conference of the DeNicola Centre for Ethics and Culture, Notre Dame University, 31 October 2024.

*Protecting Religious Feelings? Freedom of Speech and Article 196 of the Polish Criminal Code in the Comparative Perspective*. ICLARS Conference: The Accommodation of Religion or Belief in the Public Sphere: Undeserved Privilege or Fundamental Right?” Notre Dame University, 21 October 2024.

*Revised Charter of Maternal Rights – A Way Forward?* MaterCare International, Rome, 20 September 2024.

*Laws that tell stories about culture: A comparative analysis of the protection of motherhood in Poland and the United States*, Conference: Insight into Family and Home, Faculty of Law and Administration University of Warsaw, 16 September 2024.

*Temporary Special Measures – Can they be applied to the protection of maternity?* Conference of the Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI) 2024, University of Lund, Sweden, Doctoral Workshop - 12 September 2024, Main session – 13 September 2024.

### **Languages**

English – full working proficiency

Italian – intermediate working proficiency

Polish – native.