

## **Efstathia Giannia**

### **Education – Studies**

- Graduate Degree, «Governance and Public Policies» from the Department of Political Sciences and International Relations of the University of Peloponnese
- Graduate of the Department of European Culture, Hellenic Open University (EAP)
- Graduate of the School of Officers of the Hellenic Police Force (EL.AS.)
- Specialization in "International and Business Negotiations" Program from the Capodistrian University of Athens (EKPA)
- Training in the Antiterrorism Assistance Program of the University of Louisiana, USA, at the Hostage Negotiations Course.

### **Professional Experience - Career**

After 33 years with the Greek Police Efstathia retired with the rank of Lieutenant General EL.AS. During her multi-year career Efstathia served in positions with the highest responsibilities and handled critical situations. She was Deputy General Police Head of the Region of Western Greece, Deputy Police Director of Achaia, Patras Public Prosecutor, Patras Security Commander and Traffic Commander of Patras police force.

Efstathia was selected as the first woman to participate in a US education mission on "Crisis Management - Negotiations" and among the top 20 officers in 2002 that staffed, the newly established negotiating team at EL.AS. Efstathia remained a member of the negotiating team and the only female trainer until her retirement.

For the affairs she handled, she has been honoured by EL.AS with “Ethical Remunerations” («Ηθικές Αμοιβές») and “Distinctions” («Επαίνους»).

Since 2008 Efstathia has been a regular member of the Commission for the selection of new negotiators and a trainer of EL.AS's negotiating team.

Efstathia speaks English and is a member of the scientific body of Union of Negotiators of Greece (ΕΝ.ΔΙ.Ε.) and a Municipal Councillor of Patras.