

# SOPHIE TKEMALADZE, FCIArb

Lawyer

Address: Tbilisi, Georgia

Nationality: Georgian

Current Position: ADR Advisor at USAID-funded Judicial Independence and Legal Empowerment Project (JILEP)

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## Professional Experience

- USAID-funded Judicial Independence and Legal Empowerment Project (JILEP), ADR Advisor
- New Vision University, Assistant Professor
- CBS Consulting International, Legal & Admin. Department Director
- JSC Expo Georgia, Chief Lawyer
- PotiTransEnergy LLC, Lawyer
- Tbilisi District Court, Intern

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## Arbitration Experience

- Creating and managing programs aiming at developing legislative and practical framework for arbitration and other methods of ADR;
- Member of the Working Group by the Ministry of Justice of Georgia on the revision of the legal framework for arbitration in Georgia;
- Member of the Working Group at the Georgian Association of Arbitrators on the creation of Code of Ethics for Arbitrators;
- Since 2006 Coach of Tbilisi State University team for Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

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## Education Background

- Training for Trainers Geneva, Switzerland  
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) European Branch
- INCOTERMS 2010 Paris, France  
ICC Accredited Master class
- Postgraduate Course in Maritime Law  
Lloyd's Maritime Academy London, UK , London Metropolitan University
- LL.M in International Business Law  
Central European University, Hungary
- Diploma in Law  
Tbilisi State University, Georgia
- Undergraduate Certificate in Business Law Applications  
Skagit Valley College, WA, USA

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## Expertise

- Commercial law, international sales, transport and maritime law

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## Practice Location/ Jurisdiction

- Georgia

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## Working Languages

- Georgian (native)
- English (fluent)
- Russian (fluent)

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#### Other Relevant Experience

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- Member of the International Bar Association (IBA) arbitration and mediation sub-committees
- Member of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)
- Advisory Member of the Young ICCA
- Member of the Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG)
- Member of the International Chamber of Commerce Young Arbitrators' Forum (ICC YAF)
- Member of the Georgian Association of Arbitrators (GAA)
- Founding Member of the Arbitration Initiative Georgia (AIG)
- Editor of the Georgian translation of the *ICCA's Guide to the Interpretation of the 1958 New York Convention*
- Contributor to the UNCITRAL, Columbia Law School and Shearman & Stearling LLP joint project of New York Convention Guide: [www.newyorkconvention1958.org](http://www.newyorkconvention1958.org)
- Author of a number of articles on arbitration; speaker and moderator at various national and international conferences on the subject-matter.