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WORK EXPERIENCE

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

Knowledge Management Lawyer, International Arbitration Group

Paris, France

November 2016 – present

Shearman & Sterling LLP

Associate, International Arbitration Group

Paris, France

June 2011 – October 2016

- Represent and provide legal advice to private companies or Governments in complex commercial or investment arbitrations carried out under the auspices of a variety of institutional rules, including those of ICC, HKIAC and ICSID, as well as the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

Ministry of Justice of Georgia

Deputy Head of State Representation in Arbitration and Foreign State Courts Department

Tbilisi, Georgia

October 2010 – April 2011

Head of State Representation in Arbitration and Foreign State Courts Division

October 2009 – September 2010

- Responsible for the conduct of international arbitration and litigation involving Georgia. Participated in preparing submissions and witness statements. Ensured daily coordination and cooperation between external counsel and the Ministry.
- Provided advice to different State institutions on international arbitration matters and dispute avoidance.

White & Case LLP

Seconded from the Ministry of Justice of Georgia

Paris, France

April – May 2010

DLA Piper Gvinadze & Partners LP

Associate

Tbilisi, Georgia

June – July 2008

- Drafted share transfer and loan restructuring agreements. Prepared memoranda concerning sovereign wealth funds and securities. Advised clients on enforcement of foreign arbitral awards in Georgia.

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

Legal Trainee

Paris, France

October 2007 – March 2008

- Assisted counsel with drafting submissions and making filings, conducted research on various substantive and procedural law issues.

International Advocates Amirashvili & Gogishvili LP

Associate

Tbilisi, Georgia

January 2006 – August 2007

- Drafted various incorporation documents and commercial contracts. Participated in negotiation and drafting of a major Georgian beverage company's share transfer agreement. Provided daily legal advice to a major real-estate holding in Georgia.

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York • Republic of Georgia

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Corporate Law

New York, USA

2008-2009

Stockholm University

Masters in International Commercial Arbitration Law

Stockholm, Sweden

2004-2005

Helsinki University

Masters in Public International Law

Helsinki, Finland

2003-2004

Tbilisi State University

Bachelor (B.A.) in International Law with Honors

Tbilisi, Georgia

1998-2003

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Sole Arbitrator in a dispute under Georgian International Arbitration Centre (GIAC) Arbitration Rules, appointed by GIAC in 2014
- Member, GIAC Arbitration Rules Drafting Committee and Member, GIAC Arbitration Council
- Research Assistant, New York Convention Guide Project (www.newyorkconvention1958.org)
- 2016 (1-3 December) – Moderator on GIAC Arbitration Days in Tbilisi on Third Party Funding, organized by GIAC -Tbilisi, Georgia
- 2015 (3 December) – Speaker on the International Arbitration Day, organized by Shearman & Sterling LLP - Paris, France
- 2015 (27 November) – Speaker at the ICC *Lex Mercatoria* 4th International Conference on International Sales Law and International Commercial Arbitration, organized by the ICC - Minsk, Belarus
- 2015 (8-10 October) – Speaker on GIAC Arbitration Days in Tbilisi: Regional Development of Arbitration, organized by GIAC -Tbilisi, Georgia
- 2014 (25 April) – Speaker on the 12th International Atyrau Legal Conference, jointly organized by Kazakhstan Petroleum Lawyers' Association and Tengizchevroil - Atyrau, Kazakhstan
- 2014 (11 March) – Speaker on the conference dedicated to the creation of GIAC, jointly organized by Government of Georgia and Transparency International Georgia -Tbilisi, Georgia
- 2013 (29 November) – Speaker on the luncheon dedicated to investment arbitration, organized by Association of International Business Lawyers - Geneva, Switzerland
- 2013 (19 November) – Speaker on the International Arbitration Day, organized by Shearman & Sterling LLP - Paris, France
- 2011 (22-24 June) – Moderator for Caucasus Panel on the 6th CIS Local Counsel Forum, organized by Russian-Ukrainian Legal Group, P.A. - Almaty, Kazakhstan
- 2008 (1-4 May) – Speaker on construction dispute avoidance and resolution panel of the Conference on Conflict Avoidance and Resolution in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, organized by European Branch of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - Istanbul, Turkey
- 2007 (6-8 September) – Speaker on the contracts panel of the First Mediterranean-Middle East Counsel Forum, organized by European Court of Arbitration - Rome, Italy

PUBLICATIONS

- “Avoiding Disputes in the Context of Subsurface Contracting” by Ketevan Betaneli, published in English and Russian in International Atyrau Legal Conference Materials (2012)
- “Kazakhstan and Investment Protection Mechanisms in the Energy Sector” by Yas Banifatemi and Ketevan Betaneli, published in English and Russian in the Journal on Subsoil Use and Law 2011 (2011-2)
- “Company Law in Georgia” by Ketevan Betaneli and Maik Masbaum, published in English and Georgian in the Georgian Law Review 2003 (6/2003-2/3)

LANGUAGES

Georgian, Russian, English, French

INTERESTS

Traveling, arts, theatre, sports