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Attorney-at-Law

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Nationality: Georgian

Current Position: Head of EY Law Practice Georgia

Professional Experience

EY Georgia LLC (Ernst & Young) (Tbilisi, Georgia)

Head of EY Law Practice Georgia, 28/03/2016 – present

Deloitte & Touche LLC (Tbilisi, Georgia)

Head of Deloitte Legal Georgia, 01/05/2013 – 28/03/2016

Rödl & Partner (Tbilisi, Georgia)

Senior Associate Lawyer, 30/06/2011 – 01/06/2013

BEITEN BURKHARDT Law Firm (Berlin, Germany)

Legal Trainee, 04/10/2010 – 03/01/2011

WEITNAUER Law Firm (Berlin, Germany)

Legal Trainee/Research Assistant, 05/10/2009 – 25/12/2009, 09/08/2010 – 21/09/2010

LEBUHN & PUCHTA Law Firm (Hamburg, Germany)

Legal Trainee, 23/02/2009 – 17/04/2009

IDS Borjomi (Tbilisi, Georgia)

In-house counsel/Corporate Lawyer, 02/2007 – 08/2008

Chelidze & Partners Law Firm (Tbilisi, Georgia)

Lawyer, 10/2007 – 07/2008

Millenium Challenge Georgia Fund “MCG” Project (Tbilisi, Georgia)

Legal Trainee, 10/2006 – 02/2007

Tbilisi Court of Appeal, (Tbilisi, Georgia)

Legal Intern, 03/2006 – 07/2006

Legal Committee of Parliament of Georgia (Tbilisi, Georgia)

Legal Intern, 10/2005 – 12/2005

Arbitration Experience

LCIA (London Court of International Arbitration) – Representing client in international business dispute

Local Arbitrations – acting as an arbitrator

Co-founder of Georgian Arbitrators Association

Teaching Conflict of Laws in Commercial Arbitration at Georgian Universities

Education Background

Christian-Albrechts-University, Kiel, Germany

PhD – Doctor of Laws/ Dr. Juris, Dissertation Thesis: “Recognition of Foreign Judgments in Georgian and German Law (Comparative Study)”/“Grundlagen des deutsch-georgischen Anerkennungsrechts”, 2014

Bucerius Law School / WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management, Hamburg/Vallendar, Germany

Master of Laws and Business, 2008-2009

Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia

Master of Laws (LL.M) 2006-2008
Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) 2002-2006

Pace Law School Institute of International Commercial Law

Certificate Program on International Commercial Law & International Alternative Dispute Resolution
(US, online/distance) 2014-2015

Tulane University School of Law, US / the Institute Anwaltsrecht Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany

Diploma in Dispute Resolution/Mediation (ADR) and International Commercial Arbitration/Negotiation, 2010

Expertise

George advises clients on corporate issues, M&A transactions, structuring of cross-border transactions of local and foreign companies, legal due diligence procedures, international commercial contract drafting and conflict of laws, commercial arbitration, international litigation / private international law, negotiation and mediation, licensing regulations, competition law, and oil and gas regulations.

Publications:

- **“Recognition of Foreign Judgments in Georgian and German Law (Comparative Study)”/“Grundlagen des deutsch-georgischen Anerkennungsrechts”, PETER LANG, 2014.**
<http://www.peterlang.com/index.cfm?event=cmp.ccc.seitenstruktur.detailseiten&seitentyp=produkt&pk=80924&concordid=265158>
- **Contract Law Textbook co-author, 2014.**
http://www.ewmi-jilep.org/images/stories/books/Contract_Law/Contract_Law_Textbook_GEO.pdf
- **“Rechtsnatur der internationalen Gerichtsstandsvereinbarung in dem georgischen Recht: Kann die ausschließliche Gerichtsstandsvereinbarung georgischen Gerichten als Abwehrmaßnahme gegen Forum Shopping im Ausland dienen?”**
http://www.mpipriv.de/ww/de/pub/forschung/forschungsarbeit/ausl_ndisches_recht_rechtsver/russland_und_weitere_gus_staat/beitrag_und_informationen_zum.cfm (<http://www.mpipriv.de/>)
- **“Recognition of Foreign Judgments in Georgia: Is the Recognition of Foreign Judgments in Georgia Predictable?”**
http://www.mpipriv.de/ww/de/pub/forschung/forschungsarbeit/ausl_ndisches_recht_rechtsver/russland_und_weitere_gus_staat/beitrag_und_informationen_zum.cfm (<http://www.mpipriv.de/>)
- **Drafting and Negotiating International Commercial Contracts in light of International Sales Law, Georgian Business Law Review, 2015;** <http://nccl.ge/ge/review>
- **Commentary of Civil Code of Georgia, co-author, commented articles 137-146; 427-454; 2016;** <http://www.gccc.ge/>
- **Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Georgia and Forum selection clause / Choice of Jurisdiction (Brief comment on recent developments of case law by Georgian Supreme Court)**
http://www.mpipriv.de/de/pub/forschung/auslaendisches_recht/russland_und_weitere_gus/beitrag_und_informationen.cfm (<http://www.mpipriv.de/>)

Practice Location/ Jurisdiction

Tbilisi, Georgia

Working Languages

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

Other Relevant Experience

- **Member of Georgia Bar Association since 2006**
- **Academic co-director of National Center for Commercial Law (NCCL) at Tbilisi Free University since 2012 present**
- **Associate Professor of Tbilisi Free University Law School, since 2011 – teaching below courses for Master’s and Bachelor’s Programs in Georgian and English languages:**
(1) Private international Law and International Civil Litigation;

(2) Drafting and Negotiating International Commercial Contracts; International Business Transactions.

- **Assistant Professor of Tbilisi State University, since 2011 – teaching below courses for Master’s and Bachelor’s Programs in Georgian, English and German languages:**
 - (1) Private international Law;
 - (2) International Civil Litigation;
 - (3) International Sales Law (CISG); Practical Aspects of International Sales Law (CISG).
 - (4) Conflict of Laws in International Arbitration;

- **Invited legal expert for Georgian Attorneys, Notaries and Judges within framework of Continued Legal Education of Georgian Bar Association**

- **Invited legal expert in EU project on Judicial Cooperation and development of Georgia’s legislation in light of the requirements of Hague Conference on International Private Law and EU-Georgia Association Agreement**