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Date of Birth: 10.10.1984

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Nationality: Georgian

Current Position: Principal Research Fellow, SIDRA

Professional Experience

Principal Research Fellow || 2022-present

Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA) / Singapore

- **Drafting, research, publication, outreach to stakeholders, organizing and speaking at events** in relation to three SIDRA programs: International Dispute Resolutions Survey, Disputes related to the China's Belt and Road Initiative, Singapore Convention on Mediation.

Head of the Department || 2011-2022

Advisor to the Department || 2010-2011

Ministry of Justice of Georgia, Department of State Representation in Arbitration and Foreign Courts / *Tbilisi, Georgia*

- **Representing State and state agencies in international arbitration matters.** Has been involved in various arbitration matters administered by ICSID, ICC, PCA, SCC as well as ad hoc UNCITRAL arbitrations both on commercial and Investment Treaty cases, on matters concerning oil and gas industry, electricity, real estate, construction (including under FIDIC contracts), financial facilities, government procurement, tax, etc. (See list of cases below).
- **Representing state in settlement negotiations on investment and commercial disputes; advising various state agencies to prevent disputes.** Has been involved in settlement negotiations on matters concerning energy, financial facilities, government procurement, tax, lumber industry, mining, environment, etc.
- **Drafting and negotiation of international trade and investment treaties.** Participated in the negotiations of Free Trade Agreements with EU, EFTA States, UK, Peoples' Republic of China, Hong-Kong Administrative Region of PRC. Participated in the negotiation of Bilateral Investment Treaties of Georgia with Switzerland, Turkey, Estonia, Romania, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Hungary, Belarus, Japan, Canada, Republic of Korea.
- **Representing state in International organizations.** Has served as a delegate and representative of Georgia in UNCITRAL, ICSID and ECT Secretariat as well as various task forces and working groups on matters of investment protection, Investor-state dispute settlement, international arbitration and ADR.
- **Working on various legislative and institutional reforms of the state.** Has participated in the drafting of amendments to the arbitration act, investment legislation, mediation act, etc. Participated in the establishment of Georgian International Arbitration Centre, Public-Private Partnership legal and institutional framework, State Agency for Dispute Prevention and Resolution, project on promoting Georgia as a regional center of arbitration and ADR, etc.

Various positions in the Chief Prosecutor's Office || 2005-2010

Office of the Chief Prosecutor / Tbilisi, Georgia

- Served as Head of the Human Rights Protection Unit; was responsible to supervise protection of human rights in the process of prosecution and investigation; was responsible for reporting to various international organizations working in different matters of criminal law and human rights.
- Served as Legal advisor of the Legal Department. Was involved in matters concerning mutual legal assistance, extraditions and international retrievals.

Arbitration Experience

List of Selected Cases:

I. Representing State and State agencies in international arbitration matters:

Karmer Marble Tourism Construction Industry and Commerce LLC v. Georgia (ICSID Case No. ARB/08/19), dispute arising out of the contract for the construction of highways and tunnels.

Ionanis Kardassopoulos and Ron Fuchs v. Georgia (ICSID Case Nos. ARB/05/18 and ARB/07/15), Dispute concerning the investment in Oil and Gas industry.

Arbitration case commenced by a Turkish construction company against the State concerning an investment project for construction of highways and tunnels. The proceedings were initiated on the bases of a construction contract under the ICC Rules.

Inna Gudavadze v. Georgia et al., a case concerning the violation of investment guarantees with respect to various investments inherited by the claimant. Case was initiated on the bases of the Georgian Law on the Promotion of Investment and Guarantees under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules; the Case was administered by the PCA.

Case concerning the state guaranteed financial facility in support of an investment project in energy field. Case was initiated by an Austrian Bank against the state under the Guarantee and Financial Facility contracts under the ICC Rules.

Case concerning a number of procurement contracts for the supply of goods. The case was initiated by Israeli company against the state before the UK High Court of Justice (Queen's Bench division, Commercial Court).

JSC KazTransGaz v. Georgia, case administered by PCA under the arbitration rules of UNCITRAL; dispute concerning the supply and distribution of natural gas in Georgia.

Case concerning electricity generation, supply and distribution in Georgia and the related tariff regulation. A matter has been initiated by the companies of Inter RAO Group from Russian Federation in ICSID and SCC arbitrations.

Case concerning production and sale of tobacco products and the collection and enforcement of taxes related thereto. The matter has been initiated by double Georgian and foreign national under the BIT before SCC Arbitration.

Telcell Wireless, LLC and International Telcell Cellular, LLC v. Georgia, ICSID; case concerning the investment in a mobile and telecommunication service operator company in Georgia.

Nasib Hsanov v. Georgia, ICSID; case concerning investment in telecommunication sector in Georgia.

Bob Meijer v. Georgia, ICSID; case concerning investment in the construction and operation of deep-sea port in Georgia.

ICC Arbitration case concerning the construction of the highway - a matter initiated by Georgian state agency against Italian contractor under the contract based on the so called FIDIC "Pink Book".

ICC Arbitration case concerning the construction of the highway - a matter initiated by Georgian state agency against Ukrainian contractor under the contract based on the so called FIDIC "Pink Book".

ICC Arbitration case concerning the construction of the highway, including bridges and tunnels – a matter initiated by the Italian construction company against Georgian state agency under the contract based on the so called FIDIC "Pink Book".

ICC Arbitration case concerning the design and construction of three multi-use sports palaces – a matter initiated by the company established in Canada, Manitoba.

ICC case concerning investment in the construction and operation of deep-sea port in Georgia.

II. Commercial negotiations: Negotiation of settlements on the investment and commercial disputes involving the state; advising state agencies in the process of negotiation of investment contracts.

Case initiated against the state by a Lithuanian Company concerning the latter's investment in the field of electricity distribution in one of the regions of Georgia. Dispute was based on Georgia-Lithuania Bilateral Investment Treaty and Energy Charter Treaty.

Case concerning the settlement of a dispute arising out of the state guaranteed financial facility in support of an investment project in energy field. Case was initiated by an Austrian Bank against the state under the Guarantee and Financial Facility contracts.

Case concerning the global settlement of a number of procurement contracts for the supply of goods. The case was initiated by Israeli company against the state before the UK High Court of Justice (Queen's Bench division, Commercial Court).

Case initiated against the state by an Italian company concerning the latter's investment in chestnut lumber production business. Dispute is based on Georgia-Italy Bilateral Investment Treaty.

Case concerning the settlement at the stage of enforcement of the LCIA Award issued on the dispute arising out of the contract on the supply of fuel.

Case concerning the settlement at the stage of enforcement of ICSID Award issued in relation to the construction dispute.

Case initiated by American and Luxemburg companies against the state concerning the concession of manganese mining and the production of ferroalloys. Dispute was based on the US-Georgia and Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union-Georgia BITs.

Education Background

2009-2010

MASTER of Law (LL.M.), MIDS

University of Geneva and Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
Geneva, Switzerland

2006-2008

Master of Law (LL.M.)

Tbilisi State University
Tbilisi, Georgia

2002-2006

BACHELOR of Law

Tbilisi State University,
Tbilisi, Georgia

Expertise

International Dispute Settlement, Commercial and investment arbitration, investment protection, construction disputes, energy disputes, commercial negotiations, international treaty negotiations, public international law, intellectual property law, international human rights law, mutual legal assistance and extraditions, strategic planning, public speaking.

Practice Location/ Jurisdiction

Georgia, Singapore

Working Languages

Georgian, Russian, English

Other Relevant Experience

Invited Lecturer of Investment Law || 2012- Present

Free University / Tbilisi, Georgia

Seconded from the Ministry of Justice of Georgia || 2011/ Nov-Dec

Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP / London, UK

Delegate of Georgia to UNCITRAL Working Group II (International Arbitration and Conciliation) and Working Group III (Investor State Dispute Settlement Reform), United Nations || 2013-2022

Delegate of Georgia to the Energy Charter Secretariat in the negotiations for Modernization of the ECT || 2014-2022

Member of the IBA Subcommittee on Investment Treaty Arbitration || 2015-2016

Member of the International Mediation Institute (IMI) Taskforce on Investor-State Mediation || 2017-present

Delegate of Georgia to International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) on the issues of ICSID Rule Amendment, World Bank || 2017-2022