

## KETEVAN BETANELI

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### WORK EXPERIENCE

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#### **Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP**

**Paris, France**

*Senior Knowledge Management Lawyer, International Arbitration Group*

May 2019 – present

*Knowledge Management Lawyer, International Arbitration Group*

November 2016 – April 2019

- In charge of developing and maintaining firm-wide materials on specific arbitration-related issues. Actively participating in and contributing to the creation of arbitration-related materials for clients and potential clients. Organizing and delivering internal and external trainings.

#### **Shearman & Sterling LLP**

**Paris, France**

*Associate and Senior Associate, International Arbitration Group*

June 2011 – October 2016

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

#### **Ministry of Justice of Georgia**

**Tbilisi, Georgia**

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

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. Facilitated daily coordination and cooperation between external counsel and the Ministry. Provided advice to different State institutions on international arbitration and dispute avoidance.

#### **White & Case LLP**

**Paris, France**

- Seconded from the Ministry of Justice of Georgia.

April – May 2010

#### **DLA Piper Gvinadze & Partners LP**

**Tbilisi, Georgia**

*Associate*

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 LLP**

**Paris, France**

*Legal Trainee*

October 2007 – March 2008

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

#### **European Union Project**

**Tbilisi, Georgia**

*Legal Consultant (part-time)*

November 2005 – August 2007

- Advising Georgian Government on social assistance legislation. Drafting Social Assistance Law of Georgia and relevant by-laws as part of the EU financed project on assisting Georgia on developing social assistance legislation.

#### **International Advocates Amirashvili & Gogishvili LP**

**Tbilisi, Georgia**

*Associate*

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.

#### **International Court of Arbitration of International Chamber of Commerce**

**Paris, France**

*Legal Trainee*

November – December 2006

- Attended the Court meetings and assisted in drafting initial submissions and summaries of final awards for consideration by the Court.

### BAR ADMISSIONS

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New York State • (Republic of) Georgia

## EDUCATION

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<b>New York University School of Law</b> <i>Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Corporate Law</i>	New York, USA 2008-2009
<b>Stockholm University</b> <i>Masters in International Commercial Arbitration Law</i>	Stockholm, Sweden 2004-2005
<b>Helsinki University</b> <i>Masters in Public International Law</i>	Helsinki, Finland 2003-2004
<b>Tbilisi State University</b> <i>Bachelor (B.A.) in International Law (with Honors)</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia 1998-2003

## RECOGNITION AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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- “Future leader”, Who’s Who Legal: Arbitration 2018-2023.
- Sole Arbitrator in a dispute under the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC) Arbitration Rules, appointed by SCC in 2023.
- Sole Arbitrator in a dispute under the Georgian International Arbitration Centre (GIAC) Arbitration Rules, appointed by GIAC in 2014.
- Former Chairperson of GIAC Arbitration Council; member of the GIAC Arbitration Rules Drafting Committee.
- International Court of Arbitration of International Chamber of Commerce, Court member for Georgia.
- Board member of Caspian Arbitration Society.
- Former Research Assistant, New York Convention Guide Project ([www.newyorkconvention1958.org](http://www.newyorkconvention1958.org)).
- Co-founder of the Young ISDS Club.

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- 2023 (11-13 October) – moderator at the GIAC Arbitration Days Conference on the Use of Technology in Dispute Settlement, organized by GIAC - Tbilisi, Georgia.
- 2022 (13 May) – speaker at the “Eastern Europe & CIS International Arbitration Conference”, organized by ICC Georgia.
- 2021 (10 December) – speaker at the “ICC Arbitration Sessions for Central Asia: 3<sup>rd</sup> eChaikhana” virtual seminar (in Russian).
- 2021 (17 September) – speaker at the “ICC Arbitration Sessions for Central Asia: 2<sup>nd</sup> eChaikhana” virtual seminar (in Russian).
- 2021 (25 June) – speaker at the “ICC Arbitration Sessions for Central Asia: 1<sup>st</sup> eChaikhana” virtual seminar (in Russian).
- 2021 (7 May) – speaker at a virtual webinar on “Arbitration Proceedings and Insolvency Procedures”, organized by GIAC (in Georgian).
- 2021 (8 April) – speaker at a virtual webinar on “Arbitration boat in a sea of ethics”, organized by Nash Arbitrazh.
- 2021 (21 January) – the sole speaker at a virtual webinar organized by the Georgian Association of Arbitrators on “the ICC Rules and its 2021 modifications” (in Georgian).
- 2020 (17 December) – moderator at a virtual conference organized by the ICC and GIAC on “Arbitral Institutions at times of COVID – ICC and GIAC experiences”.
- 2020 (8 June) – moderator at a virtual webinar organized by the Young ISDS Club on “the ICSID and UNCITRAL Draft Code of Conduct for Adjudicators”.

- 2019 (9-10 October) – moderator at the GIAC Arbitration Days Conference on ICC-GIAC Panel: Regional Development of Arbitration, organized by GIAC - Tbilisi, Georgia.
- 2017 (2-3 October) – moderator at the GIAC Arbitration Days Conference on Institutional Interference, organized by GIAC - Tbilisi, Georgia.
- 2016 (1-3 December) – moderator at the GIAC Arbitration Days Conference on Third Party Funding, organized by GIAC - Tbilisi, Georgia.
- 2015 (3 December) – speaker at the International Arbitration Day, organized by Shearman & Sterling LLP - Paris, France.
- 2015 (27 November) – speaker at the ICC *Lex Mercatoria* 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on International Sales Law and International Commercial Arbitration on disclosure requirements by arbitrators under different arbitration rules, organized by the ICC - Minsk, Belarus.
- 2015 (8-10 October) – speaker at the GIAC Arbitration Days Conference on the Regional Development of Arbitration, organized by GIAC - Tbilisi, Georgia.
- 2014 (25 April) – speaker at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Atyrau Legal Conference on investment arbitration, jointly organized by the Kazakhstan Petroleum Lawyers' Association and Tengizchevroil - Atyrau, Kazakhstan.
- 2014 (11 March) – speaker at the conference dedicated to the creation of GIAC, jointly organized by the Government of Georgia and Transparency International Georgia - Tbilisi, Georgia.
- 2013 (29 November) – speaker at a luncheon dedicated to investment arbitration, organized by the Association of International Business Lawyers - Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2013 (19 November) – speaker at the International Arbitration Day, organized by Shearman & Sterling LLP - Paris, France.
- 2011 (22-24 June) – moderator for a Caucasus Panel at the 6<sup>th</sup> CIS Local Counsel Forum, organized by Russian-Ukrainian Legal Group - Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- 2008 (1-4 May) – speaker on a construction dispute avoidance and resolution panel at the Conference on Conflict Avoidance and Resolution in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, organized by European Branch of the 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 the European Court of Arbitration - Rome, Italy.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- “The impact of AI on the legal profession - update from Paris”, Freshfields blog, 5 April 2023 (available [here](#)).
- “Paris Court of Appeal partially sets aside ICC award (Equatorial Guinea v Mr [C] & Bank [1])”, LexisNexis - Case Analysis by Ketevan Betaneli, 14 April 2022 (available [here](#)).
- “Tenke Fungurume Mining v. Katanga Contracting Services - Judgment of the High Court of Justice of England and Wales, 7 December 2021”, Jus Mundi - Case Comment by Ketevan Betaneli and Veronika Timofeeva, March 2022 (available [here](#)).
- “Paris Court of Appeal confirms pro-arbitration stance by enforcing ICC award set aside at seat”, by Ketevan Betaneli and Christophe Seraglini, International Law Office (ILO), jurisdiction – France, 17 February 2022 (available [here](#)).
- “Drives towards greater efficiency in international arbitration”, Freshfields’ yearly publication on International Arbitration Top Trends (2022) by Ketevan Betaneli, Nicholas Lingard, Patrick Schroeder and Hinda Rabkin, February 2022 (available [here](#)).
- “Paris Court of Appeal maintains pro-arbitration stance by upholding ICC award”, by Ketevan Betaneli and Noah Rubins KC, International Law Office (ILO), jurisdiction – France, 29 April 2021 (available [here](#)).
- “Surviving COVID-19: arbitrations involving insolvent companies” by Ketevan Betaneli and Veronika Timofeeva, International Law Office (ILO), jurisdiction – France, 1 April 2021 (available [here](#)).
- “How covid insolvencies affect arbitration” by Ketevan Betaneli, Noah Rubins KC and Thomas Walsh, Global

Arbitration Review (GAR), 18 March 2021 (available [here](#)).

- “Insolvency and arbitration”, Freshfields’ yearly publication on Illuminating the Top Trends (international arbitration in 2021) by Ketevan Betaneli, Noah Rubins KC and Thomas Walsh, 17 February 2021 (available [here](#)).
- “The 2021 ICC Rules: reflections on key changes and the ICC Secretariat’s guidance note” by Ketevan Betaneli and Amy Tan, Freshfields blog, 29 January 2021 (available [here](#)).
- “The 2021 ICC Arbitration Rules further improve the efficiency, flexibility and transparency of the arbitral process” by Ketevan Betaneli, Freshfields blog, 16 November 2020 (available [here](#)).
- “International arbitration in the time of COVID-19: a rapidly changing environment” by Ketevan Betaneli, Vasuda Sinha and Ashley Jones, Freshfields blog, 23 March 2020 (available [here](#)).
- “Why arbitration? A basic overview and pointers” by Ketevan Betaneli, published in The Financial, 4 March 2019 (available [here](#)).
- “The new Convention on the Legal Status of the Caspian Sea: New Opportunities and New Challenges” by Ketevan Betaneli and Daniel Muller, Freshfields blog, 1 November 2018 (available [here](#)).
- “The 2018 Convention on the Legal Status of the Caspian Sea” by Ketevan Betaneli and Noah Rubins KC, published in English and Russian in the Kazakh Journal on Subsoil Use and Law (2/2018 edition).
- “Avoiding Disputes in the Context of Subsurface Contracting” by Ketevan Betaneli, published in English and Russian in the International Atyrau Legal Conference Materials (2012).
- “Kazakhstan and Investment Protection Mechanisms in the Energy Sector” by Ketevan Betaneli and Yas Banifatemi, published in English and Russian in the Kazakh Journal on Subsoil Use and Law (2/2011 edition).
- “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

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Georgian (native); English, Russian, French (fluent); Spanish (basic).