

# Levan Bakhutashvili, Esq., MCIArb

Attorney at Law (New York State and Georgia qualified)

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## Professional Experience

- Independent Legal Consultant, 2019 present
- Frontera Resources Corporation, General Counsel, 2011 2019
- Frontera Resources Georgia, General Counsel, 2006 2011
- DLA Piper Georgia LLP, 2005 2006
- Ernst & Young Legal LLC (EY Law), 2003 2005
- Georgian Consulting Group (GCG Law), 2001 2003
- Baker Botts LLP, Washington, D.C., 2000 2001
- U.S. Agency for International Development, 1998 1999
- Ministry of Fuel and Energy of Georgia, 1997 1998

### Arbitration Experience

Participated as party representative, along with outside arbitration counsel, in 3 international arbitration cases. The first 2 cases were adjudicated by International Center for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), an international arm of American Arbitration Association (AAA), under ICDR Rules; venue – Houston, Texas, U.S.A. First case involved complex oil and gas farmout agreement and was heard before a single arbitrator appointed by ICDR. Second case involved complex commercial dispute arising out of international drilling services contract and was heard before a panel of three arbitrators appointed by ICDR; participated in subsequent local recognition and enforcement proceedings in Turkey and the UK related to the favorable award granted by the arbitrators. Third case involved complex dispute between investor and host state government arising out of energy-related host government agreement, adjudicated by an ad-hoc tribunal of three arbitrators, under the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) rules, venue - Stockholm, Sweden.

Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb)

#### Education Background

- University of Texas at Austin School of Law, Austin, TX, U.S.A., Master of Laws (LL.M.), 2000
- Tbilisi State University School of Law, Tbilisi, Georgia, LL.B., 1997

#### Expertise

Corporate Law, Commercial/Business Law, Energy Law, Contract Negotiations, Joint Ventures, Mergers and Acquisitions, Capital Markets, Project and Corporate Finance, Financial Services, International Commercial Arbitration

Practice Location/ Jurisdiction

- Georgia
- New York State

# Working Languages

- Georgian
- English
- Russian

Other Relevant Experience

- Member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb)
- Member of New York State Bar Association
- Member of Georgian Bar Association
- Chair of Energy, Mining and Utilities Committee, American Chamber of Commerce in Georgia, 2014-2018