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Nationality: Cyprus, UK

Current Position: Counsel, Bureau Pierre Tercier

Professional Experience

ARBITRATION OFFICE OF PROF. PIERRE TERCIER, Fribourg

Counsel (Mar. 2020 to present); Senior Associate (Jan. 2019 to Feb. 2020); Associate (Dec. 2016 to Dec. 2018)

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PRACTITIONER, Paphos

Independent consultant (Jan. 2014 to Nov. 2016)

HANOTIAU & VAN DEN BERG, Brussels

Associate (Jan. 2012 to Dec. 2013); Intern (Nov. 2011 to Dec. 2011) to Prof. Albert Jan van den Berg

GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, Geneva

Research Assistant to Prof. Gabrielle Kaufman-Kohler and Prof. Thomas Schultz (Mar. 2011 to Sep. 2011)

CHRYSESSE DEMETRIADES & CO LLC, Limassol

Cyprus Bar Training (Jan. 2010 to Aug. 2010)

WILMER CUTLER PICKERING HALE AND DORR LLP, London

Associate (Jun. 2008 to Dec. 2009); Intern (Oct. 2007 to May 2008)

Arbitration Experience

ARBITRATION OFFICE OF PROF. PIERRE TERCIER, Fribourg

- Tribunal Secretary and assistant in numerous international commercial and investment arbitrations under the Rules of the ICSID, ICSID (AF), CRCICA, ICC and SCC, as well as ad hoc.
- Matters covering, inter alia, the oil and gas, aviation, energy, mining, banking and construction sectors and investment treaties.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PRACTITIONER, Paphos

- Tribunal assistant in international commercial and investment arbitrations conducted under the ICC, ICDR, NAI, UNCITRAL and ICSID Rules.
- Advising on matters relating to the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards under the New York Convention.

HANOTIAU & VAN DEN BERG, Brussels

- Counsel, Tribunal Secretary and assistant in several international commercial and investment arbitrations under the Rules of the ICSID, CEPANI, ICC, SCC, NAI, DIAC, DIS, as well as ad hoc.
- Matters covering, inter alia, the construction, finance and banking sectors and investment treaties.
- Advising on matters relating to the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards under the New York Convention.

WILMER CUTLER PICKERING HALE AND DORR LLP, London

- Counsel in international commercial and investment arbitrations under the ICC and ICSID Rules, as well as ad hoc.
- Matters covering the telecommunications and oil and gas sectors and investment treaties.

Education Background

GENEVA UNIVERSITY / GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES,
Geneva

Master of Laws in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS) (rank 5th) (Sep. 2010 to Sep. 2011)

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTRE, Washington DC

Master of Laws in International Legal Studies (LLM) (Aug. 2005 to May 2006)

WARWICK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Coventry

Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Honours (Sep. 2002 to Jun 2005)

Expertise

International and Investment Arbitration; Investment Treaties; Construction; Oil and Gas; Mining; Aviation; Common Law

Practice Location/ Jurisdiction

Switzerland / Admitted in the Bar of the State of New York (2008) and Cyprus (2016); Registered with the Brussels Bar (2012-2013)

Working Languages

English, Greek

Other Relevant Experience

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- RAA DATABASE OF ARBITRATORS, Member (Jun. 2020 to Present)
- SIAC RESERVE PANEL OF ARBITRATORS, Member (Mar. 2020 to Present)
- LCIA DATABASE OF ARBITRATORS, Member (Oct. 2019 to Present)
- CRCICA PANEL OF ARBITRATORS, Member (Oct. 2019 to Present)
- CIArb BUSINESS ARBITRATION SCHEME (BAS) PANEL OF ARBITRATORS, Member (Oct. 2019 to Present)
- CIArb ACCELERATED ROUTE TO FELLOWSHIP (New York) (May. 2019); Admitted as a Fellow of CIArb (Oct. 2019); Award Writing Exam (Part A: 92/100 and Part B: 99/100)
- DELOS DISPUTE RESOLUTION, Co-Chair of Delos-Y Committee (Jun. 2018 to Jan. 2020)
- INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ICDR) YOUNG & INTERNATIONAL, Global Advisory Board Member (Nov. 2013 to Feb. 2020)
- YOUNG INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION (ICCA) MENTORING PROGRAMME, Coordinator (2016-2018); Buddy to Dr. Mohammed Abdel Raouf (2015-2016); Assistant to Prof. Albert Jan van den Berg (2013-2016); Mentee to Prof. Pierre Tercier (2013-2014)
- FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION ADVOCACY, Oral advocacy in international arbitration workshop – Certificate (Geneva) (Feb. 2011)

PRESENTATIONS

- Moderator in Panel on Emergency Relief and Third Party Funding in International Arbitration: Emerging Issues, ICDR Y&I / CIDS, Geneva (26 Jan. 2017)
- Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Damages in Investment Arbitration and Enforcement of Investor-State Arbitral Awards, ELSA Investment Law Course, Athens (23 Aug. 2016)
- Time and Cost Efficiency Techniques in International Arbitration, ICC YAF / ICDR Y&I / IHU, Thessaloniki (8 Apr. 2016)
- Introductory Remarks in “The Practice of International Arbitration”, ICDR Y&I / ICCA / Young ICCA / ICC YAF, Paphos (18 Sept. 2015)
- Issues of Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration, ICDR Y&I / IHU, Thessaloniki (15 Jun. 2015)
- Arbitration and National Courts, ICC Court of Arbitration / ICC Cyprus, Nicosia (29 Apr. 2014)
- Commercial and Investment Arbitration: Differences and Similarities, Cyprus Mediation & Arbitration Centre, Nicosia (14 Oct. 2014)
- Do Investment Arbitral Tribunals Serve as “Appellate Courts” in International Commercial Arbitration?, CILS Conference, Lazarski University, Warsaw (19 Oct. 2012)

PUBLICATIONS

- Cyprus Update “Supreme Court Applies the Requirement of a ‘Duly Authenticated Original Award’ in line with Text and Purpose of the New York Convention”, in ICC Bulletin (2017, Issue 3)
- Greek translation of ICCA’s Guide to the Interpretation of the 1958 New York Convention: A Handbook for Judges, ICCA, 2011, together with Panagiotis Chalkias (2014)
- Cyprus Chapter, in Global Arbitration Review, with Gary Born and Noelle Berryman (2010)