Nino (Venera) Suknidze

Legal Advisor, attorney

Nationality: Georgian

Current Position: Managing Partner of "Suknidze & Partners", non-executive director of TBC Bank Group PLC, member of the supervisory board of TBC Bank, Member of the Board of Directors of American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM)

Professional Experience

- Law firm "Suknidze & Partners", Managing Partner, 2020 present;
- Non-executive director of TBC Bank Group PLC, member of the supervisory board of TBC Bank, 2021-present;
- Member of the Board of Directors of the American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM), 2024- present;
- Member of the Board of Care Caucasus, 2021 present
- Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Vice President, 2021 2024
- Bank of Georgia, General Counsel, 2018-2020;
- Dentons Georgia, Counsel 2017;
- DLA Piper Georgia, Associate, Legal Director, 2006 2017;
- Van Mens & Wisselink, International Arbitration Group, 2006;
- DLA SchutGrosheide, 2006;
- PA Consulting Group GmbH Georgia, KFW Project Debt Restructuring Agency for the Georgian Power System, 2004-2005;
- United Energy Distribution Company of Georgia, 2004;
- UN Association of Georgia, 2002 2004;
- Law Offices of Sandy Isaakson, 2002.

Arbitration Experience

- Sole arbitrator in the GIAC arbitration seated in Tbilisi, between Georgian and Latvian companies over an international contract on the delivery of goods.
- DLA Piper Georgia working on various arbitration cases of the firm, including ICSID arbitration;
- Van Mens & Wisselink, International Arbitration Group working on various commercial arbitration cases.

Education Background

- Erasmus University Rotterdam, LL.M cum laude in Business and Trade Law, NUFFIC scholar, 2006;
- Tbilisi State University, LL.B and LL.M with honors in International Law, 2003;
- Loyola University Chicago, International Studies, exchange student on scholarship, 2001-2002.

Expertise

Commercial/business law, corporate law, M&A, capital markets, banking and financial services, telecommunications, private equity, investments, project and corporate finance

Practice Location/ Jurisdiction

Georgia

- Georgian
- English
- Russian

Other Relevant Experience

- Certified Attorney with considerable in-court experience on high-value commercial disputes of major Georgian companies;
- Founding member of the Georgian Bar Association;
- Member of Georgian Association of Arbitrators;
- Member of the Tax and Legal Committee of American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM);
- Member of the Georgian Young Lawyers' Association (GYLA), board member (2011-2019);
- Member of the Association of Law Firms of Georgia (ALFG);
- Member of the Tax and Legal Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM);
- Member of the unofficial Council of Auditors under the Prime Minister of Georgia (2010) and the Business Ombudsman of Georgia (2011-2017);
- Lecturer of Trial Advocacy Skills at Legal Training and Information Center of GYLA (2007-2016);
- Judge/Arbitrator of various competitions for law students, including Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Georgia, National Rounds of the Jessup Int. Law Moot Court Competition (since 2002).