



Sophie Tkemaladze

Lawyer

Address: 41 Chavchavadze Ave., Tbilisi 0177, Georgia

Nationality: Georgian

Current Position: Independent Practitioner

Professional Experience

Resolve

Founder/Independent Practitioner, 2021 - present

UNDP Iraq EU-funded “Anti-Corruption and Arbitration Project”

Commercial Dispute Resolution Team Lead, 05.2023 - present

USAID Efficient and Effective Justice Program (EEJ) in Sri Lanka

International Consultant on Mediation, 07.2022 – 12.2023

USAID Rule of Law Program in Georgia

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Advisor, 01.2022 – 05.2023

UNDP Ukraine Recovery and Peacebuilding Programme

International Expert-Trainer on Mediation, 08.2019 – 10.2021

Georgian Association of Arbitrators (GAA)

Chair of the Governing Board, 07.2017 – 07.2021

Asian Development Bank, Office of the Special Project Facilitator (OSPF),

Facilitator/Mediator, 08.2016 – 12.2021

New Vision University

Assistant Professor on international commercial law and arbitration, 09.2013 – Present

USAID-EWMI Judicial Independence and Legal Empowerment Project (JILEP)

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Advisor, 08.2011 – 06.2015

CBS Consulting International

Head of Legal and Administrative Department, 07.2006 – 08.2011

JSC Exhibition Center “ExpoGeorgia”

Lawyer, 08.2003 – 07.2005

Tbilisi District Court

Intern, 09.2002 – 01.2003

Arbitration Experience

- Sole arbitrator under [GIAC](#) Rules (Case No. 001 – 2023) in a dispute arisen from oil processing and loan agreements. Parties: Georgian – Ukrainian. Amount in dispute USD 900 000. Award date: 01 December, 2023.
- Member of the Tribunal under the [ICC](#) Rules of Arbitration (Case No. 26593/HBH) in a dispute stemming from the contract on the enabling works for the construction of a hydroelectric power plant. Amount in dispute USD 27 000 000. Award date: 8 September, 2023.
- Party representative in [DRC](#) arbitration in a dispute related to reservoir rehabilitation Project. Parties: Georgia – Spain. Amount in dispute: USD 4 500 000. Award date: 11 January, 2023.
- Party representative in an [LCIA](#) arbitration in loan and guarantee Agreement related dispute. Amount in dispute: USD 2 000 000. Award date: 25 November, 2022.

- Chair of the Tribunal under [GIAC](#) Rules (Case No. 006-2019) in a dispute related to an international sales contract. Parties: Russian – Georgian. Amount in dispute: USD 480 000. Award date: 10 August, 2020.
- Sole Arbitrator under [DRC](#) Rules (Case No. 7978) on a domestic dispute arisen under a contract on Rehabilitation of an irrigation system; amount in dispute: USD 220 000. Award date: 14 October, 2019.
- Chair of the Dispute Board under FIDIC Pink Book on a dispute over a major Sewage System Construction in Georgia; Parties: Georgia-Azerbaijan. Amount: USD 8 000 000. Award date: 30 December, 2017.
- Served as member of the Arbitration Council of GIAC 2014 – 2020.
- Teaching International Commercial Arbitration since 2006.

Education Background

- **HARVARD UNIVERSITY**, John F. Kennedy School of Government
Master in Public Administration, 2016
- **CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY**
LL.M in International Business Law, 2006
- **TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY**
Diploma in Law, June 2003
- **SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE**
Fellow of Global Undergraduate Exchange Program of the US Department of State
Certificate in Business Law Applications (2000)

Expertise

Sophie's practice focuses on international sales law, international transshipment and maritime law, construction contracts and business law in general. As a matter of process she is experienced and comfortable in both, adjudicative role (arbitrator, dispute board member) as well as facilitative role (mediator).

Selected publications:

- Chief editor of the first Georgian language textbook on arbitration.
- Kluwer Arbitration Blog:
 - [May Means Shall in Georgia – Supreme Court of Georgia upholds a permissive ICC Arbitration Clause](#)
- Kluwer Mediation Blog:
 - [Mediation to Survive](#)
 - [What Does it Take to Try Mediation?](#)
 - [We have the Law, We signed the Convention, What's Next?](#)
 - [Mediation and Leadership](#)
 - [Courts Should be the Alternative!](#)
 - [Tbilisi Mediation Days: A Glance into the History, the Present, the Future](#)
- Chief Editor: "[Guide on Arbitration for Judges of the Courts of Appeals of Georgia](#)", October, 2018;
- Chief Editor: "[Guide on Arbitration for Judges of Courts of First Instance of Georgia](#)", November, 2017;
- Assessment of Legal and Practical Aspects of Arbitration in Georgia: http://www.ge.undp.org/content/georgia/en/home/library/democratic_governance/legal-and-practical-aspects-of-arbitration-in-georgia-2018.html
- Co-author: "Arbitration Glossary:", available here: http://www.ge.undp.org/content/georgia/en/home/library/democratic_governance/arbitration-glossary-2016.html
- Author: "Public Policy as a bar for recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards, overview of the Georgian practice", December, 2013; available: http://www.nccleu.org/m/u/ck/files/Geo_Comm_Law_Review_2013.pdf
- Author: "A New Law: A New Chance for Arbitration in Georgia", October, 2012; available (in English) at: http://www.lu.lv/fileadmin/user_upload/lu_portal/apgads/PDF/Book_LU-JE_konference-2012.pdf
- Editor of Georgian translation of *ICCA's Guide to the Interpretation of the 1958 NY Convention*, available at: http://www.arbitration-icca.org/publications/NYC_Guide.html

Practice Location/Jurisdiction

Georgia

Working Languages

Georgian, English, Russian

Other Relevant Experience

- Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb)
- CI Arb approved faculty on arbitration
- International Expert on ADR for the Council of Europe
- JAMS International Weinstein Fellow
- Empaneled with the Asian International Arbitration Center (AIAC) as an arbitrator & mediator
- Member of the Panel of Mediators of Abu-Dhabi Global Markets (ADGM) Arbitration Center
- Empaneled as an arbitrator with Chamber of Arbitrators at the Union of Lawyers (Belarus)
- Mediator listed on the roster of Green Climate Fund (GCF)
- Mediator of the ADB Workplace Mediator roster
- Member of the IBA Committee on Arbitration and Mediation
- Member of the Mediators Association of Georgia Governing Board (2019 – 2022).