



Sophie Tkemaladze

Lawyer

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Nationality: Georgian

Current Position: Independent Practitioner

Professional Experience

Georgian Association of Arbitrators (GAA)

Chair of the Governing Board, 07.2017 - present

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

Facilitator/Mediator, 08.2016 – present

UNDP Georgia

Expert/Consultant on Arbitration and Mediation, 09.2016 – present

New Vision University

Assistant Professor, Coach of teams for Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration and ICC Mediation Competitions, 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

- Served as the Chair of the Dispute Board under FIDIC Pink Book on a major Sewage System Construction project in Georgia;
 - Served as a Sole Arbitrator under DRC Rules on a dispute over a rehabilitation of an irrigation system;
 - Drafted and advocated for amendments to the Law of Georgia on Arbitration passed in 2015;
 - Serving as member of the Arbitration Council of GIAC since 2014;
 - Teaching International Commercial Arbitration since 2006
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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)
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Expertise

Sophie’s practice focuses on international sales law, international transshipment and maritime law, construction law and business law in general; As a matter of process her experience covers arbitration, adjudication and mediation.

List of publications:

- Author: "Arbitration or Arbitration, the importance of distinguishing arbitration institution and arbitral tribunal and the risks of not doing so", Georgian Business Law Review, 2018 <http://nccl.ge/m/u/ck/files/%e1%83%9f%e1%83%a3%e1%83%a0%e1%83%9c%e1%83%90%e1%83%9a%e1%83%98%202018.pdf>
- Kluwer Mediation Blog: <http://mediationblog.kluwerarbitration.com/2019/05/12/courts-should-be-the-alternative-georgia-soon-to-adopt-the-law-on-mediation/>
- Kluwer Arbitration Blog: <http://arbitrationblog.kluwerarbitration.com/2019/02/18/may-means-shall-in-georgia-supreme-court-of-georgia-upholds-a-permissive-icc-arbitration-clause/>
- Kluwer Mediation Blog: <http://mediationblog.kluwerarbitration.com/2018/12/19/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;
- Available (in Georgian language only) at: <http://www.gaa.ge/upload/phpEygUab80e4b51cbcc953777c2b6b8df87d0bba.pdf>
- 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
- Author: "Mediation in Georgia: From Tradition to Modernity", available (in both English and Georgian languages) at: HTTP://WWW.GE.UNDP.ORG/CONTENT/GEORGIA/EN/HOME/LIBRARY/DEMOCRATIC_GOVVERNANCE/MEDIATION_IN_GEORGIA_2016.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.nccl.ge/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-JF_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

- Fellow of CI Arb
- Listed Mediator and Arbitrator at KLRCIA
- Founding member of the Arbitration Initiative Georgia (AIG)
- Member and accredited mediator of the Harvard Mediation Program (HMP)