

# VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. **Current position:** Independent arbitrator

5. **Education:**

**New York University School of Law** (New York, USA)

*Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Corporate Law* 2008-2009

**Stockholm University** (Stockholm, Sweden)

*Masters in International Commercial Arbitration Law* 2004-2005

**Helsinki University** (Helsinki, Finland)

*Masters in Public International Law* 2003-2004

**Tbilisi State University** (Tbilisi, Georgia)

*Bachelor (B.A.) in International Law (with Honors)* 1998-2003

6. **Practiced experience in arbitration**

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?

In total, I have participated in over dozen arbitrations.

I have extensive experience in commercial and investment treaty arbitrations conducted under the major institutional arbitration rules, such as the ICC, SCC, HKIAC, GIAC, and ICSID rules, as well as in ad hoc arbitrations, including under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

- How often have you acted as Chairman?
- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?
- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?
- How often have you acted as Counsel?

Over a dozen times

- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)?

## 7. Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):

### Publications

- “Clarity or confusion? The implication of domestic court rulings for arbitration”, Freshfields’ yearly publication on International Arbitration Top Trends (2024) by Ketevan Betaneli, Christophe Seraglini, Katherine Khan and Guy MacInnes-Manby (available [here](#)).
- “The impact of AI on the legal profession - update from Paris”, Freshfields blog, 5 April 2023 (available [here](#)).
- “Paris Court of Appeal partially sets aside ICC award (Equatorial Guinea v Mr [C] & Bank [1])”, LexisNexis - Case Analysis by Ketevan Betaneli, 14 April 2022 (available [here](#)).
- “Tenke Fungurume Mining v. Katanga Contracting Services - Judgment of the High Court of Justice of England and Wales, 7 December 2021”, Jus Mundi - Case Comment by Ketevan Betaneli and Veronika Timofeeva, March 2022 (available [here](#)).
- “Paris Court of Appeal confirms pro-arbitration stance by enforcing ICC award set aside at seat”, by Ketevan Betaneli and Christophe Seraglini, Lexology, 17 February 2022 (available [here](#)).
- “Drives towards greater efficiency in international arbitration”, Freshfields’ yearly publication on International Arbitration Top Trends (2022) by Ketevan Betaneli, Nicholas Lingard, Patrick Schroeder and Hinda Rabkin, February 2022 (available [here](#)).
- “Paris Court of Appeal maintains pro-arbitration stance by upholding ICC award”, by Ketevan Betaneli and Noah Rubins KC, Lexology, 29 April 2021 (available [here](#)).
- “Surviving COVID-19: arbitrations involving insolvent companies” by Ketevan Betaneli and Veronika Timofeeva, Lexology, 1 April 2021 (available [here](#)).
- “How covid insolvencies affect arbitration” by Ketevan Betaneli, Noah Rubins KC and Thomas Walsh, Global Arbitration Review (GAR), 18 March 2021 (available [here](#)).
- “Insolvency and arbitration”, Freshfields’ yearly publication on Illuminating the Top Trends (international arbitration in 2021) by Ketevan Betaneli, Noah Rubins KC and Thomas Walsh, 17 February 2021 (available [here](#)).
- “The 2021 ICC Rules: reflections on key changes and the ICC Secretariat’s guidance note” by Ketevan Betaneli and Amy Tan, Freshfields blog, 29 January 2021 (available [here](#)).
- “The 2021 ICC Arbitration Rules further improve the efficiency, flexibility and transparency of the arbitral process” by Ketevan Betaneli, Freshfields blog, 16 November 2020 (available [here](#)).
- “International arbitration in the time of COVID-19: a rapidly changing environment” by Ketevan Betaneli, Vasuda Sinha and Ashley Jones, Freshfields blog, 23 March 2020 (available [here](#)).
- “Practical Tips for Effectively Conducting an Arbitration” by Ketevan Betaneli, published in The Financial, 15 April 2019 (available [here](#)).
- “Why arbitration? A basic overview and pointers” by Ketevan Betaneli, published in The Financial, 4 March 2019 (available [here](#)).
- “The new Convention on the Legal Status of the Caspian Sea: New Opportunities and New Challenges” by Ketevan Betaneli and Müller, Freshfields blog, 1 November 2018 (available [here](#)).

- “The 2018 Convention on the Legal Status of the Caspian Sea” by Ketevan Betaneli and Noah Rubins KC, published in English and Russian in the Kazakh Journal on Subsoil Use and Law (2/2018 edition).
- “Avoiding Disputes in the Context of Subsurface Contracting” by Ketevan Betaneli, published in English and Russian in the International Atyrau Legal Conference Materials (2012).
- “Kazakhstan and Investment Protection Mechanisms in the Energy Sector” by Ketevan Betaneli and Yas Banifatemi, published in English and Russian in the Kazakh Journal on Subsoil Use and Law (2/2011 edition).
- “Company Law in Georgia” by Ketevan Betaneli and Maik Masbaum, published in English and Georgian in the Georgian Law Review 2003 (6/2003-2/3).

### **Speaking Engagements**

- 2024 (14 June) – speaker at the “Arbitration and ADR in Georgia and the Wider Region” conference, jointly organized by the ICC and ICC Georgia - Tbilisi, Georgia.
- 2024 (11 June) – speaker at the “Introduction to VIAC” conference, jointly organized by VIAC and the Georgian Association of Arbitrators - Tbilisi, Georgia.
- 2022 (13 May) – speaker at the “Eastern Europe & CIS International Arbitration” conference, organized by the ICC Georgia.
- 2021 (10 December) – speaker at the “ICC Arbitration Sessions for Central Asia: 3rd eChaikhana” virtual seminar (in Russian).
- 2021 (17 September) – speaker at the “ICC Arbitration Sessions for Central Asia: 2nd eChaikhana” virtual seminar (in Russian).
- 2021 (25 June) – speaker at the “ICC Arbitration Sessions for Central Asia: 1st eChaikhana” virtual seminar (in Russian).
- 2021 (7 May) – speaker at a virtual webinar on “Arbitration Proceedings and Insolvency Procedures”, organized by GIAC (in Georgian).
- 2021 (8 April) – speaker at a virtual webinar on “Arbitration boat in a sea of ethics”, organized by Nash Arbitrazh.
- 2021 (21 January) – sole presenter at a virtual webinar on “the ICC Rules and its 2021 modifications”, organized by the Georgian Association of Arbitrators (in Georgian).
- 2020 (17 December) – moderator at a virtual conference on “Arbitral Institutions at times of COVID – ICC and GIAC experiences”, organized by the ICC and GIAC.
- 2020 (8 June) – moderator at a virtual webinar on “the ICSID and UNCITRAL Draft Code of Conduct for Adjudicators”, organized by the Young ISDS Club.
- 2019 (9-10 October) – moderator at the GIAC Arbitration Days in Tbilisi on “the ICC-GIAC Panel: Regional Development of Arbitration”, organized by GIAC - Tbilisi, Georgia.
- 2017 (2-3 October) – moderator at the GIAC Arbitration Days in Tbilisi on institutional interference, organized by GIAC - Tbilisi, Georgia.
- 2016 (1-3 December) – moderator at the GIAC Arbitration Days in Tbilisi on third party funding, organized by GIAC - Tbilisi, Georgia.

- 2015 (3 December) – speaker at the International Arbitration Day, organized by Shearman & Sterling LLP - Paris, France.
- 2015 (27 November) – speaker at the ICC Lex Mercatoria 4th International Conference on International Sales Law and International Commercial Arbitration on disclosure requirements by arbitrators under different arbitration rules, organized by the ICC - Minsk, Belarus.
- 2015 (8-10 October) – speaker at the GIAC Arbitration Days in Tbilisi on the regional development of arbitration, organized by GIAC - Tbilisi, Georgia.
- 2014 (25 April) – speaker at the 12th International Atyrau Legal Conference on investment arbitration, jointly organized by the Kazakhstan Petroleum Lawyers' Association and Tengizchevroil - Atyrau, Kazakhstan.
- 2014 (11 March) – speaker at the conference dedicated to the creation of GIAC, jointly organized by the Government of Georgia and Transparency International Georgia - Tbilisi, Georgia.
- 2013 (29 November) – speaker at a luncheon dedicated to investment arbitration, organized by the Association of International Business Lawyers - Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2013 (19 November) – speaker at the “International Arbitration Day”, organized by Shearman & Sterling LLP Paris, France.
- 2011 (22-24 June) – moderator at the 6th CIS Local Counsel Forum on “the Caucasus Panel”, organized by the Ukrainian Legal Group - Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- 2008 (1-4 May) – speaker at the “Conflict Avoidance and Resolution in the Eastern Mediterranean Region Conference”, organized by the European Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2007 (6-8 September) – speaker at the “First Mediterranean-Middle East Counsel Forum”, organized by the European Court of Arbitration - Rome, Italy.

#### **8. Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations:**

- Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR
- Former Court member for Georgia, the International Court of Arbitration
- Former Chairperson of GIAC Arbitration Council; member of the GIAC Arbitration Rules Drafting Committee

#### **9. Languages**

Mother tongue: Georgian.

Working languages (i.e. languages in which you have both a spoken and written command so that you may conduct arbitral proceedings in this language): English and proficiency in Russian.

Also, knowledge of French and basic Spanish.

**10. In which legal systems have you trained?**

- Civil Law
  - Common Law
  - Austrian Law
  - Hungarian Law
  - Swiss Law
  - Czech Law
  - Polish Law
  - Ukrainian Law
  - German Law
  - Slovakian Law
  - European Law
- Other \_\_Georgian\_\_\_\_\_

**11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice?**

Georgia; France

**12. In which jurisdictions are you admitted to the bar?**

New York state; Georgia (independent State)

**13. Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of five):**

- Antitrust/Unfair competition
  - Damages
  - Insolvency
  - Natural resources
  - Aviation
  - Distribution
  - Insurance
  - Power plants
  - Banking & Finance
  - Domain name disputes
  - Intellect. property (IP)
  - Private Intern. Law
  - Capital markets
  - Employment
  - Investment arbitration
  - Public Intern. Law
  - CISG
  - Energy
  - ISDS/Foreign inves.
  - Real estate
  - Civil fraud disputes
  - Engineering
  - Joint ventures
  - Shipping
  - Commercial disp. / transactions
  - Entertainment
  - Licensing
  - Sports
  - Commodity market contracts
  - Healthcare & Pharmac.
  - Life sciences
  - State/Public
  - Company/Corporate/M&A
  - Hotel/Gastro./Tour.
  - Maritime arbitration
  - Technology
  - Construction
  - Inform. technology (IT)
  - Media
  - Telecommunication
  - Contract law
  - Infrastructure
  - Mining
  - Transport
- Other: agriculture; food and beverages; car manufacturing; wholesale and retail

**Date of birth:** 11/06/1981

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