VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. Current position: Senior Associate in International Arbitration

5. Education: Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade (PhD), ongoing

Bar Exam, 2016, Admitted attorney at law to the Serbian Bar

Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade (LL.M.), 2015
Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge (LL.M.), 2014
Faculty of Law of the University of Belgrade (LL.B.), 2012

6. Practiced experience in arbitration

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?
 International: 8 (ICC Rules; UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules; CEAC 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?

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

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

Publications:

- <u>Female Leaders in International Arbitration: Practical Advice and Shared Perspectives</u>, Podcast (2023);
- <u>Decision of the Austrian Supreme Court 18 ONc 2/19t (translation from German to English);</u>
 Translation from German to English as part of the joint project between the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC) and Jus Mundi which partnered up to improve global access to key Austrian municipal decisions relating to arbitration (2022);

- Commentary of the Decision of the Austrian Supreme Court 18 ONc 5/20k published in Spanish (Decision de la Corte Suprema de Austria de 19 de enero de 2021, caso num. 18 ONc 5/20K) in the issue 1/2022 Arbitraje. Revista de arbitraje comercial y de inversiones (published by Aranzadi) (2022);
- S.Kovačević, "Austrian Supreme Court is a Pioneer in Ruling on Remote Hearings in International Arbitration", DRInsider Newsletter (2020).

Conferences and Seminars:

- Balkan Arbitration Conference, 10 11 October 2024, Podgorica, Montenegro; Speaker in BAC Symposium panel addressing the questions of the participants regarding international arbitration;
- Vienna Arbitration Days 2024, 7 8 June 2024, Vienna, Austria

Co-moderator at the Vienna Arbitration Days 2024 (World Café) at the roundtable discussing the topic: Is Arbitration Generally Suitable to Resolve ESG Disputes?;

- Balkan Arbitration Conference, 28 29 September 2023, Zagreb, Croatia; Speaker in the panel addressing the topic: Energy Transition in the Balkans;
- Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners (YAAP) Roundtable, 23 June 2023, Vienna, Austria;
 Speaker at the roundtable addressing the topic: Boundaries of the review of court and administrative decisions in ISDS;
- Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, 2022-2024, Vienna, Austria; Arbitrator;
- Belgrade Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Pre-Moot, 2017-2024, Belgrade,
 Serbia; Arbitrator.
- 8. Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations:
 - Founder of the Serbian Chapter and Co-Founder of the Austrian Chapter of ENERAP (Energy Related Arbitration Practitioners)
 - Licensed Mediator registered in the Serbian Ministry of Justice
 - Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners (YAAP)
 - Austrian Arbitration Association (Arb|Aut)
 - Young International Council for Commercial Arbitration (Young ICCA)
 - ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (ICC YAF)
 - ASA Below 40

9. Languages

Mother tongue: Serbian - Croatian - Bosnian

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, German, Spanish, French (limited working proficiency)**

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: Serbian Law with the acad Cambridge	lemic exposure to	the UK Law during the LLM stud	ies at the University of
11. What is your main jurisdicti	on of practice?		
Serbia and Austria			
12. In which jurisdictions are yo	ou admitted to the	bar?	
Serbia			
13. Special expertise or special	zations (please lis	t a maximum of five):	
☐ Antitrust/Unfair competition	Damages	☐ Insolvency	■ Natural resources
☐ Aviation	☐ Distribution	☐ Insurance	■ Power plants
☐ Banking & Finance	☐ Domain name d	isputes 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
$\ \square$ Commercial disp. / transactions	☐ Entertainment	☐ Licensing	☐ Sports
□ Commodity market	☐ Healthcare & Ph	armac. Life sciences	☐ State/Public contracts
☐ Company/Corporate/M&A	☐ Hotel/Gastro./Te	our. Maritime arbitration	☐ Technology
∃ Construction	☐ Inform. technolo	ogy (IT) 🗖 Media	☐ Telecommunication
Contract law	☐ Infrastructure	☐ Mining	□ Transport
☐ Other			
14. Date of birth: 23 June 198	8		
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