

VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. Current position: Principal, Vail Dispute Resolution

5. Education:

- American University Washington College of Law, Juris Doctor, 2009
- Université Paris X Nanterre, Paris, France, Masters studies in International Commercial Arbitration and Private International Law
- Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, 2005

6. Practiced experience in arbitration

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

I have participated in 50 arbitrations under the ICSID, LCIA, ICC, SCC and UNCITRAL arbitration rules, as well as under the Nigerian Arbitration and Conciliation Act and ad-hoc UK arbitrations and adjudications.

- How often have you acted as Chairman?

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- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?

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- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?

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- How often have you acted as Counsel?

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

12 as legal expert in adjudications

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

Selected Publications:

- “Article 26 - Expert appointed by arbitral tribunal” (with Karim Mariey) in Commentary on the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration (ed. Ilias Bantekas), Cambridge University Press, 2020
- “The Brčko Arbitration: A Process for Lasting Peace between Non-State Actors” in Non-State Actors and International Obligations: Creation, Evolution and Enforcement (ed. James Summers), Nijhoff Brill, 2018
- “Mitigating investment risk – treaty planning and damages claims against state entities” (with Dipen Sabharwal), *Financier Worldwide*, 2018
- “The English courts’ discretion on foreign policy issues post-Brexit”, *Commercial Dispute Resolution* (with Ed Attenborough), 2017
- “Would World Duty Free v Kenya be decided differently today?”, *Global Arbitration Review*, 2016
- “Arbitrator's award of third-party funding costs upheld by High Court” (with Robert Wheal and Luiz Aboim), *White & Case Alert*, 2016
- “Retention And Advancement Of Women In The Law Firm Environment” (with Janam Nagra), *The Institute for Transnational Arbitration, News & Notes*, 2016
- “Award” (Chapter 9, with Professor Martin Hunter) in Redfern and Hunter on International Arbitration (Sixth Edition), Nigel Blackaby, Constantine Partasides, et al., Oxford University Press, 2015
- “Does The ‘Culture’ Of International Arbitration Serve Its Users?”, *Kluwer Arbitration Blog*, 2015

Selected Speaking Engagements:

- “The Impact of COVID-19 on Contracts”, 2020: Bishkek Arbitration Days, Kyrgyzstan
- “Arbitration Practitioners Coffee Debate”, 2020: Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ukraine
- “Arbitral Claims by State Entities”, 2020: Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration, Russia
- “The future of arbitration and litigation in light of disruptive technology” (moderator), 2020: LegalTech Forum, UK
- “Toxic Technology”, 2019: GIAC Arbitration Days / ICDR Y&I, Georgia
- “Attempts to Enforce Energy Awards Against the Russian Federation”, 2019: 6th ITA-IEL-ICC Joint Conference On International Energy Arbitration, USA
- “Due Process and Bifurcation under the proposed ICSID Rule Amendments”, 2019: Nordic Arbitration Day, Sweden
- “The ICSID Secretariat’s Proposals for Rule Amendments” (moderator), 2018: Young ITA, UK
- “Investment Treaty Arbitration in the Insolvency Context”, 2018: Grant Thornton / Russian and CIS Arbitration Network, UK
- “Corruption and Investment Treaty Arbitration in the Extractives Industry”, 2018: Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) / UCL Laws / UCL Centre for Ethics and Law, UK
- “Update on Arbitration Developments in the UK and Asia”, 2018: 30th Annual ITA Workshop And Annual Meeting, USA
- “Mock Procedural Hearing under CPR Rules for Administered Arbitration of International Disputes” (counsel), 2018: Y-ADR CPR, UK

- “Oil/Gas Arbitration Involving States and State Entities: Selected Procedural and Substantive Issues” (moderator and speaker), 2018: Young ITA, UK
- “Drafting effective international arbitration clauses”, 2018: English Law Summit, Kazakhstan
- “Investment Arbitration in the Oil & Gas Sector”, 2018: ELSA International Conference on Energy Law, UK
- “International Arbitration and Corporate Social Responsibility: Current Issues and Future Innovations”, 2018: ICC YAF, France
- “How to Effectively Use Evidence in International Arbitration Proceedings” (moderator), 2017: Young ICCA, Russia
- Presentation to the Supreme Court of Kazakhstan on “Investment treaty law and practice”, 2017: American Bar Association’s Rule of Law Initiative, Kazakhstan
- “The Importance of Understanding In-House Counsel, featuring Richard Hill (General Counsel, Global Litigation, Shell)” (moderator/host), 2017: CPR Y-ADR, UK
- “Investor Protection in Construction Disputes”, 2017: IBA ECA (Europe Caucasus-Asia) Forum, UK
- “Tax Disputes and Investor Protection”, 2017: 6th IEL-IBA SEERIL International Oil and Gas Law Conference (Institute for Energy Law and the International Bar Association’s Section on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law), UK
- “Document Production in International Arbitration”, 2017: LCIA (YIAG), Russia
- “The call for specialised arbitrators, fora and procedures in energy arbitration” (moderator), 2017: ITA-IEL-ICC Joint Conference on International Energy Arbitration, USA
- Training (5 day) to Turkmenistan Oil/Gas Industry on various topics, including international arbitration, 2016: Turkmenistan
- “The Brčko Arbitration: Exploring the State/Non-State Boundary”, 2016: Conference of the International Law Association (British Branch), UK
- “The role of Amici Curiae in International Arbitration”, 2015: GIAC Arbitration Days / ICDR Y&I, Georgia

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

- Appointed as legal specialist in international arbitration to the American Bar Association’s Rule of Law Initiative
- Advisory Board member of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA) and 2017-2019 UK Chair of the Young ITA
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb)
- Member of 2017-2019 Y-ADR Steering Committee of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR)
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Russian and CIS Arbitration Network (RCAN)
- Member of Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN), British Russian Law Association (BRLA), Anglo-Russian Law Association (ARLA), Russophone Lawyers in International Commercial Arbitration (RYUMKA)

9. Languages

Mother tongue: English and Russian

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): French

10. In which legal systems have you trained?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Austrian Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungarian Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Swiss Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Czech Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Polish Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukrainian Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> German Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Slovakian Law | <input type="checkbox"/> European Law |

Other: Investment law

11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice?

International, based in London, working often in Russia and CIS, Eastern Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa

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

- England and Wales (Solicitor)
- United States (Attorney and Counsellor at Law, New York)

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Unfair competition | <input type="checkbox"/> Damages | <input type="checkbox"/> Insolvency | <input type="checkbox"/> Power plants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Intern. Law |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Banking & Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Domain name disputes | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellect. property (IP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Intern. Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital markets | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> ISDS/ Foreign invest. | <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CISG | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint ventures | <input type="checkbox"/> Shipping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil fraud disputes | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial disp. / transactions | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Life sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> State/Public contracts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity market | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare & Pharmac. | <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime arbitration | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Company/Corporate/M&A | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Gastro./Tour. | <input type="checkbox"/> Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Inform. technology (IT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract law | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural resources | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

14. Date of birth: 6 July 1983

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