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EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

LL.M., May 2023

Activities: Harvard International Arbitration Law Students Association, President
Research Assistant at Harvard Law School Program on International Law and Armed Conflict (HLS PILAC)

Sciences Po Paris, Paris, France in partnership with **Columbia Law School**, New York, USA and **Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne**, Paris, France

Master's in Global Business Law and Governance, May 2019

Activities: Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot Court (4/4 wins); *Sciences Po Law Review*, Director and Editor
Honors: Emile Boutmy Scholar (merit-based full tuition for top overseas students); Bredin Prat Scholar (merit scholarship)

Columbia Law School, New York, USA

Certificate in Global Business Law and Governance, May 2019

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France

Master 2 in Finance and Asset Management (with honors), July 2022

Sciences Po Paris, Reims, France

B.A. in Transatlantic Relations (with majors in Law and Politics), May 2016

EXPERIENCE

Three Crowns LLP, Washington, DC, USA

International Associate (September 2023 – present)

Represent investors in international investment and commercial arbitrations in relation to their investments in the oil & gas sector in Eastern Europe.

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, London, United Kingdom

Visiting Foreign Consultant, Litigation & Controversy (January 2021 – June 2022)

Represented investors and states in international investment arbitrations under various BITs in relation to investments in oil&gas and heavy manufacturing industries. The role included conducting legal and factual research, participation in the selection of the arbitrators, drafting of memoranda for clients, submissions to the tribunals as well as preparation of the hearings.

Cleary Gottlieb LLP, Paris, France

Legal Trainee, International Arbitration & Litigation (July 2020 – December 2020)

Represented an investor in a PCA arbitration, drafted pitches to states and investors, assisted in the preparation of lectures for advance arbitration courses. The role included legal cross-jurisdictional research, drafting of legal submissions, and liaising with the local law experts.

DLA Piper, Paris, France

Legal Trainee, Litigation & Regulatory (January 2020 – June 2020)

Represented a state in three ICSID award annulment proceedings. The role included conducting legal and factual research, drafting of memoranda for clients, submissions to the tribunals as well as preparation of the hearings.

White & Case LLP, Paris, France

Legal Trainee, International Arbitration (September 2019 – December 2019)

Represented investors and states in ICSID, ICC and ad hoc arbitrations. Drafted legal submission to tribunals, courts as well as memoranda to clients.

Bredin Prat Law Firm, Paris, France

Legal Trainee, International Arbitration (January 2018 – July 2018, January 2019 – June 2019)

Represented investors and states in ICSID arbitration under ECT and applicable BITs relating to investments in the energy and extracting industries.

Betto Seraglini Law Firm, Paris, France

Legal Trainee, International Arbitration (April 2017 - December 2017)

Represented a European investor in a \$14b ad hoc UNCITRAL arbitration against a CIS state. The role included drafting legal submissions, liaising with the client and preparing the hearing for provisional measures.

Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations, New York, NY, USA

Expert delegate to the Second Committee during the 73rd session of the UNGA (September 2018 - December 2018)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & LANGUAGES

- Licensed to practice law in Ukraine; admitted to the Roll of Solicitors of England & Wales. AMF-certified to give financial advice.
- Russian (native), Ukrainian (native); French (fluent), Spanish and German (limited working proficiency)

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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Advised an international NGO for protection of journalists on lodging an application before ECtHR in respect of Oleh Baturin, Ukrainian journalist who was abducted and tortured by the Russian army in Kherson (region in Southern Ukraine) after the region was occupied by the Russian Federation. The role included conducting factual and legal research, drafting of the memoranda to the client, and drafting of the parts of the application to the ECtHR.
- Represented a European investor in a \$14b ad hoc UNCITRAL arbitration against a CIS state in respect of his investments in banking, mining, real estate and heavy manufacturing industries. The role included conducting legal and factual research, drafting sections of a Statement of Claim on expropriation, FET and FPS standards, a section of a submission on bifurcation and preparing and participating in a hearing on interim measures.
- Represented a Dutch investor against an Eastern European state in a \$750m ICSID arbitration under a BIT relating to a judicial expropriation of an aluminium plant. The role included legal and factual research, document review and drafting of sections of a Statement of Claim.
- Represented an SEE state against a Dutch family-owned investor in an ICSID arbitration under the Energy Charter Treaty relating to a construction of a biomass plant. The role included the drafting of a Rejoinder, preparation of an opening statement and participation in a two-week hearing.
- Represented an investor against an Eastern European state in a \$75m ICSID arbitration in respect of its railcar manufacturing business. The role included drafting of a Reply as well as preparing and participating in a two-week hearing: drafting of an opening statement and three cross-examinations of factual witnesses.
- Represented a Ministry of a CIS state against an Eastern European state in a PCA arbitration over its interest in an oil refinery. The role included drafting a section of a Rejoinder on legal protection, overseeing the preparation of a local law expert's report, conducting factual and legal research, and assisting in the document production and review.
- Represented a CIS state against a major Russian electricity provider in an ICSID arbitration under a BIT arising out of a failed construction of several renewable energy plants. The role included the preparation of an opening statement and drafting of two cross-examination scripts for factual witnesses.
- Advised a leading digital corporation against a Commonwealth state on investment claims available to it in response to a legislation that imposes a payment obligation for local news content.
- Represented a CEE state in three ICSID arbitrations at their annulment or revision stages. The role included drafting a section of a Reply on Annulment on a serious departure from a fundamental rule of procedure, conducting legal research on i.a. manifest excess of power, mitigation of damages and the *Achmea* objection.
- Represented one of the parties in a \$40b ICC arbitration arising out of a construction project in APAC. The role included the analysis of 100+ technical reports on the project's implementation.
- Represented a family of an abducted executive of an international organisation against the international organisation in a PCA arbitration relating to an alleged failure by an international organization to protect its employee. The role included drafting a section in response to a preliminary objection on the lack of locus standi.
- Represented a CIS state in an ICC arbitration arising out of a state contract for road construction. The role included liaising with opposing counsel, background research to select an arbitrator and Chair of the tribunal as well as drafting of an application to a local court of a CIS jurisdiction.
- Advised an African State on resisting enforcement of an unfavourable \$1b arbitral award in a European state.