

VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. Current position:

Arbitration Consultant / Tribunal Secretary

5. Education:

- Stockholm University (Sweden) – LL.M.
Master of Laws in International Commercial Arbitration
Master's degree thesis: "Enforcement of online arbitration awards"
- Paris I Sorbonne University & University of Bucharest (Romania)
Master of Laws in European and International Business Law
- Montesquieu Bordeaux IV University (France) – Erasmus Exchange Programme – LL.B.
Faculty of Law and Political Sciences
- Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași (Romania) – LL.B.
Faculty of Law

6. Practiced experience in arbitration

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?
Over 37 domestic and international commercial and investment arbitrations under the following Rules: ICSID, ICC, LCIA CPR, DIFC-LCIA, SIAC, UNCITRAL, HKIAC, and CICA (Romania).
- 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)?
Over 30 cases as Tribunal Secretary/ Administrative Secretary.

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

Courses in International Arbitration and International Law:

- Intensive Course on ICSID Practice and Procedure, organised by ICSID
- ICC Summer Course on International Commercial Arbitration, organised by ICC
- Public International Law, organised by The Hague Academy of International Law
- Computer Science for Lawyers, organised by Harvard X
- General Course on Intellectual Property, organised by WIPO
- Primer on Intellectual Property, organised by WIPO
- Software Licensing Including Open Source, organised by WIPO

Publications:

- Upcoming “*How national courts in several jurisdictions are approaching the emerging field of Digital Assets litigation*”, co-authored with Sophie Nappert;
- “[Rising to the Challenge of Digital Evidence in International Arbitration](#)”, co-authored with Sophie Nappert, PAR, Vol. Arbitration and Technology (12/2021);
- “[Formula 1 Lessons for Cybersecurity in International Arbitration](#)”, co-authored with Wendy Gonzales, Kluwer Arbitration Blog (03/2021);
- “[Right to a Physical Hearing \(Romania\)](#)” – ICCA Report (12/2020);
- “[Healthy Virtual Hearings](#)”, co-authored with Sophie Nappert, Kluwer Arbitration Blog (08/2020);
- “[Provisional Measures in Investment Arbitration](#)”, Jus Mundi (06/2020);
- Contributor to Investment Claims (Oxford University Press) – analysed 101 BITs concluded by Romania, drafted a detailed overview of the BIT programme (10/2018 – 06/2019).

Speaking engagements:

- Speaker [NFT.NYC 2023](#) – ‘ABC of Non-Fungible Tokens’ Arbitrations and Litigations Disputes’ (New York, 2023). World’s largest NFT conference with thousands of attendees from the tech industry;
- Speaker Juridice conference on Private Arbitration Law in the European Context – ‘Administration of Blockchain Recorded Evidence in Arbitration Proceedings’ (online, 01/2023);
- Speaker ArbTech Conference: ‘Roundup: Crypto-Asset Disputes’ (online, 12/2022);
- Speaker NFT.NYC 2022 – ‘[Geopolitics and NFTs: Legislative Maneuvering in the US, UK and EU - Panel at NFT.London 2022](#)’ (London, 11/2022);
- Speaker Berlin Dispute Resolution Days, ICDR conference – ‘The Role of Arbitral Institutions in Enhancing the Use of Technology in International Arbitration’ (Berlin, 09/2022);
- Speaker Swiss LegalTech Association, Legal Innovation Conference – ‘Digital Assets Disputes’ (Zurich, 08/2022);
- Speaker Ethereum Community Conference – ‘[Crypto- What does the Court Say?](#)’ (Paris, 07/2022). World’s largest annual conference (over 1000 attendees) on Ethereum organised by Vitalik Buterin, founder of Ethereum;
- Speaker YRAP Conference – ‘Mind the Gap – A Comparative Look at Court and Arbitral Proceedings in Romania’ (online, 10/2021).
- Speaker Young ITA Talks – ‘First Aid in Arbitration: Efficiency of Interim Measures and Emergency Arbitration’ (Amsterdam, 10/2019).

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

- Events Coordinator - [Young Romanian Arbitration Practitioners](#) (YRAP) (01/2022 – to date); Initiator of the Romanian Mentorship Programme in International Arbitration.
- Coordinator of the [Cross-examination moot in International Arbitration](#) (2021 – to date) – Winner of GAR Awards 2022 for Best Development;
- Executive Board Member of [CyberArb](#) (initiative that promotes cybersecurity in international arbitration) (01/2021 – to date);
- Co-Founder & Moderator – [ArbTech](#) (online debate forum on legal tech) (07/2020 – to date) – Nominated for GAR Awards 2022;

- Chief Editor and contributor at [Delos Tech Channel](#) (platform of legal-tech updates) (01/2020 – to date);
- [Young OGEMID](#) Rapporteur on Arbitration & Tech/AI (06/2019 – 03/2022);
- Member of the editorial team of [Guide to Arbitration Places](#) – Delos (01/2019 – 01/2021);
- Curator of the Delos page: [Resources on Holding Remote or Virtual Arbitration and Mediation Hearings](#) (05/2020 – 2021);
- Member of the Rising Arbitrators Initiative;
- Member of the Tribunal Secretaries Network.

9. Languages

Mother tongue: **Romanian**

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 French**

10. In which legal systems have you trained?

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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> European Law |

Other _____

11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice?

United Kingdom; Romania

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

Solicitor of England & Wales (2021); Bucharest Bar (Romania) (2012)

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Power plants |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil fraud disputes | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint ventures | <input type="checkbox"/> Shipping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial disp. / transactions | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity market | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare & Pharmac. | <input type="checkbox"/> Life sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> State/Public contracts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Company/Corporate/M&A | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Gastro./Tour. | <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime arbitration | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform. technology (IT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract law | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

14. Date of birth: October 1989

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Date