

## VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. **Current position:** Independent Arbitrator

5. **Education: ACADEMIC (SCHOLARSHIP, FELLOWSHIPS, AND PUBLICATIONS)**

- **Draper Hills Fellow, Stanford University, Draper Hills Summer Fellowship on Democracy and Development, hosted by the Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law (CDDRL)** at Stanford University, Stanford, August 2021; The research focused on developing a set of policy recommendations for fostering the Rule of Law and good governance;
- **Visiting Fellow (part-time), National Endowment for Democracy, Washington D.C,** March 2021-July 2021;
- **Visiting Fellow (part-time), Hamilton Lugar School for International and Global Studies, Indiana University,** and March 2021- July 2021;  
The research focused on developing a set of policy recommendations for addressing corruption and money laundering through the national and international legal system;. Keynote address and presentation on "*The Current State of Corruption in the European Union*" ([https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=1090609314792632&ref=watch\\_permalink](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=1090609314792632&ref=watch_permalink)). Interview with Ambassador Lee Feinstein (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNYCJBEDPk0>), sponsored by the National Endowment for Democracy's International Forum for Democratic Studies;
- **Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellowship Award, National Endowment for Democracy, Washington D.C.,** October 2020-February 2021;  
Research focused on developing a set of policy recommendations for addressing corruption and money laundering through the national and international legal system. Presentation on "*Combating Corruption in Romania: Legal Remedies and the Ongoing Quest for Accountability*," sponsored by the National Endowment for Democracy's International Forum for Democratic Studies (<https://www.juridice.ro/706460/combating-corruption-in-romania-legal-remedies-the-ongoing-quest-for-accountability-december-15-2020.html>)
- **Ion Ratiu for Democracy Fellow and Awardee, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars,** Washington, D.C, 2019-2020;  
The research focused on Fostering Efficacy in the Asset Recovery of Proceeds of Grand Corruption in Romania, Tackling Money Laundering through State-Owned Enterprises and Global Prohibition Regimes against Corruption. Presentation on "*Asset Recovery of Grand Corruption: Lessons from Romania*" (<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/asset-recovery-grand-corruption-lessons-romania>);
- **Fulbright Scholar, The Centre for the International Financial Crimes Studies, Fredric G. Levin College of Law University of Florida,** Gainesville, Florida 2018-2019;  
The research focused on Fostering Efficacy in the Asset Recovery of Proceeds of Grand Corruption. Presentation on "*Fostering Efficacy in the Asset Recovery of Proceeds of Grand Corruption*" (<http://www.floridalawstudentbrief.com/fulbright-scholar-lectures-at-uf-law-on-asset-recovery/>)

- **Visiting Fellow, Law Faculty of the University Paris-Sud/Paris-Saclay**, with the support of the League of the European Research Universities (LERU), May – June 2019;
- **Visiting Fellow, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law**, Lausanne, October 2017 – Jan 2019;
- **Visiting Fellow, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies**, London, December 2016- August 2017;
- **Visiting Fellow, The Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law**, October 2015;
- **Senior Fellow, French (National) School of Administration, French government fellowship** to attend the CISAP (2015) training session in the fight against corruption in the public sector;
- **Scientific researcher, Regional Francophone Centre for Advanced Studies (CeReFrEA)**, Bucharest 2014-present. Assessing the main barriers to reforming anti-money laundering and anti-corruption strategies/evaluating applications/projects/participating in debates to develop new lines of research.

#### **EDUCATION:**

- Candidate for the Masters of Laws (LL.M.) in Environmental and Energy Law at the George Washington University Law School, Washington. D.C, August 2023- May 2024;
- Thomas Buerghenthal Scholar, Masters of Laws (LL.M.) in Business and Finance Law at the George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C, August 2021- May 2022 (Major in Banking, Securities, Finance and Corporate Law. In addition to my European education and experience in Romania and the E.U., my LL.M. at George Washington University has provided me with complementary knowledge, enabling me to build a solid foundation for the legal system related to U.S. banking, securities, finance, and corporate law. I also took courses in International Anti-Corruption and Compliance, International Commercial Arbitration, International Trade Law, International Business Transactions and Investment Arbitration, Banking Law, Corporations, Secured Transactions and Derivatives. Specialization in International Investment Law and Arbitration. Reference: Prof. dr. Stanimir Alexandrov);
- PhD in Criminal Law (2009), Bucharest University, Faculty of Law, Thesis: 'Countering Money Laundering of the Proceeds Derived from Organized Crime Activities, in the light of Domestic and International Regulations';
- LL.M (Master Diploma in Financial Investigations), University of Strasbourg, 2015;
- Bucharest University, Faculty of Law, LLM Degree Diploma in Criminal Sciences (2004);
- Bucharest University, Faculty of Law, Bachelor's Degree in Law (2003).

#### **6. Practiced experience in arbitration**

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

Starting in March 2023, I joined the Cayman International Mediation and Arbitration Centre's roster to concentrate my practice on business, finance, and energy law. In that capacity, I served as an arbitrator in the Tenth LL.M. International Commercial Moot Competition organized by the Center on International Commercial Arbitration at American University Washington College of Law between 23-25 March 2023 under the JCCA rules. I served as an expert for the Financial Action Task Force, participating in the FATF Private Sector Consultative Forum hosted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime at the Vienna International Centre, Vienna, May 8-9, 2023, with a contribution to the topic of misuse of citizenship in investment schemes for money laundering purposes. As an experienced former international anti-corruption judge with exceptional leadership and interpersonal abilities in countering transnational corruption, I have nineteen years of broad experience in high-level Corruption and economic crime litigation and investigations. I also have extensive academic credentials.

How often have you acted as Chairman? I have acted as a Presiding Judge, handling more than 1000 appellate cases, since 2009. After being promoted to the Bucharest Court of Appeals in 2014, I presided over historical criminal cases, in which I issued several autonomous anti-money laundering derived from transnational corruption final verdicts. I ordered more than €500,000,000.00 forfeiture for the benefit of the Romanian government budget. In my landmark anti-money laundering cases, I firmly denounced the

Romanian "laundromats," the ongoing laundering of the Romanian ex-communist Secret Service (Securitate)'s funds through the back-to-back money laundering typology<sup>1</sup>, the fraudulent privatization of the RAFO refinery<sup>2</sup>, and the fraudulent privatization of the Institute of Food and Research<sup>3</sup>. I also implemented relevant international provisions in asset recovery.<sup>4</sup> Through the support of the UNODC/World Bank Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative, I established a robust practice of carrying out parallel and proactive financial investigations to ensure that CRIME DOES NOT PAY. My tremendous skills in identifying and seizing the proceeds of crime from third parties/ultimate beneficial owners in multiple jurisdictions "after examining all the evidence, including various documents and expert reports, and testimony given before it by all the defendants, witnesses, experts, and injured parties, in an extensively reasoned judgment of 275 pages" to ensure the efficacy of future confiscation orders were recently assessed by the European Court of Human Rights in Alexandru-Marian IANCU against Romania((Application no.17934/15)). Recently, the European Court of Human Rights applauded my efforts to uphold the Rule of Law in Voiculescu v. Romania (application no. 493/15) and Camelia Rodica Voiculescu and Others v. Romania (nos. 502/15, 1559/15, 2836/15 and 2839/15). Recently, the European Court of Human Rights applauded her efforts to uphold the Rule of Law in money laundering cases in *Voiculescu v. Romania* (application no. 493/15) and *Camelia Rodica Voiculescu and Others v. Romania* (nos. 502/15, 1559/15, 2836/15 and 2839/15). The Court appreciated that judgment no. 888/8.08.2014, pronounced by a panel I presided in the fraudulent privatization of the *Food and Research* case, was "extensively and thoroughly reasoned, based on copious evidence, and included replies to all arguments raised by the parties." In this case, the applicants, including GRIVCO and Mr. Dan Voiculescu's daughters, complained to the European Court of Human Rights after the Bucharest Court of Appeals, in a panel presided over by the Applicant, on August 8, 2014, had convicted Mr. Dan Voiculescu to 10 years imprisonment and ordered asset forfeiture of more than 100 Mil. EUR. towards the Romanian government budget. The Court held that the freeze order over all the assets controlled by Mr. Dan Voiculescu issued by the Bucharest Court of Appeal respected the guarantees of due process.. Throughout my professional career, I have drafted over ten thousand such high-level decisions and memos, many of which have been applauded at the European level by the European Court of Human Rights.

How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator? As a SOLE JUDGE, since 2005, I have drafted over ten thousand decisions in commercial and criminal disputes.

As a criminal judge, I handled a back-to-back money laundering case in which I designed a strategy to recover more than €100,000,000.00 (the proceeds of crime laundered through correspondent accounts of the Romanian Commercial Bank, available at: <https://www.juridice.ro/470338/deturnarea-sistemului-bancar-in-scopul-spararii-banilor-aspecte-de-practica-judiciara.html>; <https://www.juridice.ro/469912/judecatorul-este-obligat-sa-respecte-legea-nu-insa-si-sa-protejeze-aparente-inselatoare.html>). I addressed many money laundering red flags and described the role of all the gatekeepers involved in the process that failed to perform appropriate customer due diligence. I also helped neutralize legal arrangements to complete the money laundering schemes using insolvency proceedings in the ULTRAPO case (*ULTRA PRO COMPUTER CASE* (the proceedings related in the

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<sup>1</sup> See the Romanian Commercial Bank case, Bucharest Court of Appeals; file no. 2428/2/2016, Judgment from June 10, 2016; References about the case are deleted from the Bucharest Court of Appeals website;

<sup>2</sup> See the RAFO case, file no.36794/3/2005 the final decision no.1207/October 12, 2014 of the Bucharest Court of Appeals; References about the case are deleted from the Bucharest Court of Appeals website;

<sup>3</sup> See the ICA case, file no. 25497/3/2012\*\* the final decision no.888/August 8, 2014 of the Bucharest Court of Appeals; References about the case are deleted from the Bucharest Court of Appeals website;

<sup>4</sup> See for a recent acknowledgement, Indiana University (2021), The Hamilton Lugar School Welcomes Acclaimed Judge Camelia Bogdan for International Law & Institutions Week; <https://blogs.iu.edu/hamiltonlugar/2021/04/06/the-hamilton-lugar-school-welcomes-acclaimed-judge-camelia-bogdan-for-international-law-institutions-week/>, last accessed October 12, 2022;

Application *Camelia Bogdan against Romania* (Application no. 32916/20: <https://rlw.juridice.ro/21578/perfection-of-camelia-bogdan-v-romania-no-1-application-no-36889-18-judgment-of-october-20-2020-under-rule-9-1-of-the-rules-of-the-committee-of-ministers-for-the-enhanced-supervision.html>).

How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator? Since 2009, I was member of thousands appellate panels, in which I rendered timely-manner decisions. Throughout my judicial career, I did not have any delays in providing the legal arguments in the cases deferred to me.

How often have you acted as Counsel? Due to my leadership in Anti-corruption, Anti-Money Laundering and International Law, I have extensive experience engaging with high-level financial sector policy-makers, regulators, and supervisors worldwide. I have held seminars on critical topics such as global prohibition regimes against transnational corruption and anti-money laundering and have advised top financial sector policy-makers, regulators, and supervisors.

How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)? No.

**7. Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):** I have completed an L.L.M. in Business and Finance Law at George Washington University as a Thomas Buerghenthal Scholar, majoring in Banking, Securities, Finance, and Corporate Law. In addition to my European education and experience in Romania and the E.U., my L.L.M. at George Washington University has provided me with complementary knowledge, enabling me to build a solid foundation for the legal system related to U.S. banking, securities, finance, and corporate law. I also took courses in International Anti-Corruption and Compliance, International Commercial Arbitration, International Trade Law, International Business Transactions and Investment Arbitration, and Derivatives. Since the Fall of 2021, I took Professor Stanimir Alexandrov's class on International Investment Law and Arbitration at The George Washington University Law School. As a result, Professor Alexandrov became my mentor and strongly encouraged me to pursue a career in arbitration, because I demonstrated deep knowledge of, and strong interest in, "hot topics" such as transparency in international investment arbitration, third-party funding, and disclosure of the beneficial ownership of investors and investments. In addition, I demonstrated an excellent understanding of complicated concepts of international law, such as damages for harm to transnational corruption in international dispute resolution and the doctrine of denial of justice. I attended many conferences organized under the aegis of ICSID, Columbia Arbitration Day, Washington Arbitration Week, etc. I was awarded two prestigious fellowships to attend the Thought Leaders 4 FIRE Americas: Cayman conference on March 14, in Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, as well as the Jurisconference "Sixteenth Annual Investment Treaty Arbitration: A Debate & Discussion" organized by The World Arbitration Update (WAU) and the Washington Arbitration Week (WAW), hosted on October 14, 2022 at Crowell & Moring LLP, Washington D.C As a Speaker in the International Arbitration Conference YAR 2.0, organized by the Young Arbitration Review in Lisbon, in 2019, I was member of the panel Corruption & Arbitration presenting "Asset Recovery of Money Laundering and Grand Corruption through Arbitration Proceedings," referencing the red-flags of money laundering/tax avoidance in arbitration proceedings. I also presented the intricacy of asset recovery of corruption through arbitration proceedings in several presentations at the Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crimes, where I intervene as a lecture, since 2017. As a Fulbright scholar, I aimed to enhance efficacy in asset recovery of transnational corruption (<https://fulbright.ro/news-from-fulbright-scholar-camelia-bogdan>., last accessed on May 22, 2022). In my presentation, I referenced the quest for a tailored approach to anti-corruption sanctions in the international development context, highlighting the role of arbitration tribunals in the global asset recovery regime.

**8. Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations:**  
American Bar Association (2022);

American Society of International Law (2023);  
Institute for Transnational Arbitration (2023).

## **9. Languages**

Mother tongue: Romanian

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



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\_\_\_\_\_ May 22, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_  
Date