

VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. Current position:

Senior Attorney-at-Law within the Arbitration team of the Law Firm Zamfirescu, Racoti, Vasile & Partners

5. Education:

Doctoral Student with the Faculty of Law, Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest, under the coordination of Dr. Crenguta Leaua – Research theme: “Annulment of Arbitral Awards” – October 2020 – up to present

FIDIC Training Course (Module 2) – Dispute resolution (arbitration) on construction projects – January 2018

LLM in International Commercial Arbitration and ICSID Arbitration, Queen Mary University of London– 2011-2013

Institute for Preparation of Attorneys-at-Law – 2007-2008- definitive attorney-at-law

Bachelor’s degree. – Academy of Economic Studies of Bucharest, Faculty of Economic Studies in German Language, Bucharest, Romania, 2001-2007

Post-graduate courses in European Law, Competition Law Transport Law and International Trade Law, University of Hamburg, Faculty of European Law, Hamburg, Germany, 2005-2006

LL.B. – State University of Bucharest, Faculty of Law, Bucharest, Romania, 2001 -2005

“Carol I” High School in Craiova, 1998-2001

6. Practiced experience in arbitration

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

One time, Rules of Arbitration of the Bucharest Court of Arbitration

- How often have you acted as Chairman?

One time

- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?

None

- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?
None
- How often have you acted as Counsel?
I have been acting as counsel in arbitration since 2007, being involved in more than 40 arbitration cases
- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)?
Never

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

Conferences:

- Attendance at the Business Law Conference, November 2020, with two papers in the field of arbitration;
- Vis Moot Trainer for the Faculty of Law, University in Craiova, 2019;
- Regular attendance at the “Bucharest Arbitration Days” Conferences;
- Attendance at the “Vienna Arbitration Days” Conferences;
- Attendance at various conferences on arbitration with presentations – Young Arbitrators Forum Conferences;
- Speaker: University of Craiova, International Annual Conference, 1-2 November 2019 – Workshop Mediation and Arbitration of Commercial Disputes.
- University in Craiova, “The U.S. Private (Civil) Litigation Model and how it has been reshaped by Donald Trump”, 19 April 2019;
- University in Craiova, “National and International Arbitration”, Craiova 16 November 2016;
- Speaker: “The construction agreement between private and public parties. Settlement of disputes: arbitration versus litigation”, Bucharest, 18 June 2013.

Publications:

- *“Legal issues and case law aspects concerning institutional arbitration in Romania”*, Business Law Conference, 13 November 2020;
- *“Comparative view concerning of the role of the courts of law in respect to arbitration from the point of view of Romanian law and UNCITRAL Model Law”*, Business Law Conference, 13 November 2020;
- *Arbitration Law And Practice in Central And Eastern Europe, Chapter “Country Report on Arbitration in Romania”*, Christoph Liebscher and Alice Fremuth-Wolf, drawing up of the first version in 2009;
- *“How can companies use the arbitral proceedings?”* – Gazeta de Sud Newspaper, 27 November 2019;
- *“Arbitrability of disputes concerning the interpretation of contractual clauses and of the non-pecuniary disputes”* – Bizlawyer, 4 March 2015;

- *“Amendments of the Arbitration Rules of the Bucharest Court of Arbitration”* -Legal Magazine, 11 April 2013 –
- *“Arbitrability of disputes and jurisdiction of arbitrators”*, Legal studies magazine no. 1/2018, Craiova;
- *“Romania: Investment Arbitration in the Context of Renewable Energy Investments”* – “Which lawyer” Gazette, Romania, 8 February 2016;
- Drawing up the Arbitration Rules of the Dolj Court of Arbitration, of the Norms concerning arbitral fees and of the College Regulation, as in force since 15 April 2019;

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

Arbitrator with the Bucharest International Court of Arbitration attached to the Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Arbitrator with the Court of Arbitration attached to the German Chamber of Commerce in Romania

President of the Dolj Court of Arbitration (a local court of arbitration in Romania)

Member of Arbitral Women (www.arbitralwomen.com)

Member of the Rising Arbitrators Initiative (www.risingarbitratorsinitiative.com)

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, German

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: Romanian Law

11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice?

Romanian law

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

Romania

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

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

14. Date of birth:

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