

VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. **Current position:**

Founding Partner at Lexters

5. **Education:**

I. EDUCATION

Columbia Law School, New York, NY

LL.M. International business transactions, corporations and international arbitration - Graduate May 2017

Honors:

- Fulbright Scholarship
- Columbia Lawrence Wien Corporate Responsibility Fellow Scholarship

Activities:

- Research assistant – Prof. George Bermann, International Arbitration and Intra-EU BITs
- Columbia Law School Parker Certificate of International Law
- Columbia International Arbitration Association - organizer Columbia Arbitration Day 2017
- Member of the Board of the Romanian American Chamber of Commerce – New York Chapter
- Columbia Selected LL.M. profile: <http://www.law.columbia.edu/graduation/2017/student-profiles/alexandru-stanescu>

UNIVERSITY of Bucharest, Law School, Bucharest, Romania

LL.M. International Commercial Arbitration (Hons.), received June 2014

Thesis: “State and State-Owned Entities - Contracts and International Commercial Arbitration”

La Comercial, Universidad de Deusto, Bilbao, Spain – **Audencia School of Management**, Nantes, France – **Bradford School of Management**, Bradford, United Kingdom

Masters in European & International Business Management (E-MBA, trilingual program in European business administration), received February 2009

University of Bucharest, Law School, Bucharest, Romania

Diploma de Licenta in Drept (JD / LLB), received July 2007.

Honors:

- Italian– Romanian Blazer Foundation Scholarship, 2003-2007.
- Law Scholarship for Academic performance (2003).
- European Law Students Association (ELSA) - Vice-president (2005)

Erasmus: **Universita degli Studi di Milano - Bicocca**, Milan, Italy, 2005-2006 (3rd year Law School)

II. Additional post-grad education [diplomas]:

- a. Venture Capital University - Berkeley Law School, California & US National Venture Capital Association (NVCA) (2023)
- b. European Tech School, Barcelona - Blockchain Executive Program (2023)
- c. Covington & Burling LLP New York - Academy of International Arbitration, New York (2017)
- d. Certificate in Finance for managers, Institute for Business and Public Administration, ASEBUSS, Romania (key financial statements, valuation of assets, financial flows and ratios, time value for money and investments) (2016)
- e. Introduction to Investments, in Master of Law in International Economic Law and Policy (IELPO LLM), Barcelona (2015)
- f. Negotiation Techniques, The World Bank, Washington (2013)
- g. Fundamentals of Operations and Project Management, The World Bank (2011)
- h. Leaders for Justice - Leadership Program in Justice Reform, Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Romania and Germany) (2010-2011)

6. Practiced experience in arbitration

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

12 international, under ICSID, ICSID/AF, ICC, UNCITRAL, CCIM (Moldova), ASA (CH), SIAC (Singapore), ad-hoc.
- How often have you acted as Chairman?

Not yet
- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?
1 (one)
- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?
1 (one)
- How often have you acted as Counsel?
- 9 (nine)
- specific experience in investment arbitration and international commercial arbitration
- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)?

Tribunal Secretary - Not yet

Expert in relation to applicable law in an international arbitration [mandate to sign commercial contracts for corporations and llcs]

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

Conferences:

- Speaker Blockchain Lawyers Group - Universitat de Barcelona - Blockchain based Decentralized Autonomous Organizations and decentralized arbitration, Barcelona (2023)
- Speaker European Legal Tech Association - Remote Justice- European Perspective (March 2021)
- Speaker and Webinar Moderator - "Patents and Business Essentials for High-Growth Startups and Technology Companies" with Finnegan LLP UK and DC and Columbia University Ventures
- Guest Speaker - Arbitration Hour (Legal Universe event, led by Dr. Cosmin Vasile) - Arbitration in pandemic and in the show "The future of arbitration: technology?" (July 2020 and November 2020)
- International Arbitration for Business: Energy and Infrastructure Sectors", (2019) co-organizer - CEA Romania President
- Speaker at Y- Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA) - Blockchain & Dispute Resolution, Queen Mary University - London, UK (2019)
- Guest Speaker - Cambridge Judge School of Business - Blockchain technology, Cambridge, UK (2019)
- Guest Speaker - AHK (Romanian-German Chamber of Commerce) - Dispute resolution in the digital age (2019)
- YAF ICC International Arbitration Conference, Bucharest, "Financing International Arbitration - Public Policy and Conflicts of Interest" (2017)
- Columbia International Arbitration Association - organizer of Columbia Arbitration Day, New York (2017)
- Speaker at the National Conference of Competition Practitioners on "Private Actions for Competition Damages - European Perspective" Bucharest (2014)
- World Bank Speaker at the Banking and Finance Conference, Bucharest (2015)
- Guest Speaker "Sovereign Immunity from Enforcement of Arbitral Awards - Its Relativity in National Courts" (2015)" - University of Bucharest
- International Commercial Arbitration Conference, Bucharest, "International Commercial Arbitration with States and State Entities" (2014)
- Fordham Vis Pre-Moot Competition Referee, Fordham University School of Law (2017), New York

Publications:

- (pending publication) Regulation of Third-party Funding in International Arbitration and the Use of Smart Contracts and Zero Knowledge Proof algorithms: A Practical Solution to Protect Confidentiality and Prevent Conflicts of Interest, Columbia Law Journal of International Arbitration 2023
- Digital Business Laws and Regulations – 2022 [International Comparative Legal Guide - Romania] – ICLG
- Blockchain & Cryptocurrency Laws and Regulations 2023, Romania <https://perma.cc/UQ46-J4DA>
- Blockchain & Cryptocurrency Laws and Regulations 2023 | The emergence of DAOs: From legal structuring to dispute resolution, <https://perma.cc/PH37-FFD9>
- Article "The Brave New and Old World of Arbitration: CEA's Code of Best Practices" available at <http://arbitrationblog.kluwerarbitration.com/2019/07/12/the-brave-new-and-old-world-of-arbitration- cea-code-of-best-practices/>
- Commercial contracts and contractual obligations affected by COVID 19. What contractual remedies do Romanian companies have in the national and international context? in Business Magazin (Stănescu, Pelinari) - <https://perma.cc/WEY4-ZGVE>
- International Sale of Goods in the Fashion Sector in Fashion Law: Trends and New Challenges (ed. Javier Garcia, Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA) and Lexis Nexis) (Lazar, Stanescu 2020)
- Centre for European Policy Analysis in DC (CEPA), "Tipping Point in Romania - Rule of Law Development, Governance and Public Leadership" (2014) (contributor)

- Aprahamian, Arabela, and Georgiana Pop, eds. 2016. Building Landmarks, Smoothing Out Markets: An Enhanced Competition Framework in Romania. World Bank Studies. Washington, DC: World Bank. doi:10.1596/978-1-4648-0620-9 (contributor).
- Rosa, D.D., Iooty, M., Pirlea, F., Aprahamian, A.S., & Stanescu, A. (2013). Product Market Policies in Romania: A Comparison with EU Partners (author).
- Aprahamian, Stănescu et al. "Transforming Romania's competition architecture to make markets work" in Romanian Business Digest (2015)
- Press article about my work at the World Bank (Bizlawyer - <https://perma.cc/4SY3-D3FY>)

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

- Permanent Court of Arbitration of the Romania - Germany Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK) <https://www.ahkrumaenien.ro/ro/initiativele-ahk/curtea-de-arbitraj/>
- President Club Español del Arbitraje, Romania & Hungary Chapter <https://www.clubarbitraje.com/socios/socios-capitulos-internacionales/comite-directivo/>
- ThinkBlockTank, Luxembourg - Member of the Board, in charge of initiatives related to blockchain technology and international arbitration -https://thinkblocktank.com/?page_id=45
- Founding Board Member of Internet of Things Security Foundation (UK) – Bucharest Chapter (<https://www.iotsecurityfoundation.org/>)
- Member of Young ITA (Institute for Transnational Arbitration), Dallas, US and participant to the first Young ITA Mentoring Programme.
- Member of Fulbright Association
- Alumni Konrad Adenauer Stichtung Leaders for Justice Program and member of LiderJust Association of Romanian leaders
- Selected expert for Romania on international trade - Business Ready Project, the World Bank Group

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 - Fluent
- Spanish - Fluent
- French - Fluent
- Italian - Fluent

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Date: 1st of September 2023

Signature: