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**Education**

- 2021 – present     **Queen Mary University of London, LLM in Comparative and Intl. Dispute Resolution**
- 2007-2010     **Postgraduate Study in the National Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic**  
(PhD in Theory of Law)
- 1993 – 1998     **Kyrgyz State National University**  
Law Faculty, specialty – Jurisprudence  
(diploma with honours)

**Employment**

- 2000 – present     **American University of Central Asia, Associate Professor**  
(US accredited liberal arts institution through a partnership with Bard College in the United States of America)
- Courses:
- “Civil Law. Contract” (6 credits) at fall semesters
  - “Civil Law. Torts” (6 credits) at spring semesters
  - Summer school course 2020 “Corona Law: law in times of crisis” (2 credits).
  - “Civil Law. Business entities” (6 credits)
- Research activities:
- Research project "Preventing Corruption in Arbitration: Implementation of the Zero Tolerance Principle" (2021)
  - Research project “Access to Arbitration for Domestic and International Investors under the Investment Law Regime of Kyrgyzstan” (2019-2000)
  - Research project “Attitude of National Courts to Arbitration in Kyrgyzstan: myths, data, and analysis” (2018-2019)
- 2016 - present     **Satarov, Askarov and Partners Law Firm, Senior Lawyer**
- Legal services for business companies: contractual work, corporate and labor law, litigation;
  - Representation of the Kyrgyz Government interests in the International Commercial and Investment arbitration in a consortium with international law firms King and Wood Mallesons (Hong Kong) and Jones Day (USA)
- 2011 – 2015     **Meks Resources JSC, Lawyer**
- June 2006 –April 2010     **Consultant Company Law Firm, Partner**

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| September 2005<br>- June 2006      | <b>USAID Legal Infrastructure for a Market Economy Project Implemented by ARD/Checchi (USAID), Senior Lawyer</b>                |
| September 2004<br>– September 2005 | <b>GSAC/GTAC World Bank Project, Legal Adviser<br/>Agency of the Kyrgyz Republic on Public Service, Adviser of the Director</b> |
| 2000 - 2005                        | <b>TOKTOM Ltd, Head of Legal Department</b>   |
| 1998 – 2000                        | <b>Adviser JSC, Lawyer</b>  |
| 1997 - 1998                        | <b>Defense Ltd. Law Firm, Assistant of Lawyer</b>   |

### **Arbitration Experience:**

#### **Number of Cases as the Arbitrator:**

110 commercial arbitration cases in sale and purchase, banking & finance, construction, insurance, mining, and media & telecommunication disputes with the seat and applicable law of Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Russian Federation, among which:

- 34 cases - as the Presiding Arbitrator;
- 28 cases - as the Sole Arbitrator;
- 48 - as a Co-Arbitrator.

#### **Number of Cases as a Party's Counsel:**

19 commercial and investment arbitration, among which I was the local counsel for the following claims against the Kyrgyz Republic, the Kyrgyz Government, or state authorities:

- Kyrgyz company v Kyrgyzstan (LCIA, 2015);
- on the enforcement of an award of a Turkish party against Kyrgyzstan, 2015;
- individual foreign investor v Kyrgyzstan (Permanent Court of Arbitration, 2016);
- Uzbek party v Kyrgyzstan (ICSID, 2016-2017);
- Canadian party v Kyrgyzstan (PCA, 2017);
- on a settlement agreement between Kyrgyzstan and a Kazakh legal entity (2017);
- Canadian party v Kyrgyzstan (PCA, 2017-2019);
- Kazakh party v Kyrgyzstan (PCA, 2018);
- British party v Kyrgyzstan (PCA, 2018);
- Russian party v Kyrgyzstan (PCA, 2018).

#### **Number of Cases as Expert:**

- Expert on Kyrgyz Law in 2 investment arbitrations
- Expert on Kyrgyz Law in one International Litigation

### **Additional Information about Employment History**

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| November 2019                   | <b>USAID, IDLO</b><br>Analysis of mediation practice in Kyrgyzstan since 2017 when the new Law on mediation was adopted                             |
| June-August 2018                | <b>USAID, IDLO</b><br>Legal expert on analysis of jurisprudence on mortgage disputes  |
| September 2017                  | <b>EU Rule of Law Project</b><br>Co trainer in intensive training for arbitrators and advocates “Preparing arbitration awards”                      |
| August –<br>December 2017       | <b>International Finance Corporation</b><br>Legal expert on analysis of e-money regulation  |
| May - June 2016                 | <b>USAID, IDLO</b><br>Expert, member of the working group for preparation the draft law on Alternative Dispute Resolution                           |
| December 2015 –<br>April 2016   | <b>USAID, IDLO</b><br>Expert, member of the working group for preparation the draft law on mediation  |
| December 2015                   | <b>ABA Rule of Law Initiative, Advokatura of the Kyrgyz Republic</b><br>Expert on preparation of amendments into the Law on Advokatura and Advocacy |
| June 2014                       | <b>EU-Central Asia Rule of Law Platform</b><br>Expert on analysis of court decisions  |
| December 2012 -<br>2016         | <b>Member of the official working group for preparation of the new Civil Procedure Code of the Kyrgyz Republic</b>                                  |
| September 2012 -<br>2016        | <b>USAID, IDLO</b><br>Member of the working group for preparation of the commentary of the Civil Code of the Kyrgyz Republic                        |
| February – March<br>2012        | <b>USAID, IDLO</b><br>Member of the working group for preparation of the Handbook of commercial law for judges                                      |
| July – December<br>2008         | <b>UNDP Democratic Governance Programme</b><br>Legal expert on optimization of judicial proceedings for land disputes                               |
| December 2007 -<br>January 2008 | <b>UNDP Poverty Reduction and Democratic Governance Programme</b><br>Legal adviser in access to justice affairs                                     |
| October 2006 –<br>May 2007      | <b>UNDP</b><br>Research project on leasing for microcredit companies  |
| October 2006 –<br>January 2007  | <b>UNDP</b><br>Expert in monitoring and analysis of Kyrgyz legislation in the sphere of tax disputes  |

#### **Conferences, Seminars for the Past 5 Years:**

April 4-13, 2022      Exchange of experience with the Bar Associations of Pontoise, Versailles, Paris (France)

November 1-12, 2021      WIPO-WTO Colloquium for teachers of intellectual property

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| October 29-30, 2021   | International Legal Symposium "Strengthening the Rule of Law through Electronic Justice", speaker on digitalization of arbitration   |
| September 8, 2021     | Uzbek Arbitration Week, speaker at the panel "Focus on Central Asia: Emerging Trends and Identifying User Preferences"   |
| June 3-4, 2021        | European-Asian Legal Congress (Ekaterinburg, Russia), presentation on "Court attitudes to arbitration in Kyrgyzstan: myths, data, analysis"  |
| June 2020             | Professional Development Program "European Labour Law" (St. Petersburg, Russia), 40 hours  |
| September 19-20, 2019 | International conference devoted to 25th anniversary of Civil Code of the RK (Almaty, RK)  |
| August 9, 2019        | Conference "International Arbitration in Russia and CIS Countries (Russia, Moscow) with a presentation about development of arbitration in Kyrgyzstan"   |
| May 27, 2019          | Young ICCA Skills Training Workshop (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan); with a presentation about practical recommendations on arbitration agreement drafting   |
| February 11-21, 2019  | Specialized Training Programme on Trade Remedies under WTO, TRIMS, WTO Disputes and RTAs" (the Centre for WTO Studies at the Centre for Research on International Trade, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi, India)  |
| December 7-8 2017     | 5 <sup>th</sup> Ministries of Justice of EU and Central Asia Conference (Brussels). Presentation at the technical session on alternative dispute resolution "Institutes for Alternative Dispute Resolution in Kyrgyzstan: Modern Sounding of Traditional Mechanisms" |
| October 5-8 2017      | 18th CESS Annual Conference (University of Washington, Seattle) with presentation "Access to Justice? Impact of Non-State Courts: the Aksakal Courts Example"  |
| June 29-30 2017       | International ESCAS-CESS Conference (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan) with presentation "Courts of Biys and Aksakals in Kyrgyzstan: What the History Teaches About?"   |
| April 10-11 2017      | Training for judges and advocates «Recognition and Enforcement of International Court Decisions and International Arbitrational Awards»  |
| March 2-6 2017        | Basic Training Course for Mediators (72 hours)   |

#### **Publications for the Past 5 Years:**

1. Civil Code of the Kyrgyz Republic: Historical Sketches from 1996 to 2021 (co-authored with L. Gutnichenko) / Private Law in the former Soviet Union: the results of 30 years. Moscow, 2022, pp. 244-268
2. Arbitration awards on disputes arising from pledge (co-authored with M. Davletbaeva), Arbitration Proceedings in the Kyrgyz Republic: Current Challenges and Ways Out. - B.:Turar, 2021
3. The ISDS Clause in the Investment Law of the Kyrgyz Republic is Set for an Overhaul (co-authored with Hannepes Taychayev) / The American Review of

International Arbitration / Columbia Law School, February 11, 2021 <http://aria.law.columbia.edu/the-isds-clause-in-the-investment-law-of-the-kyrgyz-republic-is-set-for-an-overhaul/?cn-reloaded=1>

4. Attitude of national courts towards arbitration in Kyrgyzstan (in co-authorship with D.Asanbaeva) / Annual collection of articles of International Court of Arbitration at the Chamber of Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic, №3, 2020, p.34-53,
5. Arbitration agreements in the practice of the International Arbitration Court at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic / The interaction of state courts and arbitration in the field of alternative dispute resolution: Materials of a scientific and practical seminar (Almaty, October 12, 2018) - Almaty, 2019. - p. 89-114
6. Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in the Eurasian Economic Union (in co-authorship with Branovitsky K.) / Herald of Civil Procedure, 2018, № 6, p. 168–192.
7. Courts of Biys and Aksakals in Kyrgyzstan: What the History Teaches About? (in co-authorship with Tursunbaeva N.) // Russian Journal of Comparative Law, 2017, 4(1): p.3-8.
8. Limitation of Usurious Activities: Problems of Judicial Practice // Bulletin of the Kyrgyz-Russian (Slavonic) University, №2, 2017

### **Additional Information**

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| 2018 – 2023 | Court Member of the International Court of Arbitration ICC (Paris)   |
| 2018 - 2023 | Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR (Paris)  |
| 2020 -2021  | Senior Fellow of JAMS International Fellowship (international arbitration)   |
| 2018        | Included into the directory “Best Lawyer of the Year in International Arbitration” ( <a href="http://www.bestlawyers.com">www.bestlawyers.com</a> ). |
| 2017        | Accreditation of the Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic as an expert in conducting legal and human rights expertise of normative legal acts  |
| since 2015  | Member of the Scholar Advisory Board of the Supreme Economical Court of CIS  |
| since 2014  | Member of the Scholar Advisory Board of the Supreme Court of the Kyrgyz Republic   |
| since 2005  | Arbitrator of the International Arbitration Court (Kyrgyz Republic)  |
| since 2001  | Attorney License   |

### **Language skills**

Russian (native), English (advanced), Kyrgyz (basic)