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Education

- University of Geneva Faculty of Law, Graduate Institute of Geneva, (MIDS LL.M.), 2015-2016
- University of Bern Faculty of Law (MA in Law and Economics), 2012-2013
- Central European University Budapest, (IBL Program, LL.M) 2011-2012
- Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, (LL.B) 2007-2011
- Admitted to the French, English and Ukrainian bars

Languages

- Ukrainian (mother tongue)
- Russian (mother tongue)
- English (fluent)
- French (fluent)

Recognitions

- Future Leader (Arbitration Future Leaders – Non-Partners) Who's Who Legal / Lexology 2024-2026

Practice Overview

Sergii Melnyk is Counsel at KNOETZL. He is a highly experienced international disputes lawyer, admitted to practice in England & Wales, France, and Ukraine. He specializes in international arbitration, handling complex disputes across various industries, including renewable energy, construction, mining, IT, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, banking and finance. With extensive expertise in both commercial and investor-state arbitration, Sergii previously served as Deputy Counsel at the ICC International Court of Arbitration, where he supervised numerous arbitration cases and advised on procedural matters, jurisdictional challenges, arbitrator appointments, emergency arbitrations, and award scrutiny. Prior to joining KNOETZL, he practiced arbitration as a senior attorney at a French law firm and worked with international dispute resolution teams in Ukraine, Belgium, Switzerland and France.

Beyond his legal practice, Sergii is a lecturer and author in the field of international arbitration. He regularly speaks at international conferences and has delivered lectures on international arbitration to practitioners, students, government officials, and judges. He serves as VIAC Ambassador for Ukraine and is a Member of the Supervisory Board of the International Law Section at Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University (Ukraine).

Sergii holds degrees from MIDS Arbitration LLM (Geneva), University of Bern, Central European University (Budapest), and Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University (Ukraine). Recognized as an Arbitration Future Leader by Lexology and listed in Who's Who Legal Arbitration – Future Leaders, he is fluent in English, French, Russian, and Ukrainian, with knowledge of German.

Publications:

- Sergii Melnyk, 'Arbitration Reform of Ukraine: Positive Changes and Perspectives of Development', Journal of the French Association of the Doctors in Law Signatures Internationales
- Vitaliy Pogoretskyy and Sergii Melnyk, 'Energy Security, Climate Change and Trade: Does the World Trade Organization Provide for a Viable Framework for Sustainable Energy Security?' in Panagiotis Delimatsis (ed.), Research Handbook on Climate Change and Trade Law (Edward Elgar Publishing, United Kingdom)
- Vitaliy Pogoretskyy and Sergii Melnyk, 'Russian Energy and the WTO: Overview of the Accession Negotiations of the Russian Federation and Final Commitments' in Kaj Hobér (ed.), Uppsala Yearbook of Eurasian Studies (Wildy, Simmonds & Hill Publications, United Kingdom)