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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aceris Law LLC – Managing Partner (2014-present)

Geneva, CH

Managing Partner of GAR 100-ranked international arbitration boutique law firm Aceris Law LLC, serving as counsel and arbitrator. While at Aceris Law, has served as Sole Arbitrator, Co-Arbitrator and Presiding Arbitrator in ICC, DIFC-LCIA, DIAC, UNCITRAL and other *ad hoc* arbitrations. A public matter as arbitrator is *Zeph Investments Pte. Ltd. v. The Commonwealth of Australia*, PCA Case No. 2023-40, one of the largest arbitrations to date. Has also served as counsel in over 200 international commercial and investor-State arbitrations under the ICC, ICSID, UNCITRAL, LCIA, ICDR, SIAC, SCC, DIAC, HKIAC, JAMS, AAA, LCAM, LMAA, CICA, OHADA, Swiss Rules, and other arbitration rules, in disputes subject to a wide variety of common law and civil law legal systems. Recent public, high-profile cases include *KNM Process Systems Sdn. Bhd. v. Lukoil Uzbekistan Operating Company*, SCC Arbitration V (2019/027); *Bachar Kiwan v. State of Kuwait*, ICSID Case No. ARB/20/53; *Christopher Jock Murdoch MacKenzie v. Hungary*, ICSID Case No. ARB/21/66; and *Monsoon Blockchain Storage, Inc. v. Magic Micro Co., Ltd.*, ICDR Case No. 01-19-0002-4620.

DK AARPI – Partner (2013-2014)

Paris, FR

Partner at Paris-based international arbitration boutique founded by former Shearman & Sterling LLP Partner. Represented African State concerning public international law dispute, represented the State of Albania in a construction dispute concerning electricity infrastructure, while serving as counsel in investment treaty arbitrations and representing clients in a variety of commercial and construction arbitrations under the ICC, SIAC and UNCITRAL arbitration rules. Also served as an expert for the IFC/World Bank on modifications to an Eastern European Code of Civil Procedure and as arbitrator in ICC and DIAC proceedings.

Lazareff Le Bars – Counsel (2012-2013)

Paris, FR

Counsel at Paris-based international arbitration boutique founded by late arbitrator Serge Lazareff. Served as counsel in UNCITRAL, ICC, ICSID, CCJA and UNCITRAL arbitrations in multilingual disputes involving the energy, construction, consulting, pharmaceutical, aerospace and defence, banking and finance, shipping and transport, telecommunications, agricultural and steel industries, amongst others. Served as counsel in disputes under a variety of common law and civil law legal regimes, including English, French, Moroccan, Italian, Swiss, Equatorial Guinean, German, Malian, Romanian, Burkina Faso, Byelorussian, Belgian,

Swiss, Illinois and public international law. Also aided in drafting and editing a large number of arbitral awards.

Salans (now Dentons) – Senior Associate (2007-2012) Paris, FR

Served as counsel at international corporate law firm that was highly ranked in the field of international arbitration prior to merging with Dentons. Notable reported cases included *Rumeli Telekom A.S. and Telsim Mobil Telekomunikasyon Hizmetleri A.S. v. Republic of Kazakhstan*, ICSID Case No. ARB/05/16; *Joseph Charles Lemire v. Ukraine*, ICSID Case No. ARB/06/18; and *The Rompetrol Group N.V. v. Romania*, ICSID Case No. ARB/06/3. Served as counsel in disputes involving Kazakh, Turkish, Ukrainian, Maltese, English, Iranian, Polish, Romanian, French, U.S. and public international law.

Shearman & Sterling – Associate (2002-2003; 2004-2007) Paris, FR & New York, US

Associate in Shearman & Sterling's highly respected Global Dispute Resolution Practice led by Emmanuel Gaillard. Served as counsel during the initiation of the long-running *Hulley Enterprises Ltd. (Cyprus) v. Russian Federation* UNCITRAL arbitration, as well as in commercial and construction arbitrations under the ICC, UNCITRAL and LCIA arbitration rules. Representative disputes were under French, English, Algerian, Russian, Canadian and Australian law.

International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda – Legal Consultant (2003) Arusha, TZ

Legal Consultant for Prosecutor's Office. Based in unit prosecuting military commanders allegedly responsible for Rwandan genocide (Military I Unit).

UN Department of Political Affairs – Legal Consultant (2002) New York, US

Drafted the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council, mandated by the General Assembly in 1952, a constitutional and procedural guide to the proceedings of the Security Council.

USPCV – Urban Environmental Management (1998-2002) M'Bahiakro, CI

Worked in the Prefecture of M'bahiakro in the Ivory Coast for 27 months on development projects with an American engineer on behalf of the American Peace Corps, a U.S. State Department development program.

TEACHING

University of Paris II – Lecturer (2015-2022) Paris, FR

Lecturer on International Arbitration.

University of Paris X – Lecturer (2012-2014) Paris, FR

Lecturer on Anglo-American Business Law.

EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Law (2002), *Juris Doctor* New York, US

Dorsey & Whitney Prize, Stone Scholar, Tony Patiño Fellowship for Outstanding Character.

Sorbonne (Paris I – Panthéon-Sorbonne) (2004), *Maîtrise en Droit*

Paris, FR

French J.D.-equivalent awarded with honours.

Harvard University (1997), *B.A.*

Cambridge, US

Degree awarded with high honours (*magna cum laude*).

MEMBERSHIPS

- List of Arbitrators of USCIB (ICC National Committee for the United States)
- List of Arbitrators of ICC France (ICC National Committee for France; also received arbitrator training from ICC France)
- Expatriate Subcommittee of USCIB (ICC National Committee for the United States)
- List of Arbitrators (DIAC)
- Legal 500
- Leader's League (*Décideurs*)
- Kluwer Author
- Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- Getting the Deal Through Author
- International Bar Association
- AFIA (Australian Forum for International Arbitration)
- Advisor to Young ICCA

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Attorney, New York
- Attorney, Washington, D.C.
- Avocat (Inactive), Barreau de Paris

LANGUAGES

- English (native)
- French (bilingual)
- Spanish (proficient)
- Arabic (basic)
- Portuguese (basic)
- Bambara (intermediate)

OTHER

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