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1. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

June 2014 – present - White & Case LLP (Paris, France)

Senior Associate, International Arbitration

- Representation of the owner in a SIAC arbitration regarding the construction of an LNG plant;
- Representation of the government of Georgia in an arbitration brought under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules pursuant to the 1996 Georgia-Kazakhstan BIT and the Energy Charter Treaty in relating to a dispute over the regulation of gas tariffs;
- Representation of the government of Georgia in a pending SCC and ICSID arbitrations brought by a major Russian energy company in relation to a dispute over electricity tariffs;
- Representation of an owner in an ICC arbitration regarding the construction of an airport in the Middle East;
- Representation of an owner in an ICC arbitration regarding the construction of a nuclear power plant;
- Representation of a consortium of major Western European contractors in an ad hoc arbitration under the ICC rules against a Southern European State, arising out of the construction of a motorway;
- Representation of a major player in continental Europe's retail property market in an ICC arbitration regarding tax consequences of the acquisition of shopping centre properties in Central Europe.

August 2011 – August 2012 - Russian Railways Logistics Corporation (Moscow, Russia)

Legal Counsel for the South Division (responsible for 11 regions)

- Developed standard contracts and performed legal expertise of complex agreements for a successful start-up of the Russian Railways Corporation engaged in international and domestic multimodal freight forwarding;
- Handled dispute resolution procedures;
- Participated in the development of corporate policies and procedures; advised business teams on the implementation of such policies and procedures.

September 2006 – July 2011 - Priroda Agricultural Holding Company (Rostov-on-Don, Russia)

Head of Law Department - February 2007 - July 2011

Legal Counsel - September 2006 - January 2007

- Coordinated the legal team of five (four lawyers and one legal assistant) in a regional FMCG group of companies (management of food production factories);
- Coordinated transactional work including customer, marketing, transportation, external supply chain and services contracts; supervised mergers, acquisitions and real estate transactions;
- Handled more than 40 negotiation, mediation and litigation proceedings;
- Represented the group in the administrative, tax and bankruptcy proceedings;

- Developed corporate policies and procedures, delivered trainings to the personnel to ensure compliance.

2. SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

September 2015 –present - Université de Cergy-Pontoise, Faculté de droit

- Teaching a course on International Arbitration (16 hours each academic year).

September 2016 - University of Pittsburgh, School of Law

- Speaking at a CLE course for PA attorneys entitled “*International Arbitration Roundtable – Recent Developments, Ethics, and Planning the Arbitration Clauses*” on the issue “*Taking account of public policy in order to render an enforceable award*”.

3. RESEARCHES AND PUBLICATIONS

Ongoing

- Co-editing a book on the governing law and dispute resolution mechanisms in international oil & gas contracts (due for publication in 2021).

ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin, Issue 1, 2016

- “*To What Extent Do Arbitral Tribunals Take into Account Public Policy in the Jurisdictions of Prospective Enforcement of an Award? An Analysis of ICC Awards*” (Co-author with Charles Nairac and Manu Thadikkaran).

June – August 2013 - Institute for European Studies (Brussels, Belgium)

- Conducted an independent legal research on combating bribery of foreign public officials in international business transactions (a comparative analysis of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the UK Bribery Act and French legislation).

4. EDUCATION

Université de Cergy-Pontoise (Cergy, France)

- Master 2 in French and European Business Law, December 2014, *mention bien*.

University of Pittsburgh, School of Law (Pennsylvania, USA)

- Juris Doctor, May 2014, *cum laude* (GPA 3,58 of 4,0);
- LL.M. in International and Comparative Law, May 2010, *cum laude*.

Rostov State Economic University, Faculty of Law (Rostov-on-Don, Russia)

- Diploma in Civil Law (Bac + 5), June 2006, *with distinction*.

5. LANGUAGES

- Russian – native;
- English – fluent (bilingual);
- French – fluent.

