

# THIRD ANNUAL ARMENIAN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION WEEK

YEREVAN, ARMENIA

SEPTEMBER 3 - 5





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# ABOUT ARMENIAN ARBITRATION WEEK

Armenian Arbitration Week is Armenia's premier annual gathering dedicated to arbitration and dispute resolution, attracting leading experts, practitioners, and academics from around the globe. The inaugural edition in 2023 laid the foundation for a vibrant platform to exchange knowledge, foster professional connections, and showcase Armenia's growing role in the international arbitration community.

In 2024, the Week reached new heights, welcoming over 200 participants from more than 20 countries. Dynamic panel discussions, hands-on training sessions, and lively networking events explored topics from ethics and technology to industry-specific arbitration, making it a must-attend event for anyone shaping the future of dispute resolution. The 3rd Annual Armenian International Arbitration Week is marked by even greater reflection and growth. More than 370 participants have registered for the main event, which will feature over 40 local and international speakers from around 20 countries, supported by 12 sponsors and partners.

## ABOUT ARMENIA

Armenia, located in the South Caucasus region, is a land of ancient civilization, lying between fascinating mountains and valleys. It offers rich historical and cultural experiences, making it a fascinating destination for travelers and scholars alike.





# ABOUT ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION CENTER OF ARMENIA

AMCA is a permanent arbitration and mediation institution based in Armenia. AMCA conducts international and domestic arbitration and mediation proceedings through internationally accepted, independent, impartial and effective processes and mechanisms, contributing to the development, expansion and application of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in the Republic of Armenia. During a two-year working period, AMCA successfully registered around 180 arbitration cases and more than 50 mediation cases, demonstrating its growing presence and capability in the field of international dispute resolution.

Beyond offering exemplary arbitration and mediation services, AMCA is deeply committed to education and professional development. The Center has organized training sessions, benefiting arbitrators, judges, business, law professionals, and media representatives. These initiatives underscore AMCA's dedication to fostering a well-informed and skilled community.

By advocating for legal reforms and advancing best practices in the field, AMCA seeks to facilitate greater access to justice and enhance the efficiency of dispute resolution processes.

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 3

## OPENING CEREMONY

9:30 – 10:00	REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE
10:00 – 10:10	WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM
10:10 – 10:30	OPENING REMARKS
10:30 – 10:45	KEYNOTE ADDRESS

## PLENARY SESSIONS

10:45 - 11:45	SESSION 1: THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE OF ARBITRATION: ARMENIA'S GLOBAL POSITION
11:45 – 12:00	COFFEE BREAK
12:00 – 13.00	SESSION 2: NAVIGATING THE URGENCY: INTERIM MEASURES AND THE RISE OF EMERGENCY ARBITRATION
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00-15:00	SESSION 3: EVIDENCE TAKING IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION: NAVIGATING LEGAL TRADITIONS AND EMERGING CHALLENGES
15:00-15:20	COFFEE BREAK
15:20 – 16:20	SESSION 4: WHY MEDIATION MATTERS MORE THAN EVER? QUIET POWER IN A NOISY WORLD
16:20 – 16:30	CONCLUDING SESSION

# SIDE EVENTS PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 4

10:00 – 12:30

**SESSION 1: INSTITUTIONAL INSIGHTS: EXCHANGING  
ARBITRATION CENTER PRACTICES AND ADDRESSING  
CURRENT CHALLENGES**

In collaboration with Hogan Lovells, VIAC, SCC and PCC  
Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton, 4/2 Grigor Lusavorich Street, Yerevan, Armenia

13:00-14:30

**SESSION 2.1: EFFICIENT AND EXPEDITIOUS?  
FUTUREPROOFING ARBITRATION**

In collaboration with Andersen and SCC  
Venue: Holiday Inn, Amiryan St., 2, Yerevan, Armenia

13:30-17:30

**SESSION 2.2: THE MEDIATOR'S ROLE:  
NAVIGATING CHALLENGES AND MAXIMIZING  
OUTCOMES**

In collaboration with the Self-regulatory Organization of Mediators  
Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton, 4/2 Grigor Lusavorich Street, Yerevan, Armenia

14:30-16:30

**SESSION 3: ARBITRATION: PRACTICAL INSIGHTS  
FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL**

In collaboration with Hogan Lovells  
Venue: AGBU, 2/2 Melik Adamyan, Yerevan, Armenia

17:00-18:30

**SESSION 4: YOUNG AMCA: EMPOWERING FUTURE  
LEADERS IN ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION**

Followed by Wine Reception & Networking  
Venue: AGBU, 2/2 Melik Adamyan, Yerevan, Armenia



# SIDE EVENTS PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 5

10:00 – 12:30

**SESSION 1: STRATEGIES AND CHALLENGES IN  
REPRESENTING ARMENIA IN INVESTMENT  
ARBITRATION**

In collaboration with the Office of the Representative on International Legal Matters  
Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton, 4/2 Grigor Lusavorich Street, Yerevan, Armenia

11:00 - 12:30

**SESSION 2: BEHIND THE TRIBUNAL: BUILDING  
A CAREER IN ARBITRATION AND UPHOLDING  
ETHICAL STANDARDS**

Venue: AGBU, 2/2 Melik Adamyan, Yerevan, Armenia

14:30 - 16:00

**SESSION 3: TAILORING ARBITRATION FOR  
STARTUPS AND TECH COMPANIES: SPEED,  
COST, AND EXPERTISE**

In collaboration with the Union of Advanced Technology Enterprises  
(UATE)  
Venue: AGBU, 2/2 Melik Adamyan, Yerevan, Armenia

16:30 - 18:30

**SESSION 4: TRAINING FOR AMCA STAFF AND  
ARBITRATORS: CASE MANAGEMENT AND  
PROCEDURAL SPECIFICITIES**

In collaboration with KNOETZL  
Followed by Wine Reception & Final Networking  
Venue: AGBU, 2/2 Melik Adamyan, Yerevan, Armenia

# OPENING REMARKS



**MHER GRIGORYAN**  
Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia

Mher Grigoryan is the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia and holds higher education degrees in both law and business administration. He initially studied at the Faculty of Law of Lomonosov Moscow State University and later continued and completed his studies at the Faculty of Law of Yerevan State University, earning a qualification as a lawyer. He also completed a six-month qualification course at the Business School of the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom. Mr. Grigoryan began his professional career at the Central Bank of Armenia, where he served as Head of the Legal Department. He then continued his career in senior executive positions in various banks before being appointed as the Deputy Prime Minister of Armenia. Mr. Grigoryan has been repeatedly awarded for his significant contributions to the development of the economy.



**SRBUHI GALYAN**  
Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia

Srбуhi Galyan is the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia with extensive academic and practical experience in the field of law. She earned her Bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Law of Yerevan State University, and later continued her studies at the same faculty, completing both her Master's and PhD programs. She began her professional career in 2014.

From 2019 to 2020, Ms. Galyan served as Deputy Minister of Justice, and from 2020 to 2024, she was Deputy Prosecutor General of the Republic of Armenia, overseeing functions related to the confiscation of property of illicit origin, before being appointed as the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia.

Ms. Galyan is the author of four scholarly articles and co-author of one academic textbook. She teaches at Yerevan State University and the Justice Academy. Throughout her career, Ms. Galyan has been distinguished by her unwavering commitment to the principles of justice, her high professional standards, and her impartial judgment.



# KEYNOTE ADDRESS

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**DR. JOHANNES KOEPP**

**Department Chair – International Disputes (Firmwide), Partner, Baker Botts**

**Dr. Johannes Koepp is the co-head of Baker Botts International Disputes Group. He has been recognized by Chambers UK, The Legal 500, Euromoney, The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration and Global Arbitration Review as one of the leading specialists in the field.**

**His practice focuses on international arbitration, both commercial and investor-state. He has represented clients before most major arbitral institutions, as well as in ad hoc proceedings. He is particularly experienced in multijurisdictional disputes arising out of energy, joint ventures, telecommunications and financial services. Dr. Koepp also advises on public international law issues and the litigation of international disputes in state courts. He has particular experience in the fields of jurisdiction, conflict of laws and international judicial cooperation. Dr. Koepp is also experienced in ECHR matters, acting both on the complainant and the respondent side. Prior to joining private practice, Dr. Koepp worked as a research fellow at the University of Geneva. During this time, he completed his doctoral thesis, which analyzed and compared various third-party procedures in the field of international dispute settlement. He taught law at universities in Switzerland, Germany and Spain.**

**Dr. Koepp also serves as arbitrator, both as sole and party-appointed arbitrator, and is included on the roster of several major arbitral institutions. He speaks English, German, French and Spanish fluently.**



# SPEAKERS: SESSION 1



**MODERATOR**

**GRANT HANESSIAN**

**International Arbitrator; Chairperson, AMCA  
Arbitration Council**

Grant Hanessian is a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators and Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the International center for Settlement of Investment Disputes, Washington DC, and was U.S. member of the International Chamber of Commerce's International Court of Arbitration in Paris from 2015 to 2021, chair of the Arbitration Committee of the U.S. Council for International Business (U.S. national committee of the ICC) from 2015 to 2020, and a member of the ICC's Commission on Arbitration (2010-2021) and its Task Forces on Arbitration Involving States or State Entities (2013-15) and on Financial Institutions and International Arbitration (2017-19), (leader of Investment Arbitration and Banking & Finance work stream).

He is a member of the American Arbitration Association—International center for Dispute Resolution's International Advisory Committee, Publications Committee and Advisory Committee on Brazil; a former Vice President (for U.S.) of the London Court of Arbitration's North American Users' Council, and a member of the Singapore International Arbitration center's User's Council, the International Arbitration Club of New York, the Arbitration Committee of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, the New York City Bar Association's Committee on International Commercial Disputes, Club Español del Arbitraje, and the Panel of Recognized International Market Experts in Finance (P.R.I.M.E.) Arbitration Rules Drafting Committee, and a founding board member of the New York International Arbitration Center.

Grant Hanessian is editor of ICDR Awards and Commentaries Vol. I and II (Juris Pub.), co-editor of International Arbitration Checklists (Juris Pub.), Gulf War Claims Reporter (ILI/Kluwer), and former editor of Baker McKenzie's International Litigation & Arbitration Newsletter, and Baker McKenzie's International Arbitration Yearbook. Mr. Hanessian is annually recommended by international arbitration reference guides, including Chambers Global and USA Guides, The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration ("superb counsel and arbitrator"), and Expert Guide to Leading Practitioners in International Arbitration (ranked among "Best of the Best" in international commercial arbitration).

**DAVIT GHARIBYAN**

**Director of the Center for Legislation Development Foundation**



Davit Gharibyan is the Director of the Center for Legislation Development at the Ministry of Justice of Armenia, where he plays a key role in shaping the country's regulatory policy in judicial and legal reforms. His expertise spans private law, alternative dispute resolution, the Judicial Code, judicial procedural legislation, and public administration. He is also actively involved in strategy development, as well as the monitoring and evaluation of key policy documents within the Ministry's scope. Davit also serves as a Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia and as a Board Member of the Self-Regulatory Organization of Mediators of Armenia. Davit holds an LLB and LLM from Yerevan State University, Faculty of Law, where he is currently pursuing a PhD. He began his professional career at the Central Bank of Armenia in 2019 before joining the Center for Legislation Development in 2020. In addition to this, Davit has been a practicing Advocate in private and administrative law since 2021 and an accredited Mediator since 2024.



# SPEAKERS: SESSION 1



## GEORGE SVANADZE

Senior Partner, Andersen in Georgia

George Svanadze is a Senior Partner, Co-Founder, and Head of Dispute Resolution at Andersen in Georgia, as well as Regional Co-Manager for Central Asia. With nearly two decades of experience, he specializes in international arbitration, cross-border transactions, and complex corporate and commercial matters. George holds a PhD in International Private Law from Christian-Albrechts University (Germany) and an MLB (Master of Law and Business) with distinction from Bucerius Law School and WHU (Germany). He has led major transactions and high-stakes disputes across the energy, telecommunications, construction, and agriculture sectors, and regularly acts before both domestic courts and international arbitration institutions, including the LCIA. His experience includes advising public institutions on the alignment of Georgian legislation with EU law within the framework of the EU–Georgia Association Agreement. George is a listed arbitrator at both Georgian and international arbitration centers and serves as an active board member of the American Chamber of Commerce in Georgia. He chairs legal committees at the European Business Association and the Georgian Chamber of Commerce. He is consistently recognized by Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 for his strategic thinking, efficiency, and results-driven approach to dispute resolution and corporate advisory.

## HAYK HOVHANNISYAN

Managing Partner, HAP



Hayk Hovhannisyan, managing partner and head of the Arbitration and International Disputes practice, is a strategic advisor to corporations, financial institutions, government bodies, and political figures navigating high-stakes, multi-jurisdictional disputes. With over 27 years of experience, Hayk represents clients in complex commercial arbitration, investor-state disputes, sovereign litigation, and sensitive negotiations involving geopolitical and regulatory dimensions. Described by Legal500 as “a charismatic leader, very influential and prominent, brilliantly flexible mindset and knowledgeable, huge connections within political establishment of Armenia and the region, notable international connections at all levels” and as “well-known figure” by Chambers & Partners, in parallel to his dispute resolution practice, Hayk counsels political and institutional leaders on justice reform, constitutional processes, and diplomatic engagement.

Hayk is known for his strategic acumen, diplomatic instinct, and rigorous legal reasoning. He maintains close working relationships with leading law firms in London, Geneva, Moscow and Saint-Petersburg, Tbilisi, Rome and Milan, Paris, New York, Los Angeles, Dubai and Hong Kong, and is an active promoter of transnational legal cooperation through forums such as the English Law Days in Armenia and regional arbitration initiatives.



# SPEAKERS: SESSION 1



## JAMES LEWIS

Partner, London office of Fieldfisher and part of Fieldfisher's cross-office International Arbitration Group

James Lewis, a partner in the London office of Fieldfisher, is a seasoned litigation and arbitration lawyer with two decades of experience in guiding a range of clients through intricate legal disputes. James provides counsel through the life of business relationships, from drafting and contract reviews, through to representing in courts and tribunals, negotiations and mediations. James regularly advises clients on arbitration proceedings, handling a range of disputes including post-M&A disputes, breaches of joint ventures and supply contracts, and disputes arising out of ENR and technology projects. James works with clients across the world, including in particular clients from states in Eastern Europe and the CIS / West Asia. James is currently engaged on arbitrations concerning disputes regarding a critical piece of transnational energy infrastructure (ICC), financing arrangements for a ship purchase (LMAA), and the entitlement to dividends following a share buy-out (UNCITRAL).



## VALENTINE CHEMA

Founding Partner of Mourre Chessa Le Lay Arbitration

Valentine Chessa is a founding Partner of Mourre Chessa Le Lay Arbitration, a boutique law firm based in Paris. She has some 20 years of experience both as counsel and arbitrator in international dispute resolution. Her expertise encompasses complex arbitration cases conducted in English, French and Italian across multiple jurisdictions as well as arbitration-related judicial proceedings before French courts.

Valentine's career includes a significant tenure at the ICC International Court of Arbitration, where she supervised hundreds of arbitration proceedings with parties from all over the world in virtually all commercial sectors.

She serves as a reporter for France of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration and she is a faculty member of the Certificate in International Arbitration at Università degli Studi Roma Tre.

Since 2025, she is a co-chair of ArbIt, the Italian forum of international arbitration practitioners.



# SPEAKERS: SESSION 2



## **MODERATOR** **JULIAN COHEN**

**Barrister & Arbitrator, Resolution Chambers**

Julian Cohen is a Barrister and Arbitrator based in Hong Kong. He specialises in international arbitration, with a particular emphasis on construction, engineering and energy disputes. He has extensive experience of heavy weight disputes throughout the Middle East and Asia Pacific, and beyond. He is ranked by legal directories as a leading construction counsel (Doyle's Guide and The Legal 500) and top arbitration practitioner (Who's Who Legal: China and Hong Kong) and commercial disputes counsel (The Legal 500). He is also regularly invited to teach arbitration and train arbitrators. He has been involved with disputes and arbitrations in Pakistan, Hong Kong, Macau, PRC Mainland, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Fiji, Guam, India, Bangladesh, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Yemen, Egypt, Mali, Benin, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Albania, Czech Republic, France, Belgium, Germany, Brazil, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

## **ANNE K. HOFFMANN**

**Independent Arbitrator**



Anne K. Hoffmann is an internationally recognised arbitrator with over two decades of extensive experience in both commercial and investor – State arbitration. She is dual-qualified in Germany and England & Wales and has practiced across the globe in both civil law and common law jurisdictions. During that time, she worked at leading law firms in London, Geneva and Dubai before focusing on her practice as an independent arbitrator. To date, Anne has acted as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator, emergency arbitrator and chair in commercial arbitrations, both institutional under all major rules (including ICC, LCIA, Swiss Rules, DIFC-LCIA, SIAC, HKIAC, SCC, VIAC, DIAC, KCAB, CRCICA and DIS) as well as ad hoc, including UNCITRAL. They were seated in Europe, Asia and the Middle East, concerned a great variety of sectors and were governed by different laws. Anne has also been appointed in investment arbitration proceedings, including under the ICSID Rules. Anne conducts arbitrations in English and German and has very good knowledge of French and Russian. In addition to her membership in various arbitration organisations, Anne is on the panel of arbitrators of SIAC, HKIAC, KCAB, AIAC and SCIA. She is also the Chair of DIAC's Advisory Committee and a member of the SIAC Users Council. Anne regularly speaks and publishes on topics of international arbitration. She has been recognized as a Global Leader Arbitration in all editions of Who is Who Legal since 2014, and since 2024 as a Global Elite Thought Leader. She is also listed by Chambers Global as "Most in Demand Arbitrator" and in the Legal 500 Arbitration Powerlist Middle East. Between 2011 and 2021, Anne was also a visiting lecturer at Humboldt University Berlin.



## **MARGARITA ADADUROVA**

**Associate, Volterra Fietta**

Margarita Adadurova is an associate at Volterra Fietta (London). She advises sovereign States and private companies in international dispute proceedings, as well as in non-contentious matters concerning public international law. Margarita is a dually qualified Russian lawyer and a Solicitor of England and Wales.



# SPEAKERS: SESSION 2



**MARINA WEISS**

Partner, Bredin Prat

Marina Weiss is a partner with Paris-based Bredin Prat. Marina's practice focuses on counsel work in international commercial arbitration and ISDS as well as arbitration-related litigation. Marina also advises on investment (re)structuring and issues of public international law. In addition, Marina acts as arbitrator. While the geographical footprint of Marina's practice is very broad, Marina has developed particular expertise in disputes relating to the Caucasus region and other former USSR States. Marina also has longstanding experience with disputes relating to Northern and Sub-Saharan Africa. The fact that she works fluently in French and English, in addition to her native German and Russian give Marina a high degree of polyvalence.

**SERGEY ALEKHIN**

Partner  
E L W I



Sergey Alekhin is a Partner at E L W I's dispute resolution practice, and a French-qualified lawyer. His practice focuses on international commercial arbitration and investment arbitration, with a particular focus on the post-Soviet region (acting both for and against Sovereign States). He has acted in proceedings conducted under the rules of the major arbitration center worldwide (ICC, ICSID, LCIA, etc.), as well as in ad hoc proceedings.

Sergey was recognized as a 'Future Leader' by the Who's Who Legal: Arbitration (2023 and 2024) ranking. Sergey was also appointed by the Kyrgyz Republic to the ICSID panel of arbitrators.



**SONA TSATURYAN**

Associate at Schoenherr's Vienna office

Sona Tsaturyan is an attorney based in Schoenherr's Vienna office. Admitted to the bar in the Armenia, Sona specializes in international arbitration, supporting the team in both investor-state disputes, under ICSID and UNCITRAL Rules, as well as commercial arbitration proceedings under ICC, Swiss and DIS Rules. Highlights of her practice include representing an Austrian pharmaceutical company in a multi-billion ICC arbitration and a German media conglomerate in numerous shareholder disputes conducted under the Swiss Rules.



# SPEAKERS: SESSION 3



**MODERATOR**

**HAYK KUPELYANTS**

Lecturer, King's College London; AMCA Arbitration Council Member

Dr. Hayk Kupelyants teaches conflict of laws and arbitration at King's College London and acts as counsel and as an arbitration in international disputes. Hayk is admitted as a solicitor of England & Wales and has previously practiced international dispute resolution in leading US law firms. Hayk is a Member of the Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and of the Arbitration Council of the Arbitration and Mediation center of Armenia (AMCA).

**FLORIAN HAUGENEDER**

Founding partner at KNOETZL



Florian Haugeneder is a founding partner at KNOETZL and co-head of the International Arbitration Practice of KNOETZL. He has more than 20 years' extensive experience as counsel and arbitrator under the rules of the major arbitral institutions, including the ICC, DIA, DIS, ICSID, KCAB, LCIA, SCC and VIAC, as well as in ad-hoc arbitration such as UNCITRAL. Florian lectures at the University of Vienna and frequently speaks and publishes on international arbitration and investment protection. He received the Teaching Award 2018 of the University of Vienna and has been a member of the ICC Taskforce on "Addressing Issues off Corruption in Commercial and Investment Arbitration" since 2019.



**LEVON GOLENDUKHIN**

Counsel, Eversheds Sutherland; Board Member, AMCA

Levon's clients range from sovereign states to private companies in the agriculture, civil infrastructure, energy, industrial, mining, and transportation sectors. Levon has been recognized by The Legal 500 as a "key lawyer" in international arbitration and by the Armenian Bar Association as a "Top 20 Under 40 Rising Star."

Levon has experience advising sovereign states on post-conflict transitional justice and on legal reform of commercial law for the promotion of venture technology investment. He authored numerous publications on topics in international investment law and investor-state arbitration. He frequently speaks at law schools and conferences on topics in international law and cross-border dispute resolution. Levon is admitted to practice in the state of New York.



# SPEAKERS: SESSION 3



## NATALIA PETRIK

Counsel, Westerberg & Partners Advokatbyrå AB

Natalia is Counsel at Westerberg & Partners, a leading Swedish law firm with a strong international focus. She represents clients in arbitration and before Swedish courts and also serves as an arbitrator in international disputes. Natalia has particular expertise in sanctions and investor-state arbitration. Her geographic focus includes matters from Scandinavia, Central and Eastern Europe and CIS. She is a Board Member of the Finland Arbitration Institute and is rated by Lexology Index as a recommended arbitration lawyer in Sweden. Before joining Westerberg & Partners, Natalia was Deputy Secretary General and legal counsel at the SCC Arbitration Institute. She also served as a Council member of the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI) and represented the SCC in UNCITRAL Working Groups on dispute settlement and ISDS reform. Earlier in her career, she worked as an associate at the Stockholm offices of Vinge and Gernandt & Danielsson.

## RAËD FATHALLAH

Partner, Bredin Prat



Dr. Raëd Fathallah is a partner with Bredin Prat in Paris and heads its international arbitration practice. With over 25 years of experience, he has acted, as counsel or arbitrator, in around 200 international commercial and Investor-State arbitrations spanning a variety of industries under the major institutional rules (ICC, LCIA, ICSID, PCA, DIAC and SIAC). A large part of Raëd's practice is dedicated to acting in disputes involving sovereign States and State-owned entities and in particular investment treaty disputes involving Arab States such as Egypt, Morocco, Jordan, Yemen and Lebanon. Raëd is recognized as a leading arbitration practitioner by all major directories and was awarded the prestigious ASA Prize for Advocacy in International Arbitration in 2014. He is currently a Vice President of the London Court of International Arbitration and a Member of the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators and Conciliators. Raëd is qualified to practice as a Solicitor in England & Wales as well as Avocat in France and in Québec. He teaches courses on international arbitration at the University of Paris II – Panthéon-Assas as well as the School of Law of Sciences Po Paris.



## RUSA TCHKUASELI

Partner, BLC Law Office

Rusa Tchkuaseli is a partner at BLC Law office, a top tier laws firm in Georgia. She has been recognized as Next Generation Partner in multiple practice areas including Banking and Finance, Commercial, Corporate and M&A and Dispute Resolution by Legal 500.

Rusa is actively involved in local as well as cross-border dispute resolution. She has acted for the clients in international commercial arbitrations under the ICC, LCIA and SCC rules and an investment arbitration under the ICSID rules. Rusa has a vast experience in representing clients at the Supreme Court of Georgia for the recognition and enforcement of foreign court judgments and arbitral awards.

Rusa is a former President of the Georgian Association of Arbitrators.



# SPEAKERS: SESSION 4



**MODERATOR**

**LILIT PETROSYAN**

**Director, Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia**

Lilit has an impactful career across governmental bodies, international organizations, and legal sectors. Early in her career, she gained valuable experience at the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Justice, and Cassation Court of Armenia. In a leadership capacity as Deputy Director at the Ministry of Justice's "center for Legislation Development and Legal Research" Fund, Lilit played a vital role in drafting legal acts, strategies, and policy papers.

She has been a member of various working groups, shaping key legal frameworks such as the Civil Procedure Law code, Judicial code, and Administrative Procedure law amendments, as well as the 2019-2023 Strategy of Judicial and legal reforms. Lilit's expertise extends to her role as a Legal Researcher at EBRD in London, where she navigated complex legal matters related to the Public Procurement Initiative. As a Legal Consultant at Dentons Law firm in Warsaw, she focused on the EBRD Cross-regional court performance assessment.

Her commitment to advancing legal processes is evident in her role as a National Correspondent at the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice. Here, she managed the processes related to the CEPEJ's evaluation of judicial systems, significantly contributing to the Justice Dashboard for Armenia. Lilit has further served as a Legal Consultant for various projects conducted by the Council of Europe, the EU, IFES, and PIN. Simultaneously, she shares her legal expertise as a lecturer at Yerevan State University, Faculty of Law, Chair of Civil Procedure.

**BILL MARSH**

**Independent International Mediator**



Bill Marsh is among the world's most experienced international commercial and investor-state mediators. A former corporate lawyer, he has mediated full time for 35 years, and been named five times as "Global Mediator of the Year" (2024, 2023, 2022, 2019 and 2014). His mediation work has involved parties from over 50 countries, covering almost every area of business and law, as well as human rights, environmental issues and ethnic/religious conflict.

Bill has acted as adviser to over 30 governments on mediation issues, as well as to the World Bank, United Nations and the European Union and represented the UK at UNCITRAL talks. He has served a Special Adviser on Reconciliation to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and in 2016 received the Archbishop's inaugural award for Outstanding Services to Reconciliation.

Bill is a Distinguished Fellow of the International Academy of Mediators, a member of the ICSID Chairman's Panel of Conciliators and a Fellow of the UK Civil Mediation Council. He is on the OSCE and UN expert mediator panels, as well as mediation panels in Singapore, India, Switzerland, Italy, France, USA, Russia and the Netherlands.

He lectures widely on mediation, and trains and mentors mediators from around the world.



# SPEAKERS: SESSION 4



**CHUAN WEE MENG**

CEO of SIMC

Chuan Wee Meng is the CEO of SIMC. He is an experienced lawyer of more than 30 years, working out of Beijing, Hong Kong, Sydney and Singapore. Prior to joining SIMC, he served as General Counsel of IBM Greater China and Nortel Networks Asia Pacific for about 20 years. Wee Meng has advised senior leadership of MNCs as lead counsel on legal and regulatory issues arising out of doing business in Greater China, India, Japan, Korea, ASEAN, Australia and New Zealand. As an active board member of US-China JVs, he has managed a wide range of emerging market risks with leading international best practices.

Leveraging his deep regional experience, Wee Meng is currently leading SIMC to promote mediation to resolve complex, commercial cross-border disputes in the Asia Pacific region. He has trained Judges, Senior Lawyers and Businesses across Asia in international mediation trainings and workshops.

Wee Meng is an accredited mediator of the Singapore International Mediation Institute.

He graduated with a law degree from the National University of Singapore and holds a Master of Laws from the University of Hong Kong. He is called to the Singapore Bar and Hong Kong's Roll of Solicitors.

**EPHRAIM (FRY) WERNICK**

Partner with Vinson & Elkins, LLC in Washington, DC



Ephraim is a partner in the government investigations and white collar defense practice group at Vinson & Elkins LLP ("V&E"), an international law firm with over 700 lawyers across 13 offices worldwide. As a Chambers-rated attorney and former supervisor of the U.S. Department of Justice's Criminal Fraud Section and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA") Unit, Fry's practice centers on corporate internal investigations and advising publicly traded and privately held companies and individuals in defense against federal, state and congressional investigations. Fry also provides compliance counseling to multinational companies on anticorruption and sanctions matters, especially when engaged in transactions in emerging markets. Fry also maintains a large civil litigation practice where he frequently investigates claims on behalf of companies and high net worth individuals who have been victims of fraud and other criminal acts, frequently bringing suit, referring such matters to law enforcement and/or resolving such claims prior to litigation. While serving as a federal prosecutor at the Department of Justice, Fry led and supervised six of the largest-ever cases involving violations of the FCPA and money laundering statutes, including the IMDB/Goldman Sachs, Rolls Royce, Unaoil, VimpelCom, Telia, and MTS cases. Fry also represented the United States as the DOJ delegate and subject matter expert on international corruption and asset recovery issues in multiple international fora, including the U.N. Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) in Vienna and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris. Fry's government experience also includes two turns at the U.S. Senate, including as Counsel to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary and as Counsel to the Ranking Member of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. Fry frequently writes on white collar criminal and FCPA matters, and his work has been published and or quoted in the Financial Times, Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg, The Hill, Law 360, Global Investigations Review and The Anti-Corruption Report, among other publications. Fry also has been recognized as a top lawyer in the fields of white collar defense, investigations, compliance and crisis management by Chambers, Legal 500, LawDragon and Who's Who Legal, and Law360 named Fry as a "Compliance MVP" in 2021. Fry graduated from Brown University in 1999 and the University of Texas School of Law in 2003.



# SPEAKERS: SESSION 4



**LISA BAKER MORGAN**

International Mediator/Arbitrator

Lisa Baker Morgan is an independent mediator and arbitrator in the U.S. and France. In addition to her private practice, Morgan is affiliated with MCLA in Los Angeles and Mediation & Resolution in Paris. A member of the California Bar since 1995, this former trial attorney has over 17 years of experience in dispute resolution. She has served as a full-time neutral since 2021.

Morgan received her JD magna cum laude from Southwestern University and a Master of Laws in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution from the Panthéon-Assas University in Paris. She received her mediation training and accreditation in the U.S. and Europe, including, with the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine, the Center for Dispute Resolution, the AAAA, and CEDR. She is qualified with the International Mediation Institute and was recently nominated for membership in the International Academy of Mediators. In 2025, Morgan was selected as a Higginbotham Fellow with the AAA. She is a Member of CIArb. Morgan serves as a guest lecturer for the International Courts and Arbitration LL.M. program at Yerevan State University.

**MARK VLASIC**

Senior Fellow and Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University



Mark V. Vlastic, a Senior Fellow and Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University, a Senior Fellow at Massey College in the University of Toronto, and Founder and Chair of the International practice at Madison Law & Strategy Group. He is Executive Producer of the action-adventure series BLOOD & TREASURE for CBS/Paramount/AmazonPrime, having served as a pro bono advisor to the UNSECO Director-General on “blood antiquities” issues, and as the World Bank’s Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative’s first Head of Operations. Appointed by President George W. Bush as a White House Fellow, he served as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense. He practiced law at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, and served on the Milosevic/Srebrenica genocide prosecution teams in The Hague and on the U.S. Delegation to the Pan Am 103 “Lockerbie” bombing trial. As a U.S. Army officer, Mark was attached to Capitol Hill and the U.S. Embassy in The Hague, and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. Knighted by the Vatican and the Ethiopian Crown, awarded the SECDEF Medal for Exceptional Public Service by Secretary Gates, honored as a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader, Chairman of the LAPD Leadership Advisory Board and commissioned a Kentucky Colonel, he is published widely and advises numerous boards. Mark studied at Georgetown (B.S. and J.D.) and Leiden University (Fulbright Scholar).



**VANIK MARGARYAN**

Partner, AM Law firm, Mediator, AMCA Board member

With a professional career spanning 15 years, Vanik has successfully handled numerous significant transactions and licensing processes, providing legal assistance to both local and international investors. He is also recognized for his expertise in representing clients in various disputes. In 2015, Vanik became a licensed mediator and obtained accreditation from the center for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR). Since 2016, he has also been a patent attorney specializing in trademarks.

Since 2019, Vanik has been actively involved in teaching at the Academy of Advocates of Armenia (formerly known as the School of Advocates). In addition, he conducts training courses designed for lawyers. In 2024 he was elected as chairman of the board of Chamber of Mediators of Armenia.



# CLOSING REMARKS



**TIGRAN DADUNTS**  
Deputy Minister of Justice of Armenia

**Tigran Dadunts is the Deputy Minister of Justice of Armenia, overseeing regulatory policy in the area of judicial and legal reforms, including ADR. He previously served as Director of the “Center for Legislation Development” at the Ministry of Justice and is one of the co-founders of the Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia (AMCA), where he also served as President of the Board of Trustees.**

**Mr. Dadunts holds both an LLB and LLM from Yerevan State University, currently pursuing a PhD and lecturing. He began his professional career in banking in 2015 before joining the Ministry of Justice in 2017.**

**Mr. Dadunts is also a U.S. Government (USG) alumnus of the International Visitor Leadership Program and the Professional Fellows Program.**



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**MODERATOR**  
**NATA GHIBRADZE**  
Counsel at Hogan Lovells, Germany

Nata Ghibradze is a Counsel in the International Arbitration Group at Hogan Lovells International LLP in Munich. She specializes in international commercial arbitration, advising clients in complex arbitration proceedings, particularly within the energy (including oil & gas and renewables), construction, infrastructure, and engineering sectors. Her practice has a strong regional focus on Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), Turkey, and Central Asia. Nata brings extensive experience in handling arbitrations under all major institutional rules across various jurisdictions, serving both as counsel and arbitrator. She also has significant expertise in Dispute Board proceedings related to large-scale construction projects.

A recognized thought leader, Nata frequently speaks and publishes on international arbitration matters and is actively engaged in numerous professional organizations. She currently serves as Secretary of ArbitralWomen.

### AGNIESZKA DURLIK

Director General of the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce



Agnieszka Durlik is a seasoned practitioner in supporting entrepreneurs. She is a graduate of the Jagiellonian University and Postgraduate Studies in Human Resource Management at the Warsaw School of Economics.

For many years, she has represented the business community as an expert on economic and legal issues related to starting and running a business, labor law, and social security. She rose through the ranks of the Polish Chamber of Commerce—from expert, to project manager, Press Spokesperson, Director of the President’s Office, and ultimately Director General of the Court of Arbitration, now also serving as a Member of the Board. She actively participates in the legislative process in Poland—engaging with parliament, ministries, and public administration authorities. She has successfully designed and implemented projects financed by EU funds. She advises entrepreneurs and is a guest in various media outlets advocating for business interests. Since 2017, she has led the largest arbitration court for entrepreneurs in Poland.



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### ALEXANDER PETSCHÉ

VIAC Board Member; Managing Partner of Baker McKenzie, Austria

Alexander Petsche is the managing partner of Baker McKenzie in Austria and specializes in dispute resolution, compliance, investigations and white-collar crime. He holds a doctoral degree in law and in business administration, has published 24 books and is professor at the Central European University for Compliance. He is a Member of the Board of VIAC and the co-editor of the Austrian Yearbook on International Arbitration

### LILIT PETROSYAN

Director, Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia

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### SIMON ARVMYREN

Member of the SCC Council for Swedish Arbitration and Partner at Delphi, Stockholm

Simon Arvmyren is a partner and head of the dispute resolution practice at Delphi in Stockholm. He has extensive experience representing clients in complex international disputes under SCC, ICC and other institutional rules, with a practice spanning a broad range of commercial matters across sectors including construction, infrastructure, energy, finance and M&A. His work includes acting for private and state-related entities in arbitration and court proceedings, often in cases involving cross-border elements and multi-jurisdictional enforcement.

Simon serves as a member of the SCC Council for Swedish Arbitration, contributing to discussions on procedural developments and institutional practice to support Sweden's position as a leading seat for international arbitration. Within the ICC, he is currently engaged in the Working Group on Expedited Procedure Provisions (EPPs) and the Update of Commission Reports, and he previously served as a longstanding member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR.

Simon has a particular academic interest in the intersection between arbitration and public policy, including issues of corruption and international sanctions, which frequently arise in challenge and enforcement proceedings. He publishes and lectures regularly on these topics, as well as on procedural law and the role of arbitration within international dispute resolution.



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**GEORGE SVANADZE**

Senior Partner, Andersen in Georgia

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**SIMON ARVMYREN**

Member of the SCC Council for Swedish Arbitration and Partner at Delphi,  
Stockholm

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**VAROUJAN AVEDIKIAN**

Managing Partner of Andersen in Armenia

Varoujan Avedikyan has been the Managing Partner of Andersen in Armenia since 2018. He has more than two decades of experience under his belt in banking, capital markets, and insurance law, as well as financial regulation and public policy. He has served as the General Counsel of the Central Bank of Armenia for 12 years (2006 - 2018), where he spearheaded an impressive number of far-reaching and established reforms within Armenia's financial sector.

During his relatively long career, Varoujan has authored and co-authored more than a dozen laws that have significantly raised the quality of both financial regulation and private transactions in Armenia's financial markets. Varoujan's practice areas are corporate, commercial, and financial transactions, corporate restructuring, M&A, business and financial regulation, venture, and private equity financing. He is admitted to the Armenian Bar and was recognized in 2020, 2021, and 2022 as a Highly Regarded Lawyer by IFLR 1000. In 2023, Varoujan successfully completed the European Board Diploma delivered by The European Confederation of Directors' Associations (ecoDa).

Varoujan is an adjunct professor both at the American University of Armenia (AUA) and the French University in Armenia, teaching transactional, business, and financial law. He is extremely proud of his about 1000-member strong former students' cohort, many of whom have become his colleagues and prominent members of Armenia's legal community. In addition to teaching law, he also teaches Adaptive Leadership at AUA's MBA program.



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**BILL MARSH**

Independent International Mediator

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**CHUAN WEE MENG**

CEO of SIMC

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**SIMRAN CHARD**

Secretariat for the Standing International Forum of Commercial Courts (SIFoCC)

Simran Chard currently serves as part of the Secretariat for the Standing International Forum of Commercial Courts (SIFoCC). SIFoCC brings together commercial and appellate judiciaries worldwide to share best practice and strengthen judicial cooperation. SIFoCC partners with the Asian Development Bank on a number of initiatives. SIFoCC's membership now exceeds 60 jurisdictions. Simran has helped deliver SIFoCC's 5th Full Meeting of judiciaries in Doha, Qatar in April 2024 and is now working towards the 6th Full Meeting in Delhi, India in November 2025. She has helped organise its Judicial Observation Programmes and online roundtables, and to coordinate its publications. For the past three years, Simran has worked closely with the judge with day-to-day responsibility for SIFoCC, Mr Justice Robin Knowles, providing judicial assistance and clerkship at the Commercial Court in London. She has gained first-hand experience in the work of commercial courts and their oversight of arbitration. Simran will shortly commence training at a leading commercial and chancery chambers to become a qualified barrister in England & Wales.

**VANIK MARGARYAN**

Partner, AM Law firm, Mediator, AMCA Board member

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### DARYNA HREBENIUK

Senior Associate, KRK Kieszkowska Rutkowska Kolasiński

Daryna's particular expertise lies in commercial and investment arbitration, and her main focus is in the CIS and Eastern Europe. For more than ten years Daryna has been helping clients in international arbitration proceedings. She uses her extensive experience in acting for states, businesses, and individuals in investment arbitration as well as when handling complex commercial arbitrations. Daryna has experience in dealing with numerous institutional, as well as ad hoc, arbitrations (including DIS, Gafta, ICDR (AAA), ICC, ICSID, LCIA, and PCA) seated across Europe and in the US. She also has experience representing clients before Dispute Avoidance/Adjudication Board proceedings for construction projects.

### KARL POERNBACHER

Partner & Head of the German International Arbitration Group at Hogan Lovells,  
Germany



Karl Pörnbacher heads the firm's international arbitration team in Germany. Together with his multinational team of experienced international arbitration lawyers, he has represented clients in more than 130 international and domestic arbitrations as counsel. He has further been appointed as an arbitrator in more than 75 cases, both as chairman/sole arbitrator and co-arbitrator. Karl assists clients in the efficient resolution of their disputes. He is an expert in alternative dispute resolution, with broad experience in the structuring and conduct of alternative dispute resolution proceedings. His experience includes disputes related to energy (gas, oil, renewables), construction and infrastructure projects, (post) M&A, and supply disputes in various industries.

Karl and his team have experience in arbitration proceedings under a variety of rules, including the ICC, VIAC, Danish Chamber of Commerce, Polish Chamber of Commerce, DIS and Swiss Rules, as well as in ad-hoc proceedings. He also represents clients in mediations, dispute board proceedings and adjudications.

Karl is a member of the Boards of VIAC, the Arbitration Court at the Polish Chamber of Commerce and the ICC commission on arbitration and serves as Chair of the Arbitration Court of the German-Polish Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw. He is a member of the scientific advisory board of the MuCDR and the BayCDMA, and he teaches courses on arbitration at the University of Bayreuth.

### MARKUS BURGSTALLER

Partner, Hogan Lovells in London



Markus Burgstaller is a Partner at Hogan Lovells in London. He combines experience in public international law and EU law at the highest level of government with many years of experience in private practice. He advises clients on international economic law, including sanctions, and acts for States, international organisations, businesses, and individuals in international disputes, mainly arbitrations under ICSID, UNCITRAL and ICC rules, and in proceedings before the Court of Justice of the European Union. He is nominated to the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators by the Austrian Government.



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**GRANT HANESSIAN**

International Arbitrator; Chairperson, AMCA Arbitration Council  
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**LEVON GOLENDUKHIN**

Counsel, Eversheds Sutherland; Board Member, AMCA  
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**PIA TAVIDIAN**

International Arbitration Tribunal Secretary, Hanessian ADR

**SONA TSATURYAN**

Associate at Schoenherr's Vienna office  
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### CONSTANTINOS SALONIDIS

Partner and Global Co-Chair, International Litigation & Arbitration Department  
Foley Hoag, Washington, D.C.

An expert in disputes with geopolitical implications, Dr. Saloniadis advises and represents States in high stakes international litigation before various international courts and tribunals. He has also represented several European, Asian, Middle Eastern, and Latin American States in investment treaty arbitration matters involving a diverse range of industries such as banking, hydrocarbons, health insurance, tobacco, port operations, steel manufacturing, automobile manufacturing, cable television services, telecommunications, waste management, and mining.

Dr. Saloniadis is appointed to serve on the ICSID Panel of Conciliators (by the Slovak Republic). He has lectured on various topics of public international law at the Graduate Institute of Geneva, Melbourne School of Law, Columbia Law School, Uppsala University School of Law, and several other academic institutions in the United States and abroad, and holds the prestigious Diploma in Public International Law of The Hague Academy of International Law (2006), which is awarded sparingly. In 2018, he served as the Director of Studies in English for the public international law session of the Academy.

### KRISTINE KHANAZADYAN

Co-Founder and Partner, Equity Law Partners



Kristine Khanazadyan specialises in international dispute resolution, with extensive experience representing the Republic of Armenia in investor-State arbitrations under ICSID and other arbitration rules. She was also part of the team representing the Republic in inter-State cases before the ICJ and in inter-State arbitration proceedings. In addition, she had previously handled commercial arbitration, international mediation, and annulment proceedings. She regularly advises on cross-border transactions and represents clients in domestic litigation involving monetary recovery, damages, and subrogation.



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### LIPARIT DRMEYAN

Acting Representative of Armenia on International Legal Matters

Liparit Drmeyan is the Acting Representative of Armenia on International Legal Matters since 2025. He holds master's degrees from Yerevan State University, University College London (UCL), and the Harvard Kennedy School. Since 2020, he has also served as Head of the Office of the Representative of Armenia on International Legal Matters. In his capacity, he oversees the State's representation in both inter-State disputes and individual applications, as well as the State's representation during arbitration proceedings before international courts and tribunals, including the European Court of Human Rights, the International Court of Justice, and arbitration proceedings administered by, among others, the International center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). He lectures at Yerevan State University and the Academy of Justice of Armenia. Previously, he has worked at the European Court of Human Rights, the Court of Appeal, and the Court of Cassation of Armenia.

### YEGHISHE KIRAKOSYAN

Co-founder and Managing Partner, Equity Law Partners



Dr. Yeghishe Kirakosyan is the co-founder and managing partner at Equity Law Partners, and Director of the LLM Program in International Courts and Arbitration at Yerevan State University.

Dr. Kirakosyan has over 20 years of professional experience both in public and private sectors. Mr. Kirakosyan has over 6 years of combined experience representing the Republic of Armenia before the International Court of Justice, European Court of Human Rights, in international commercial arbitrations, international investment arbitrations, as well as interstate arbitrations. Dr. Kirakosyan is a member of ICSID Panels of Arbitrators and Conciliators.

He is a Malvi Visiting Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School. Dr Kirakosyan has extensive teaching and academic experience since 2006. He teaches international law, and courses relating to international dispute resolution and arbitration.



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**ELIJAH PUTILIN**

**FCI Arb, Independent Arbitrator & Counsel, Putilin Dispute Management**

Prof. Elijah Putilin, FCI Arb is an independent arbitrator and counsel experienced in resolving disputes under civil, common, and international law. He regularly sits as a Sole-Arbitrator, Presiding Arbitrator, and co-arbitrator in cases administered by leading institutions in Europe and Asia. Prof. Putilin has also represented and advised clients in over a hundred disputes before SCAI, SCC, LCIA, ICC, ICDR and ICAC (Russia) tribunals, foreign and domestic courts of all levels, international trade tribunals and sporting bodies. His expertise spans a variety of industries, including oil & gas, banking & finance, TMT, construction, and agriculture. In addition to his arbitrator and counsel work, Prof. Putilin publishes and lectures on international commercial and investment arbitration at the Tashkent State University of Law and is an Adjunct Professor of international dispute resolution at leading universities in Central and South-East Asia. WWL recognizes Prof. Putilin as a Global Leader in Arbitration and describes him as: ‘a world class practitioner.

**KARL POERNBACHER**

**Partner & Head of the German International Arbitration Group at Hogan Lovells,  
Germany**



**SERGEY OKOEV**

**Senior Associate, Dispute Resolution department and a member of the CIS Group  
at Fieldfisher**

Sergey Okoev is a Senior Associate in the Dispute Resolution department and a member of the CIS Group at Fieldfisher. He is qualified to practice law in England and Wales, New York, and Armenia. Sergey’s practice focuses on high-value, complex, and multi-jurisdictional arbitration and litigation matters, particularly those arising from the CIS region. He represents clients across sectors including energy, metals and mining, financial services, and others. Sergey has experience acting for private and corporate clients, as well as sovereign states, in international arbitration proceedings involving investor-State and commercial disputes under SCC, LCIA, ICC, and ICSID Rules. He has also advised clients in high-profile commercial litigation in England and represented multinational corporations in matters involving internal investigations and compliance reviews under the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and the UK Bribery Act.



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**ANNA RIQUETTI**

Associate, ENYO Law LLP

Anna Riquetti is an English-qualified solicitor specialising in international commercial arbitration, investment treaty arbitration, and cross-border litigation.

She has extensive experience representing sovereign states, multinational corporations, and high-net-worth individuals in complex, high-value disputes. Anna has acted in arbitrations under leading institutional and ad hoc rules, including LCIA, ICC, UNCITRAL, ICSID, and SCC, across a range of sectors such as energy, construction, banking, and mining. She also has significant experience in litigation before the English courts, including proceedings in the Commercial Court and the Court of Appeal.

Anna is currently an associate at Enyo Law LLP. Prior to joining the firm in 2024, she practiced in the international arbitration and litigation teams of top-tier US and UK firms in London, as well as a Magic Circle firm in Paris.

Multilingual, Anna is fluent in English, Russian, Armenian, and Portuguese, and has working knowledge of Spanish and French.

She is an active member of the international arbitration community and is the Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Young Investment Treaty Forum, which was shortlisted for “Best Development of the Year” by Global Arbitration Review in 2022.

**HAROUT JACK SAMRA**

Of Counsel at DLA Piper LLP; Board Member, AMCA



Harout J. Samra is Of Counsel at DLA Piper LLP (US) and focuses his practice on international dispute resolution. He has represented clients from both the public and private sectors, including foreign governments, public officials, and clients from a variety of industries. He has experience in international arbitrations administered under the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), International center for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), Bogota Chamber of Commerce, Madrid Court of Arbitration, JAMS, and International center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) arbitration rules. He also has experience serving as an arbitrator and expert.

Harout is a *magna cum laude* graduate of the University of Miami School of Law, where he currently serves on the faculty as a Lecturer and member of the Adjunct Faculty in the White & Case International Arbitration LL.M. Program. He also received B.A. (cum laude) and M.B.A. degrees from the University of Miami. He is a member of the Bars of the States of New York and Florida, where he is recognized as a Board Certified Specialist in International Law. Harout is a founding member of the Board of Directors of AMCA.



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## SIDE EVENTS: SESSION 4



**SERGII MELNYK**  
Counsel at KNOETZL

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.”



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**MARIA PETROSYAN**  
Center for Legislation Development Foundation

Ms. Maria Petrosyan is a Senior Legal Expert at the Center for Legislation Development within the Ministry of Justice of Armenia. Her primary focus is the support in shaping the regulatory policy of the Republic of Armenia, with a particular emphasis on advancing judicial and legal reforms in the fields of arbitration and mediation.

Maria is a legal professional, holding both an LLB and an LLM from the Faculty of Law at Yerevan State University. She began her professional career in 2019, initially focusing on corporate law and litigation before transitioning to the Center for Legislation Development in 2023. Additionally, Maria is a licensed attorney-at-law with the Chamber of Advocates of the Republic of Armenia and an Accredited Mediator certified by the Ministry of Justice. She also represented Armenia as the National Correspondent to the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ). Beyond her professional career, Maria is passionate about international moot court competitions, having had the opportunity to participate in the American Moot Court Association's US tournament and coach the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot team.

**TATEVIK ARSHAKYAN**  
Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia



Tatevik graduated from Peter Pazmany University in Budapest. Throughout her career, Tatevik gained a lot of experience in different institutions. She worked as a senior administrative specialist at Armenian State Pedagogical University, Department of Logic and Philosophy from 2020 to 2021. Tatevik was a debate judge at the Jinishian Memorial Foundation within the framework of the Youth Engaged in Civic Society program. From September 2023 to December 2023, she worked as a project officer at the JMF. Tatevik is the author of three scientific articles, and she has participated in numerous scientific conferences and summer schools, such as the Corporate Social Responsibility in Legal, Moral, and Economic Context summer school in Budapest, the Yerevan Academy for Linguistics and Philosophy summer school in AUA, the Movements and Transformations of Armenians in the 20th and at the Beginning of the 21st century international conference in Yerevan, etc. She is also a co-founder of the Pathway to NGO and worked as a trainer on civic activism and media literacy in the project of ARTasovor Krtutyun.



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**LILIT PETROSYAN**

Director, Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia

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**TATEVIK ARSHAKYAN**

Office Manager, Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia

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**DAVIT GHARIBYAN**

Director, Center for Legislation Development Foundation

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**NUNE PEPANYAN**

Head of Office, Center for Legislation Development Foundation



Nune Pepanyan has been serving as the Head of office at the Center for Legislation Development within the Ministry of Justice since 2017. She comes with an impressive background, having previously held expert positions in various esteemed organizations, including the “NGO Center” Civil Society Development Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), Council of Europe, Tetra Tech Associates in Rural Development (ARD), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded Support to the Armenian National Assembly Program (SANAP), and Counterpart International. Her diverse experience also encompasses successful management roles at the “Independent Life” center of “Full Life” NGO and the Social Partnership and International Cooperation Unit of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia. Nune specializes in social work and social policy and in management and law. She also an accredited Mediator since August 2024.



# ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

## VARDAN LABLAJYAN

External Relations and Communications Officer,  
Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia



Vardan Lablajyan is a communication strategist and international relations specialist with extensive experience in public diplomacy and media. As External Relations and Communications Officer at the Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia, he leads outreach, branding, and stakeholder engagement for high-profile legal events, including the Armenian Arbitration Week.

A graduate and postgraduate of Yerevan State University's Faculty of International Relations, Vardan has served in leadership roles such as Head of the Foreign Relations Committee of the YSU Student Scientific Society. His career spans political journalism, parliamentary assistance, and project coordination in cooperation with international organizations.

Having participated in more than 15 Erasmus+ programs and represented Armenia in global forums, he combines academic insight with hands-on expertise in public affairs, making him a strong voice for fostering cross-border dialogue in arbitration and mediation.



## MARIA PETROSYAN

Senior Legal Expert, Center for Legislation Development Foundation  
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## ELEN TEVOSYAN

Marketing Consultant, Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia



Elen Tevosyan, is a marketing consultant at the Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia (AMCA), she has organized numerous events and developed marketing strategies for large companies, specializing in strategic planning and implementation. She speaks on topics such as public speaking skills and communication ethics, delivering trainings both within informal educational platforms at universities and through local and international programs. Her work combines strategic marketing expertise with strong communication skills, fostering professional growth and cross-cultural engagement.



## KRISTINE HARUTYUNYAN

Office assistant, Center for Legislation Development Foundation

Kristine Harutyunyan is an office assistant at the Center for Legislation Development of the Ministry of Justice of Armenia, where she supports the procurement process, organizes events, prepares monthly reports and supports current processes.

Kristine graduated from the Faculty of Oriental Studies of Yerevan State University in 2021. Later in 2023 she joined the Center for Legislation Development team.



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