

# VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. **Current position:** International Counsel, Arbitrator and Mediator

5. **Education:**

Yale University, B.A. in Russian Studies

Johns Hopkins University Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, DC and Bologna, Italy. M.A. with Distinction in International Relations – concentration in Russian and European Studies. Studied under Prof. Stephen Schwebel, later appointed to the ICJ, and under Prof. Federico Mancini, later appointed to the ECJ.

University of Maine, J.D., Law

6. **Practiced experience in arbitration**

Arbitrated first international case in 1986 between Spanish and U.S. parties on panel with Prof. Willem Vis as Chair

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules? 23 arbitrations, under Rules of ICC, LCIA/UNCITRAL, IDCR, AAA domestic, CAM-CCBC (Brazil-Canada Chamber of Commerce, Brazil's major arbitral institution). Parties from Brazil, Canada, Caribbean (Virgin Islands), China, Honduras, India, Panama, Paraguay, Norway, Sweden, Spain, U.K., U.S. Also 55+ domain name cases under the WIPO Rules, many from Russian Federation.
- How often have you acted as Chair? In one arbitration
- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator? In nine arbitrations.
- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator? In 11 arbitrations, the most recent being in an aircraft purchase & sale arbitration.
- How often have you acted as Counsel? Lead counsel in an oil & gas arbitration (LCIA/UNCITRAL Rules) between Norwegian and Brazilian parties, and *Of counsel* in an *ad hoc* sports marketing arbitration between U.S. and Central American parties.
- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)? I have not.

**7. Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):**

There are many. Please see my detailed curriculum at [www.paulemason.info](http://www.paulemason.info)

**8. Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations:**

Silicon Valley Arbitration and Mediation Center ([www.SVAMC.org](http://www.SVAMC.org)): Member, of highly vetted Tech List with only 53 technology-specialized Arbitrators and Mediators worldwide. Member, SVAMC Board of Directors. Chair, SVAMC Membership Committee and Co-Lead, SVAMC Latin America/Caribbean Group.

Listed Arbitrator at BAC-BIAC/Beijing, CAfA-NAI/Netherlands, CBMA/Rio de Janeiro, HKIAC/Hong Kong, ICDR/New York, WIPO/Geneva

**9. Languages**

Mother tongue: English

Working languages (i.e. languages in which you have both a spoken and written command so that you may conduct arbitral proceedings in this language): Portuguese

Other languages for reading documents in arbitrations, etc: Spanish, Russian, French

**9A. Other relevant information**

15+ years as Legal & Government Affairs Director, Latin America/Caribbean, Canada and Russia for IT multinationals Digital Equipment, Oracle and 3Com, and U.S. Legal Director for Brazilian IT security company Módulo, S.A.

Extensive experience as an international commercial mediator, with mediations from ICC, ICDR, the courts and *ad hoc* involving parties and representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Germany, Japan, Nicaragua, Panama, Russian Federation, Switzerland, U.K., U.S.

**10. In which legal systems have you trained?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Law    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common Law |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austrian Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungarian Law         | <input type="checkbox"/> Swiss Law     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Czech Law    | <input type="checkbox"/> Polish Law            | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukrainian Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> German Law   | <input type="checkbox"/> Slovakian Law         | <input type="checkbox"/> European Law  |

**Other: Law of Brazil and other Latin American jurisdictions from my past work as Legal Director/Latin America for IT multinationals 3Com, Oracle, and Digital Equipment. Therefore I am quite familiar with basic Civil Law system principles. I have also arbitrated cases under Dutch and Brazilian law, for example.**

**11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice? U.S.**

**12. In which jurisdictions are you admitted to the bar? U.S. states of Massachusetts and Maine. When living full-time in Brazil until 2016, I was also admitted by the Brazilian Bar (OAB) as a Foreign Legal Consultant on U.S. Law.**

**13. Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of five):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Unfair competition                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Damages                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Insolvency               | <input type="checkbox"/> Power plants                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Aviation</b>                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Distribution</b>            | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance                | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Intern. Law                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking & Finance                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Domain name disputes                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellect. property (IP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Intern. Law                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital markets                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment                                | <input type="checkbox"/> ISDS/ Foreign invest.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CISG  | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint ventures           | <input type="checkbox"/> Shipping                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil fraud disputes                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports                               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Commercial disp. / transactions</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Life sciences            | <input type="checkbox"/> State/Public contracts               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity market                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare & Pharmac.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime arbitration     | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Company/Corporate/M&A                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Gastro./Tour.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Media                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Telecommunications</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Inform. technology (IT)</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract law                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural resources        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                       |  |   |   |

**14. Date of birth:** 25.09.45

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I have completed this questionnaire to the above to the best of my knowledge and believe they are accurate.

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