VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. Current position: Associate at Stein Ray LLP

5. Education:

- Stockholm University, LL.M. International Commercial Arbitration
- University of San Diego School of Law, J.D. emphasis in International Law
- University of California, Davis, B.A. Economics, minor Philosophy

6. Practiced experience in arbitration

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?
 - +15 international arbitrations
 - ICC, LCIA, AAA, DIAC, ICSID
- How often have you acted as Chairman? N/A
- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator? N/A
- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator? N/A
- How often have you acted as Counsel? 9.
- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)? 6.
- 7. Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):

Publications

- Schein, Inc. v. Archer & White Sales, Inc: Upholding Principles of Arbitration, but Leaving Open Question Regarding Competence-Competence in Arbitral Rules as "Clear and Unmistakable" Evidence that Parties Agreed to Arbitrate Arbitrability, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, January 2019
- *Eureka! Foreign Attorneys Can Now Participate in California-seated Arbitrations*, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, August 2018
- A Call to Arms: Education to Prevent the Harsh Reality of Guerrilla Tactics in the Face of the UAE's Recent Law on Possible Criminal Sanctions for Arbitrators, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, January 2017

- There Should be an Answer to § 1782(a) as to whether its scope includes private arbitral tribunals, McGill Journal of Dispute Resolution, Vol. 3 (2016-2017)
- California Must Become More Favorable to International Commercial Arbitration, Young Arbitration Review, April 2014

Speaking Engagements

- *"Introduction to International Arbitration and Arbitrator Intelligence"*, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Mexico City, June 2018
- *"Re-wiring the Brain: Practical Steps to Address Inclusion and Diversity in International Dispute Resolution"*, CIArb YMG and Alliance joint conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2018

8. Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations: <u>Membership in Arbitral Institutions / Groups</u>

- Young Singapore International Arbitration Center (YSIAC)
- ICC Youth Arbitrators Forum (YAF)
- International Centre Dispute Resolution Y&I (ICDR)
- Youth International Council for Commercial Arbitration (YICCA)
- American Bar Association (ABA)
- Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG)
- Young Arbitrtors Sweden (YAS)

Extra-curricular Roles

- Director of Media and Outreach, Arbitrator Intelligence
- Blog Coordinator of the YICCA (Young International Council for Commercial Arbitration) Blog
- Assistant Editor for the North American region of the Kluwer International Arbitration Blog
- YICCA Special Committee of the ICCA-Guillermo Aguilar-Alvarez Memorial Award
- Co-Coaching Northwestern Pritzker School of Law's Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot team
- Annually participate as an arbitrator in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria

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):

10. In which legal systems have you trained?

🗵 Civil Law	🗵 Common Law									
Austrian Law	Hungarian Law	Swiss Law								
Czech Law	Polish Law	Ukrainian Law								
🗖 German Law	Slovakian Law	European Law								
Other										
11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice?										
 United States (membership of the New York and California bars). 										
12. Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of five):										

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

13. Date of birth: November 11, 1984

Other

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