# VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. Current position: Independent practitioner (principal at Stephens Chu Dispute Resolution)

**5.** Education: University of Cambridge, BA (Hons) in Law with European Option; University of Poitiers, Licence de droit; CEDR-accredited mediator

## 6. Practiced experience in arbitration

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules? Over 25 international arbitrations, under the following rules: ICC, LCIA, SCC, ICSID, UNCITRAL, CCJA, AFA, CAM as well as one ad hoc arbitration under local legislation.
- How often have you acted as Chairman? 0
- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator? 0
- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator? 0
- How often have you acted as Counsel? Over 25 times in actual arbitral proceedings (and in around 50 disputes overall)
- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)? 0
- 7. Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):

#### **Publications:**

Paris Court of Appeal rejects jurisdictional challenges to ICC award arising from dispute board povisions in a FIDIC contract, LexisNexis, 12 July 2022

Discrimination Claims by Foreign Investors in the Aftermath of the Covid-19 Pandemic, in Y. Levashova and P. Accaoui-Lorfing, Balancing the Protection of Foreign Investors and States' Responses in the Post-Pandemic World, Kluwer Law International 2022

Paris Court of Appeal sets aside ICC award on grounds of corruption (La République gabonaise v Société Groupement Santullo Sericom Gabon), LexisNexis, 5 May 2022

France — Party failure to pay advance on costs precludes reliance on arbitration clause to challenge state court jurisdiction (Tagli'apau v Amrest Holdings), LexisNexis, 23 February 2022

Power sector reforms in Africa: balancing states' regulatory powers with their international legal commitments, Symposium on Electricity/Energy Markets in Africa and their Intersections with International Economic Law, AfronomicsLaw (January 2022)

French Court of Cassation overturns Paris Court of Appeal denial of enforcement of Swiss arbitral award on grounds of corruption (Alexander Brothers v Alstom Transport), LexisNexis, 8 December 2021

*The contribution of the Prague Rules to promoting efficiency in international arbitration*, THĒMIS-Revista de Derecho 77 Arbitraje, August 2020

Droits et obligations issus du droit de l'investissement et des droits de l'homme : entre exclusivité et harmonisation, in C. Titi, Droits de l'homme et droit international économique, Bruylant, October 2019

*French court rules that mandatory expert determination provisions do not render arbitration clauses inapplicable,* International Law Office, Arbitration & ADR Newsletter, 16 May 2019

Paris Court of Appeal exerts power to review allegations of corruption during enforcement proceedings, International Law Office, Arbitration & ADR Newsletter, 8 November 2018

Awards of Interest in International Arbitration: Achieving Coherence Through Purpose, Vol. 7, Issue 1, Indian Journal of Arbitration Law, 2018 (11 October 2018)

Towards a Clearer Standard of Review by the French Courts of International Arbitral Awards Relating to Public Law Contracts, Dispute Resolution International, Vol 11, Issue No 1, May 2017

*Renée Rose Levy and Gremcitel SA v The Republic of Peru: ICSID tribunal continues to develop the doctrine of abuse of process in corporate restructuring*, Vol. 20, Issue No 2, IBA Arbitration Newsletter, p. 34, 2015

*Is it Always All About the Money? The Appropriateness of Non-Pecuniary Remedies in Investment Treaty Arbitration,* Vol. 30, Issue No. 4, Arbitration International, p. 661, 2014

*The Gathering and Taking of Evidence under the IBA Guidelines on Party Representation in International Arbitration: Civil and Common Law Perspectives*, Vol. 8, Issue No. 1, Dispute Resolution International, 2014

# Speaking engagements:

*Who's Who Legal Future Leaders: Arbitration conference*, London, 7 April 2022 (panel on the future of investment arbitration in Europe and beyond)

Assessing Damages in a Stagflation World, 30 March 2022 (panel organized by Boies Schiller Flexner)

Vienna Arbitration Day 2022 (moderated World Café discussion on standing of shareholder indirect claims)

*SOAS/CIMAC 7th Arbitration in Africa Conference*, 23-24 November 2021 (panel on investment treaty reform)

*Paris' Enduring Status as Arbitration Mecca*, 22 September 2021 (panel on Paris as a seat and the features of the French arbitration regime)

*Independence and Impartiality in International and Investment Treaty Arbitration,* 14 June 2021 (panel organized by QMUL's School of International Arbitration)

*EU Cross-Border Commercial Mediation: Listening to Disputants,* 25 March 2021 (panel organized by QMUL's School of International Arbitration)

*Comment choisir le/la bon/ne arbitre pour son dossier ?* Barreau de Paris, Commission Arbitrage, 14 October 2020 (panel discussing best practices for arbitrator selection)

*Regional perspectives of investor-State claims in light of Covid 19*, ABA International Law Section, 17 July 2020 (presentation on investor/State disputes that may result from Covid-19 restrictions in Africa)

A new landscape for EU law and arbitration: Challenges and opportunities, fifth annual conference of the Club Español de Arbitraje (Belgian chapter), 21 February 2020 (panel on the future of investment arbitration in Europe)

Africa Arbitration Academy, June 2019 (presentation on annulment and enforcement of arbitral awards in Africa)

What clients, counsel and experts should know about working together but are too embarrassed to ask, Georgetown University Club of France in Paris, 24 November 2018

ClArb (Kenya branch) international conference, 8/9 November 2018 (panel on energy disputes in Africa)

13th Congress of the Club Español de Arbitraje, 11/12 June 2018 (panel on mediation in arbitration)

La diversité dans l'arbitrage : par où commence le changement ? Barreau de Paris, Commission Arbitrage, 12 April 2018

Hot topics in damages, FTI Consulting, 11 April 2018 (panel discussion)

*3rd Annual GAR Live Energy*, 15 June 2017 (Oxford-style debate on the motion "This House believes that there's no law in gas pricing arbitration")

The Role of the Arbitrator: Adjudicator, Truth Seeker, Mediator? ICC YAF, 2 June 2016 (panel discussion)

Valuable perspectives on Swedish arbitration, SCC Arbitration Institute, January 2016 (panel discussion)

## **Teaching and training**

SOAS / ALSF International Arbitration Skills Training 2022 (led arbitration skills training for African practitioners in Douala, Cameroon, 6-8 June 2022).

The Diversity Deficit in Investment Arbitration, 27 August 2021 (seminar during the ELSA/ Athens PIL Centre Summer Law School on International Investment Law)

I also teach a regular seminar on the Panthéon-Assas LLM (Assas World Arbitration and Disputes Settlement), and have given numerous seminars on arbitration-related topics to clients and colleagues.

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

ArbitralWomen Board member (2020-2022 and 2022-2024 terms) ERA Pledge Steering Committee member Member of ICC France, LCIA European Users' Council, CEPANI and IAI

#### 9. Languages

Mother tongue: French and 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): Spanish. I can read German but would not be confident drafting in it.

#### 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? I am physically based in France but am equally experienced in French and English law (and international law).

# 12. In which jurisdictions are you admitted to the bar? France and England & Wales

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

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

# 14. Date of birth: 19 April 1978

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