

# VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. **Current position:** Partner

5. **Education:** Juris Doctor from Georgetown University, Washington, DC, USA; Bachelor of Arts from Bradford College, Massachusetts, USA

6. **Practiced experience in arbitration**

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?

22 arbitrations; under the ICSID Arbitration Rules, ICSID Additional Facility Rules, UNCITRAL Rules, ICC Rules, LCIA Rules, the Rules of the International Court of Arbitration in affiliation with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic (ICA CCI KR).

- How often have you acted as Chairman? No experience
- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator? No experience
- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator? Two (2) cases; one concluded, the other one pending. Both under the ICSID Arbitration Rules.
- How often have you acted as Counsel? For approximately 20 years, 20 arbitrations
- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)? No experience

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

I have included a list of publications below. My list of training sessions, seminars and conferences is very lengthy.

October 2023

Crédit Suisse AT1 bonds: options for bondholders

September 2023

Arbitration Act amendments put forward by Law Commission

September 2023

Risks arise from revocation of mining licenses in the DRC

August 2023

Ruling allows national judicial protection against intra-EU arbitral proceedings

August 2022

Chile's Proposed Constitutional Changes to Natural Resources Rights Could Have Devastating Effects on Foreign Investors: How Can International Law Protect Them?

July 2022

REPowerEU: A New Energy Landscape for Europe

May 2022

Peru's Struggle to Balance Foreign Investors' Rights and Local Communities' Demands

May 2022

Energy Transition and Climate Change Treaties

May 2022

Conditional Fee Arrangements Now Permitted in Singapore for SIAC Arbitrations and SICC Proceedings

March 2022

Companies With Investments and Businesses in Ukraine and Russia: The Importance of Investment Treaties

February 2022

The Climate Report | First Quarter 2022

February 2022

Climate Change and Investor-State Dispute Settlement

February 2022

Another Sweeping Wave of Resource Nationalism in Latin America: How to Protect Your Investment

October 2021

Offshore Oil and Gas Field Decommissioning: Disputes and Other Challenges

May 2021

June Elections in Peru and Mexico Raise Specter of Further Threats to Foreign Investments

May 2021

European Super League: Threatened Government Backlash Created Winners and Losers

April 2021

Australian Government Foreshadows Significant Reform to Australia's Offshore Oil & Gas Regulation

March 2021

"Not a Cat's Chance in Hell": English Court Clarifies Approach to Escalation Clauses

January 2021

EU and China Reach Landmark Agreement in Principle on Investment

2021

Enforcement of investment treaty awards against assets of states, state entities and state owned companies, co-author, in Enforcement of Investment Treaty Arbitration Awards (2nd ed., Globe Law and Business, 2021)

October 2020

ICC Adopts 2021 Rules of Arbitration

May 2020

COVID-19 and Investment Treaties: Balancing the Protection of Public Health and Economic Interests

November 2018

NAFTA 2.0 to Bring Major Changes to Investor-State Dispute Settlement

March 2018

Restructuring Recommended after CJEU Decision on Intra-EU Bilateral Investment Treaties

October 2015

International Remedies for Foreign Investors in Croatia and Poland: Mortgage and Consumer Loan Conversion Legislation

February 2015

Enforcement of Investment Treaty Awards against Assets of States, State Entities and State Owned Companies, co-author, in Enforcement of Investment Treaty Arbitration Awards: A

Global Guide

April 2014

Crisis In Crimea: Is Your Foreign Investment There Protected By a Treaty?

October 2013

BIT Protection of Foreign Investments in Times of Volatile Currency, Slow Growth, and Political Uncertainty in India

Autumn 2013

Arbitration Rules for Dispute Resolution Involving States and State Entities: What Are the Significant Differences?, coauthor, The International Lawyer

August 2013

Mining Concession Pitfalls, coauthor, Energy & Mining International

2013

Enforcement against States: Investment Arbitration and WTO Litigation, coauthor, in WTO Litigation, Investment Arbitration, and Commercial Arbitration

2012

Compliance and Enforcement of Awards - Is There a Practical Difference between ICSID and Non-ICSID Awards?, Investment Treaty Arbitration and International Law

2011

Investment Arbitration under the Energy Charter Treaty: The Novel Case of Plama Consortium Limited v. Republic of Bulgaria, coauthor, in Energy Dispute Resolution: Investment Protection, Transit and The Energy Charter Treaty.

**8. Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations:** International Bar Association (IBA)

**9. Languages**

Mother tongue: Bulgarian

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): English, Bulgarian

**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: English law; New York law; Washington, DC law

**11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice?** England and Wales

**12. In which jurisdictions are you admitted to the bar?** English law, New York law, Washington, DC

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

**14. Date of birth:** 1979

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