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Who's Who Legal: Arbitration 2021, 2022, and 2023: Future Leaders (Non-Partners)

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As an independent counsel and arbitrator based in Paris, with a career spanning over fourteen years, I possess a profound understanding of international arbitrations conducted under various rules such as ICC, ICSID, ISTAC, UNCITRAL, SCC and SIAC. My extensive expertise encompasses a specialized focus on Ukraine, Central Asia, and the CEE region, where I provide guidance and representation to clients involved in significant high-stakes cases.

My expertise includes representing and advising companies and states in international investment treaty and commercial arbitrations, including disputes related to energy, construction, infrastructure, metals and mining, commodities, and general commercial matters.

I also have experience in litigation before French and Ukrainian courts, and the ECHR (notably, won *Polishcuk v. Ukraine* (Application No. 21231/04) and *Sokolovskiy v. Ukraine* (Application No. 28660/04)).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Arbitrator's appointments:

- Presiding arbitrator (appointed by the International Commercial Arbitration Court (ICAC) at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan) in an arbitration seated in Tashkent between Chinese and Uzbek companies over general commercial matters.
- Sole arbitrator (appointed by the ISTAC) in an ISTAC arbitration seated in Istanbul between German and Turkish companies over an international contract on the delivery of goods.
- Side arbitrator (appointed by the Istanbul Commercial Court) in an Ad Hoc arbitration seated in Adana between Saudi Arabian and Turkish companies over international contracts on the sale of goods.

Notable Counsel's engagements:

- Ukraine, Respondent in an SCC arbitration in Stockholm brought by VEB.RF. The dispute relates to sanctions and other measures allegedly targeting Russian banks in Ukraine after 2014. The claims are brought under the 1998 Ukraine-Russia bilateral investment treaty.
- A Turkish construction company with respect to potential SIAC arbitration against a Dubai-based company.
- A petrochemicals company in connection with potential investment treaty claims against a Central Asian State in relation to oil and gas assets.
- Ukraine, Respondent in an ICSID arbitration initiated by Emergofin B.V. and Velbay Holdings under the Netherlands-Ukraine bilateral investment treaty (ICSID Case No. ARB/16/35). The dispute relates to an aluminum and alumina production company.
- An agency of an Eastern European State as the applicant in proceedings to request the setting aside of arbitral awards rendered in a construction dispute.
- Ukraine, Respondent in a UNCITRAL arbitration brought by PJSC Gazprom. The dispute concerned the enforcement of a fine issued by the Anti-Monopoly Committee of Ukraine in relation to Gazprom's breaches of Ukraine's competition law in the performance of a gas transit contract. The claims were brought under the Ukraine-Russia bilateral investment treaty.
- Ukrainian State-owned nuclear agency Energoatom in connection with the expropriation of Energoatom's assets on the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, and the preparation of a written notification of dispute sent on behalf of Energoatom to Russia under the Ukraine-Russia bilateral investment treaty.

PAST EMPLOYMENT

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| ▪ Associate, International Arbitration Group at Shearman & Sterling LLP, Paris | 2016 – 2022 |
| ▪ Jurist-trainee, International Arbitration Group at Shearman & Sterling LLP, Paris | 2014 – 2015 |
| ▪ Jurist-trainee, Arbitration and Corporate Departments at Dentons, Paris | 2013 – 2014 |
| ▪ Human Rights Lawyer, Kharkiv | 2009 – 2010 |
| ▪ Associate, Corporate Department at Gide Loyrette Nouel, Kyiv | 2008 |
| ▪ In-house Counsel, Furniture factory "Yavir", Kharkiv | 2007 – 2008 |

EDUCATION

Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, Online

May 2022

Oxford Blockchain Strategy Program

Panthéon-Sorbonne Paris I School of Law, France 2011 – 2012
Master 2 in Comparative Law “*Globalization and legal pluralism*”, under the direction of Dr. Pierre Legrand
Visiting Researcher at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, USA (2 months)

Panthéon-Assas Paris II School of Law, France 2010 – 2011
Master 1 in Private Law

Yaroslav the Wise National Law University, Ukraine 2002 – 2007
Specialist in Law (five-year degree) with highest honors

BAR QUALIFICATIONS

Paris Bar, 2016; Ukrainian Bar, 2014

RECOGNITIONS

Who's Who Legal: Arbitration – Future Leaders (2021-2023)

WWL 2023 ranked Anna among the 15 “Most Highly Regarded” Individuals in Europe, Middle East and Africa Region: They write: “*The ‘smart and diligent’ Anna Guillard Sazhko performs well this year and is ‘always in high demand’ due to her ‘natural leadership skills and her ability to think critically with business awareness’.*”

WWL 2022 recognized Anna as a national leader in France and recommended her as “*one of the brightest arbitration practitioners in the market focusing on Eastern European disputes*” and described “*her knowledge of investment law and arbitration is second to none*”.

Winner of the Lexology's Client Choice Award 2021 for Arbitration – France (2021)

Career advice, featured as one of 24 Women in Arbitration, “24 Hours of Inspiration”, #Careers in Arbitration, 8 March 2020

LANGUAGES

English (working language), **French** (working language), **Russian** (native), **Ukrainian** (native), and **Turkish** (B1)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Founder and Co-President, Turkic Arbitration Association
Member, Board of the Ukrainian Arbitration Association
Author and Co-coordinator of the Mentorship Program and Member of the Executive Committee, Young ISTAC
Founding Member, Nash Arbitrazh
Member, ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR
Vice-President and Chair, Commission on Environment and Energy, ICC Ukraine
Member, Arbitration Commission and Appointment Committee, ICC Ukraine
Member, Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution of the Ukrainian National Bar Association (UNBA)
Co-Chair, Baltic Arbitration Days (BAD) (since 2023)
Member, International Law Association (French branch)
Member, Organization Committee of Young ISTAW (Istanbul Arbitration Week) (since 2022)
Founding Member in France, ENERAP/Energy Related Arbitration Practitioners
Member, Organizing Committee of the side event organized by the Ukrainian Embassy in France during Viva Technology in Paris (2022)
Member, Organizing Committee of the Eastern European Dispute Resolution Forum (EEDRF) (2019-2021)
Member, Organizing Committee of the 2018 Kyiv Arbitration Days

PUBLICATIONS

Procedural Order No. 1: practical aspects and key issues, Annual Collection of Articles of the International Arbitration Court at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic, 6/2023 (forthcoming)

Navigating the complexities of crypto disputes: challenges with identifying parties and jurisdiction, LexisNexis UK Blog, 10 May 2023

Crypto Assets as A Protected Investment under the BITs, LexisNexis UK Blog, 21 March 2023

Oschadbank—The French Supreme Court has reinstated a historical arbitration award (*Oschadbank v Russia*), LexisPSL Arbitration, 19 January 2023

Financing litigation and arbitration through tokenization: the uncertain present and a promising future, Delos Tech Channel, 15 June 2022

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Participated as a speaker, moderator, and/or organizer in over 40 conferences and webinars organized in Austria, Georgia, France, Latvia, Kazakhstan, Poland, Turkey, Uzbekistan, and Ukraine (the list is attached as an annex).

Annex

Selected speaking engagements:

2023

“Procedural Order No. 1: Everything You Need to Know”, Young ICCA and Young ISTAC, Istanbul, 2 October 2023 (moderator)

In-Person Launch of the Turkic Arbitration Association, Kazakhstan Legal Forum, Almaty, 29 September 2023

“Role of In-House Counsel in International Arbitration”, Kazakhstan Legal Forum, Almaty, 28 September 2023

“Drafting an Arbitration Agreement: Key Considerations”, ICC YAAF, Almaty, 27 September 2023 (moderator)

“Personal and Professional Qualities of an Arbitrator”, ICA CCI KR and TAA Webinar, Online, 22 September 2023 (moderator)

Online Launch of the Turkic Arbitration Association, 5 July 2023

“In-house Perspective in Arbitration”, Young ISTAC, Istanbul, 21 June 2023 (moderator)

Chair of the First Day, Baltic Arbitration Days, Riga, 11 June 2023

“IT and LegalTech in Arbitration”, Baltic Arbitration Days, Riga, 12 June 2023 (moderator)

“Crypto Assets as A Protected Investment under Investment Treaties”, ArbMetaBlock2023 Conference, Ghent University, 26 May 2023

2022

UAA 10-year anniversary, UAA Webinar, 20 December 2022 (moderator)

“Energy Transition Ecosystem: General Trends and Disputes”, Istanbul Arbitration Week, 14 October 2022 (moderator)

“Ukrainian business under the martial law conditions. Possibilities, needs, realities”, Interview with His Excellency Minister of Justice of Ukraine Denis Maluska, ICC Ukraine, 7 October 2022

“Global Energy Security: Challenges and Opportunities”, The Global Economic Impact Forum on Ukraine, Istanbul, Turkey, 21 – 22 July 2022

Connecting and Supporting Ukrainian Civil Society in Time of War, Salzburg Global Seminar, Salzburg, Austria, 11 – 15 July 2022

Co-Chair, GAR Live: Istanbul - The Future Leaders in Arbitration Symposium, Istanbul, Turkey, 24 June 2022

“Financing Litigation and Arbitration through Tokenization”, Baltic Arbitration Days, Riga, Latvia, 11 June 2022

“Consolidation and Deconsolidation in M&A Arbitration”, Dispute Resolution in M&A Transactions Conference, Warsaw, Poland, 26 – 27 May 2022

“Reparations under International Law”, Talk with Gary Born, UAA and ICC Ukraine Webinar, 18 May 2022

“How to Position Ukraine to Attract Foreign Investments”, Talk with George Casey, ICC Ukraine Webinar, 12 May 2022

“Calculation of Damages Caused to the Ukrainian Business by the Russian Aggression”, Talk with Alexandra Wintrebert, UAA and ICC Ukraine Webinar, 27 April 2022

Talk with Sophie Nappert on Technologies in Arbitration, ISTAC/Young ISTAC Webinar, 26 April 2022

“Who Will Finance and Control the Renovation of Ukraine”, Talk with Hlib Vyshlinsky, ICC Ukraine Webinar, 21 April 2022

“Pitch Perfect: How to Succeed Your First Pitch”, ISTAC/Young ISTAC Webinar, 26 January 2022 (moderator)

2021

“Trends in Investment Arbitration and Treaties”, Ukrainian Arbitration Forum, Kyiv, Ukraine, 3 December 2021

“Non-Fungible Token and CryptoArt: What is the Future of Disputes?”, Webinar co-organized by the Italian Chapter and Poland and Ukraine Chapter of the Spanish Arbitration Club, 29 November 2021

“Clash of Cultures in International Arbitration”, Uzbek Arbitration Week, Online, 8 September 2021 (moderator)

“Gas Disputes in a Nutshell”, Online (Turkey), ICC YAF Webinar, 30 June 2021

“Access to Arbitration”, UAA Annual Arbitration Conference, Online, 26 May 2021 (moderator)

“Judicial Review of Arbitral Awards: Fresh Look from France”, Nash Arbitrazh Webinar, 11 May 2021

“Arbitration Boat in a Sea of Ethics”, Nash Arbitrazh Webinar, 8 April 2021 (moderator)

“Is transparency transparent in arbitration”, UAA and Jus Mundi Webinar, 25 February 2021 (moderator)

“How ISDS can be made more accessible for smaller claims/investors?”, UAA Webinar, 20 January 2021 (moderator)

2020

“Investment Treaties of Ukraine: questions and challenges”, talk with the Deputy Minister of Justice of Ukraine and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, UAA Webinar, 23 December 2020 (moderator)

“See Paris and Arbitrate”, Nash Arbitrazh Launching Webinar, 22 December 2020 (moderator)

“Backlash against International Arbitration in the World”, Ukrainian Arbitration Forum, Online, 11 November 2020

“Young and Ingenious Arbitration Centers in Eurasia: talk with GIAC, IAC at AIFC, ISTAC & TIAC”, UAA Webinar, 3 June 2020 (moderator)

2019

“Ukrainian Arbitration Reform: is Kyiv becoming the Paris of Eastern Europe?”, ICC Arbitration breakfast, Paris, France, 29 November 2019

“Construction Projects, Turkish-Ukrainian Infrastructure Forum: Creating Opportunities Together”, the Ukrainian Arbitration Association, International Turkish Ukrainian Businessmen Association (TUID), Gün + Partners law firm (Turkey) and INTEGRITES law firm (Ukraine), Kyiv, Ukraine, 13 November 2019 (moderator)

“Should the Challenge of an Arbitrator Be Claimed or Not? Assessment of Evidence Admissibility for Arbitrator’s Challenge”, VI International Arbitration Readings in memory of Academician Igor Pobirchenko, Kyiv, Ukraine 10 October 2019

“‘The Rich Also Cry’, Disputes Involving High-Net-Worth Individuals or Sovereign Assets and Secrets to a Happy Ending”, Arbitration Breakfast organized by ASA below 40, CI Arb YMG, UBA and UAA, Kyiv, Ukraine, 12 September 2019

“Post-closing Disputes”, Joint UAA & ArbitralWomen Breakfast on Arbitration in Corporate/Post M&A disputes, Kyiv, Ukraine, 14 May 2019

2018

“Diversity in Parties”, Arbitration Days in Tbilisi organized by GIAC, Tbilisi, Georgia, 4 – 5 October 2018

“Setting Aside of Arbitral Awards in France”, Conference organized by Shearman & Sterling LLP, ICC YAF, ICDR Y&I, RCAN and UAA, Kyiv, Ukraine, 13 September 2018

Panel on Data privacy regulations, IBA Europe-Caucasus-Asia Forum, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 5 – 7 September 2018

Selected teaching and mentoring engagements:

Member of the Organizing Committee of the First Ukrainian Arbitration Academy, November 2023 – February 2024

Founder and co-coordinator, ISTAC/Young ISTAC Mentorship Programme, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024

“ICC Online Seminar Series for Central Asia: ICC arbitration and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms”, ICC Ukraine for Central Asia, ICC Ukraine, July 2023 (co-organizer and speaker)

“US and Cross-Border M&A Transactions and Corporate Law: How International Deals Get Done” with George Casey (Global Managing Partner of Shearman & Sterling LLP), ICC Ukraine, Online Course, February-May 2023 (co-organizer and moderator)

“Formation of an Arbitration Tribunal”, ELSA Autumn Arbitration School, ELSA Kyiv and UAA, Online, 22 October 2022

“Introduction to Arbitration”, ELSA Summer Arbitration School, ELSA Ankara, Online, Ankara, 27 July 2022

“Career in International Arbitration: a French Perspective”, Nash Arbitrazh Webinar, 22 December 2022 (moderator)

“Arbitral award. Setting aside and enforcement of arbitral award”, VIII Ukrainian Arbitration Schools organized by UAA, Online, 2021

“Legal Ethics in France”, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Online, 3 December 2020

Q&A session with students of the Yaroslav the Wise National Law University, “Better Ask Alumni”, Online, 28 October 2020

Case Study: Investment Arbitration, VI and VII Ukrainian Arbitration Schools organized by UAA, Kyiv, Ukraine, 2018, 2019