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Personal Information



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Mr

Gender

First Name
William

Last Name
Kirtley

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William Kirtley

Nationalities
France, United States of America (the)

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)
12/06/1974

Website / LinkedIn

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Aceris Law

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Location

Geneva, Switzerland

My Profile

Managing Partner of GAR 100-ranked international arbitration boutique law firm Aceris Law LLC, serving as counsel and arbitrator. While at Aceris Law, he has served as Sole Arbitrator, Co-Arbitrator and Presiding Arbitrator in ICC, DIFC-LCIA, DIAC, UNCITRAL, OAC, and ad hoc arbitrations. A public matter as arbitrator is Zeph Investments Pte. Ltd. v. The Commonwealth of Australia, PCA Case No. 2023-40, one of the largest arbitrations to date. Has also served as counsel in numerous international commercial and investor-State arbitrations under the ICC, ICSID, UNCITRAL, LCIA, ICDR, SIAC, SCC, DIAC, HKIAC, JAMS, AAA, LCAM, LMAA, CICA, OHADA, Swiss Rules, and other arbitration rules, in disputes subject to a wide variety of common law and civil law legal systems. Recent public, high-profile cases include KNM Process Systems Sdn. Bhd. v. Lukoil Uzbekistan Operating Company, SCC Arbitration V (2019/027); Bachar Kiwan v. State of Kuwait, ICSID Case No. ARB/20/53; Christopher Jock Murdoch MacKenzie v. Hungary, ICSID Case No. ARB/21/66; and Monsoon Blockchain Storage, Inc. v. Magic Micro Co., Ltd., ICDR Case No. 01-19-0002-4620.

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Professional Affiliation

Professional Affiliation

Yes

Company/Law Firm Name

Aceris Law LLC

Company/Law Firm Country

Switzerland

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State

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Country / City

Geneva, Switzerland

Region

Europe

Professional Experience

Job Title

Managing Partner

Professional Experience

Aceris Law LLC – Managing Partner (2014 – present)

DK AARPI – Partner (2013 – 2014) Lazareff

Le Bars – Counsel (2012 – 2013) Salans (now Dentons) – Senior Associate (2007 – 2012) Shearman & Sterling –

Associate (2002-2007) UN Department of Political Affairs – Legal Consultant (2002)

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Professional Activities, Positions & Memberships

University of Paris II – Lecturer List of Arbitrators of USCIB (ICC National Committee for the United States) ICC France (ICC National Committee for France) Expatriate Subcommittee of USCIB (ICC National Committee for the United States) ICDR Young & International Arbitration Group List of Arbitrators (DIAC) SIAC Panel of Arbitrators Legal 500 Leader's League (Décideurs) Kluwer Author Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) Getting the Deal Through Author International Bar Association AFIA (Australian Forum for International Arbitration) Advisor to Young ICCA Editor of Vindobona Journal of International Commercial Law and Arbitration

Academic Degree & Qualifications

Columbia University School of Law (2002), Juris Doctor
Sorbonne (Paris I – Panthéon-Sorbonne) (2004), Maîtrise en Droit
Harvard University (1997), B.A.

Publications

"Arbitration in France", Getting the Deal Through (2020). "France—application to set aside ICSID Additional Facility award fails (Ryan, Schooner Capital, and Atlantic Investment Partners v Poland)", LexisNexis (2019). "Cleansing the (Un)clean: The Ongoing Saga of the Clean Hands Doctrine", Kluwer Arbitration Blog (2018). "French courts redefine new test for violations of international public policy to set aside arbitral awards (Société MK Group c v S.A.R.L. Onix et Société Financial Initiative)", LexisNexis (2018). "Arbitration in France", Getting the Deal Through (2018). "Intellectual property arbitration law and the enforcement of IP rights internationally", Oxfirst webinar (2014). "International Arbitration: France", International Comparative Legal Guides (2013). "Should an Arbitral Tribunal Order Security for Costs When an Impecunious Claimant is Relying upon Third Party Funding?", Journal of International Arbitration (2013). "Arbitrating in West and Central Africa: An Introduction to OHADA", Kluwer Arbitration Blog (2013). "The Status of the Report of the Executive Directors on the ICSID Convention", ICSID Review-Foreign Investment Law Journal (2012). "Complex arbitrations: multi-party and multi-contract disputes under the new ICC Rules", LLB Seminar (2012). "International Arbitration: France 2012", International Comparative Legal Guides (2012). "La gestion des contentieux en Afrique : Enjeux et Stratégies," MEDEF : C'est à vous (2012). "Court-Ordered Discovery in the United States Under 28 USC § 1782 for Use in Foreign International Arbitrations: Its Evolution, Current Trends, Strategic Use and Dangers", International Arbitration Law Review (2011). "The Transfer of Treaty Claims and Treaty-Shopping in Investor-State Disputes", The Journal of World Investment and Trade (2009). "Bringing Claims and Enforcing International Arbitration Awards Against Sub-Saharan African States and Parties", The Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals (2009). "The Tampa Incident: Does Australia's Political Asylum Policy Violate International Law?", Columbia Journal of Transnational Law (2002).

Sectoral Expertise

Administrative law, Aerospace, Agency (Representation), Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Art, Hospitality and Leisure, Entertainment, Sports and Media, Competition, Construction - FIDIC, Construction, Engineering, Consultancy Services other than legal, Corporate law / M&A, Defence and Security, Distribution, Franchising, Energy and Natural Resources, Energy and Natural Resources - Oil and Gas, Energy Transition/ Renewables, Finance and Banking - Financial services, Finance and Banking - Digital assets, Retail and Consumer Products, Information and Communication Technologies, Infrastructure and Utilities, Insurance, Intellectual and Industrial property, Investment / Public international law, Maritime, Media and Publishing, Metals, Mining, Healthcare, Pharmaceutical and Life Sciences, Real Estate, Sales, Purchases, Transport, Transport -

Sectoral Expertise (Other)

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Automotive, Technology, Treaty Based Arbitration

Legal Background

Civil Law, Common Law, International Law

Specify Jurisdictions

Has served in arbitrations governed by the laws of numerous jurisdictions, including France, Switzerland, England and Wales, the United States, Turkey, Moldova, Mexico, Singapore, Hong Kong, Liberia, Germany, Albania, Japan, Russia, Uzbekistan, Romania, South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria, Egypt, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Côte d'Ivoire, Spain, the Seychelles, Bangladesh, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Georgia.

Professional Expertise

Legal Expertise

Extensive experience in international commercial and investment arbitration, serving as counsel, arbitrator, and tribunal secretary in proceedings under the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, SCC, HKIAC, ICDR, UNCITRAL, and other rules. Expertise covers disputes involving construction, energy, oil and gas, mining, joint ventures, distribution, intellectual property, shareholder, and sovereign matters.

Technical Expertise

Skilled in managing complex international arbitration proceedings, including multi-party and multi-contract disputes, bifurcated and expedited proceedings, and cases involving both common law and civil law systems.

Financial Expertise

Experienced in disputes involving complex financial, valuation, and damages issues, including quantum analysis, discounted cash flow (DCF) valuations, lost profits, and project financing.

Other Expertise

Additional Information

Bar Admissions

New York, 23/08/2005

Paris, 03/10/2007

Washington, DC, 23/07/2008

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Languages

Languages (Fluent)
French, English

Languages (Working Knowledge)
Portuguese, Spanish

ICC Arbitration Experience

ICC Arbitration Experience as President of Tribunal
1

ICC Arbitration Experience as Sole Arbitrator
2

ICC Arbitration Experience as Co-Arbitrator

ICC Arbitration Experience as Emergency Arbitrator

ICC Arbitration Experience as Party's Counsel
45

ICC Arbitration Experience as Administrative Secretary
2

ICC Arbitration Experience as Other

Other Institutional Arbitration Experience

Other Institutional Arbitration Experience as President of Tribunal
1

Other Institutional Arbitration Experience as Sole Arbitrator
4

Other Institutional Arbitration Experience as Co-Arbitrator
4

Other Institutional Arbitration Experience as Emergency Arbitrator

Other Institutional Arbitration Experience as Party's Counsel
70

Other Institutional Arbitration Experience as Administrative Secretary
2

Other Institutional Arbitration Experience as Other
1

International Ad hoc Arbitration Experience

International Ad hoc Arbitration Experience as President of Tribunal
1

International Ad hoc Arbitration Experience as Sole Arbitrator

International Ad hoc Arbitration Experience as Co-Arbitrator

International Ad hoc Arbitration Experience as Emergency Arbitrator

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International Ad hoc Arbitration Experience as Party's Counsel
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International Ad hoc Arbitration Experience as Other

International Ad hoc Arbitration Experience as Administrative Secretary

Domestic Arbitration Experience

Domestic Arbitration Experience as President of Tribunal

Domestic Arbitration Experience as Sole Arbitrator

Domestic Arbitration Experience as Co-Arbitrator

Domestic Arbitration Experience as Emergency Arbitrator

Domestic Arbitration Experience as Party's Counsel
5

Domestic Arbitration Experience as Administrative Secretary

Domestic Arbitration Experience as Other

Additional Comments on Arbitration Experience

Have served as counsel or arbitrator in over 150 international disputes under the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, SCC, ICDR, UNCITRAL, and other major arbitration rules over two decades.

ICC Mediation Experience

ICC Mediation Experience as Co-Mediator

ICC Mediation Experience as Sole Mediator

ICC Mediation Experience as Neutral using another settlement technique

ICC Mediation Experience as Party's Counsel
3

Other International Mediation Experience

Other International Mediation Experience as Co-Mediator

Other International Mediation Experience as Sole Mediator

Other International Mediation Experience as Neutral using another settlement technique

Other International Mediation Experience as Party's Counsel

International without recourse to an institution Mediation Experience

International without recourse to an institution Mediation Experience as Co-Mediator

Intl. w/o recourse to an institution Mediation Exp. as Neutral using another settlement technique

International without recourse to an institution Mediation Experience as Sole Mediator

International without recourse to an institution Mediation Experience as Party's Counsel

Domestic Mediation Experience

Domestic Mediation Experience as Co-Mediator

Domestic Mediation Experience as Neutral using another settlement technique

Domestic Mediation Experience as Sole Mediator

Domestic Mediation Experience as Party's Counsel

ICC Expertise Experience

ICC Expertise Experience as Chair

ICC Expertise Experience as Sole Expert

ICC Expertise Experience as Other

ICC Expertise Experience as Co-Expert

ICC Expertise Experience as Expert Witness

Other International Expertise Experience

Other International Expertise Experience as Chair

Other International Expertise Experience as Sole Expert

Other International Expertise Experience as Other

Other International Expertise Experience as Co-Expert

Other International Expertise Experience as Expert Witness

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International without recourse to an Institution Expertise Experience

International without recourse to an institution Expertise Experience as Chair

International without recourse to an institution Expertise Experience as Co-Expert

International without recourse to an institution Expertise Experience as Sole Expert

International without recourse to an institution Expertise Experience as Expert Witness
1

International without recourse to an institution Expertise Experience as Other

Domestic Expertise Experience

Domestic Expertise Experience as Chair

Domestic Expertise Experience as Co-Expert

Domestic Expertise Experience as Sole Expert

Domestic Expertise Experience as Expert Witness

Domestic Expertise Experience as Other

Other ADR Experience

Has served as an expert for the World Bank on ADR legislation in Southeastern Europe.