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EDUCATION

Georgian-American University School of Law, Tbilisi, Georgia
Ph. D. in Law candidate, 2015 - Present

Columbia University School of Law, New York, New York
LL.M. received May, 2006
Columbia University Human Right Institute Fellow

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington D.C.
Fellowship in International Law, August-December, 2002
Network of East – West Women Fellow

Tbilisi Law University, Tbilisi, Georgia
Diploma in Law with Honors, J.D. equivalent, received June, 2001

Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia
Diploma in History with Honors, MA equivalent, received June, 1996
Honors: holder of Academician Simon Janashia Stipend of Excellency

Tbilisi 3rd Georgian Gymnasium, Tbilisi, Georgia
Diploma with Honors, June, 1991

EXPERIENCE

Supreme Court of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia
Justice
Member of the Civil Law Chamber, Member of the Grand Chamber
October 2014 - Present

School of Law and Justice, Tbilisi, Georgia
Trainer on Civil and Corporate Law
November, 2019 - present

High School of Justice of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia
Trainer of Judges on Women's Rights and Gender Issues, Labor Law and Corporate Law
January 2016 – present

Free University School of Law, Tbilisi, Georgia
Invited lecturer on Civil Procedure Law
January, 2019 – February, 2020

Nodia, Urumasvhili & Partners LTD, Tbilisi, Georgia
Partner
Practicing in civil and corporate law, banking and financial law. Supervising the practice of the Firm's Banking and Financial Law Group.
Recognition as a leading law firm and/or a leading lawyer by *Chambers Europe, IFLR 1000, Legal 500*.
January 2008 – October 2014

American Chamber of Commerce in Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia
Legal Expert, Commercial Law and Tax Committee
Advising to and assisting the Committee to operate as a strong lobbying force for businesses, advocating for better tax practices and working with the government to ease legislation that hurt the business community; identified weaknesses in the existing commercial law and tax regimes, including their dispute resolution mechanisms, and elaborated to the government how changes could be achieved to improve the situation. Helped to convince the government to withdraw amendments to the tax code and the judicial enforcement law that were jeopardizing Georgia's strong banking sector in
October 2011 – October 2012

2011.

- Free University School of Law**, Tbilisi, Georgia September 2012 – January 2013
Professor at Commercial Law Clinic of the National Center of Commercial Law
Supervising Activities of Students at Commercial Law Clinic.
- Caucasus University School of Law**, Tbilisi, Georgia March 2007 – March 2010
Assistant Professor in Corporate Governance, Commercial Law, And Strategic Business Transactions
- Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University Law Faculty**, Tbilisi, Georgia March 2007 – September 2007
Assistant Professor in Corporate Law and Strategic Business Transactions
- Tbilisi Appellate Court**, Tbilisi, Georgia November 2005 – January 2008
Judge for Administrative Law Chamber
Part of the Judicial Panel hearing testimony and ruling upon cases involving: acts of the President and the Ministers of Georgia; acts of the independent agencies for the regulation of communications, oil, gas, energy and other natural resources; taxation and customs law, land law and privatization matters.
- Tbilisi Regional Court**, Tbilisi, Georgia December 2004 – November 2005
Judge for Tax & Administrative Law Collegium
Part of the Judicial Panel hearing testimony and ruling upon cases involving: acts of the President and the Ministers of Georgia; acts of the independent agencies for the regulation of communications, oil, gas, energy and other natural resources; taxation and customs law, land law and privatization matters.
- Association of Judges of Georgia**, Tbilisi, Georgia June 2004 – December 2004
Senior Legal Advisor
Developed an integrated strategy for the activities and programs of the Association. Designed projects for combating corruption and strengthening the independence of the judiciary. Participated in the elaboration of the latest amendments to the laws on the Supreme Court of Georgia, the High Council of Justice of Georgia and Disciplinary Liability of Judges. Communicated and cooperated with state agencies, non-governmental and international organizations and the media.
- Georgian Young Lawyers' Association (GYLA)**, Tbilisi, Georgia January 2003 – June 2004
Program Director
Developed GYLA's rule of law projects and supervised their implementation. Conducted comparative research and analysis of Georgian legislation in various fields. Participated in the legislative drafting process.
- International Human Right Law Group (Global Rights)**, Washington D.C. August 2002 – January 2003
Lawyer for the Initiative Against Trafficking in Persons Program
Conducted research and analysis of the legislation of European Countries and the U.S. against trafficking in human beings. Examined legal aid laws and their implementation in practice. Created a database on international legal advocacy and strategic litigation standards.
- Georgian Young Lawyers Association (GYLA)**, Tbilisi, Georgia August 1997 – August 2002
Lawyer, Senior Lawyer, Head of Legal Aid Center
Developed an integrated strategy for legal advocacy projects and supervised their implementation. Conducted legal representation in courts on civil and administrative law cases; conducted legal research on legislative gaps and proposed appropriate amendments to the legislative acts to the parliament of Georgia. Drafted legal opinions on Georgian draft laws.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- 2003 – Judge qualification examinations passed, High Council of Justice of Georgia, Georgia
- 2006 – New York bar examinations passed, New York, USA (admitted to practice in New York State since 2009)
- 2004 – Georgian bar examination in civil law passed, High Council of Justice of Georgia, Georgia

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/ BAR ADMISSIONS

Member of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France, 2016 – present

Member of the Working Group on Quality of Justice (CEPEJ-GT-QUAL), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France, 2018-present

Member of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France, 2016 - present

Deputy Chairman of the Georgian Young Lawyers' Association (GYLA), Tbilisi, Georgia, 2013 - 2014

Chair of Banking Commission of the ICC Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2012 - 2014

Member of Commercial Law and Tax Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Georgia (AmCham), Tbilisi, Georgia, 2011 - 2013

Board Member of the Georgian Young Lawyers' Association, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2011-2014

Board Member of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry France Georgia (CCIFG), Tbilisi, Georgia, 2009-2011

LANGUAGES

Georgian – native; English – fluent; Russian – fluent