

# CV

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Nationality: Georgian  
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### Education

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Doctor of law, degree awarded in November, 2010, Basel University, Switzerland, Dissertation “Modern Law of Contracts and Sales in Eastern Europe and Central Asia”, Supervisor Prof. Ingeborg Schwenzer, (<http://www.unibas.ch>).

LLM - The Geneva Masters in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS), 2010-2011, ([www.mids.ch](http://www.mids.ch)).

LLM Public International and European Law, with merits, Riga Graduate School of Law, ([www.rgsl.edu.lv](http://www.rgsl.edu.lv)), Latvia, 2007- 2008.

LLB with honors, Tbilisi State University after Ivane Javakhishvili, ([www.tsu.edu.ge/en](http://www.tsu.edu.ge/en)), 2003-2007.

### Working experience

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Associate at BGI Legal Consulting, leading law firm in Georgia (contract law, litigation and arbitration, corporate law and taxation)

Legal Intern at Wilmerhale Law firm, London, International arbitration team (summer 2012)

Legal expert in the European competition and food safety issues in a project sponsored by Friedrich Ebert Foundation, aiming to strengthen the work of the Committee of European Integration in Georgian Parliament.

Guest professor at Tbilisi State University, courses: International Investment law, EU Law

Associate Professor in Caucasian School of Law, courses: Comparative Contract Law, Conflict of Laws

Legal researcher in “Global sales law Project” by Prof. I. Schwenzer, Basel University, Switzerland, [www.globalsaleslaw.org](http://www.globalsaleslaw.org) (from April 2008 till September 2010)

Legal expert in the “Civil Registration Reform” project by Georgian Ministry of Justice and OSCE/USAID/UNDP, member of legal drafting committee (2006-2007)

### Publications

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Monograph “Evidence in International Construction Arbitration, Production, admissibility and evaluation of evidence”, 100 pages, 2011, LAP Lambert Academic Publishing ISBN 978-3-8465-4930-8.

Doctoral Dissertation: “Modern law of Contracts and Sales in Eastern Europe and Central Asia” (ELEVEN International Publishing House, 2011), ISBN: 97894909472002011, 300 pages.

Monograph “Freedom of Transit in International Investment Law – at the example of BTC Pipeline legal framework”, 88 pages, 2010, LAP Lambert Academic Publishing ISBN 978-3-8383-5503-0.

**Languages:** Georgian (native), English (fluent), Russian (fluent), French (upper intermediate), German (lower intermediate)

**Computer skills:** Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, WordPad, PowerPoint), Internet

**Bar Admission**

Admitted to Georgian Bar

**Participation and awards**

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**Conferences:**

WTO litigation, Investment and Commercial Arbitration: Cross-fertilization and Reciprocal Opportunities Symposium, Geneva, WTO Headquarters, May 2011.

Post Award Issues, Swiss Arbitration Association Annual Conference, Basel, 2011.

27<sup>th</sup> AAA/ICC/ICSID Joint Colloquium, Paris, 2010.

New Developments in International Commercial Arbitration 2010, Conference, Neuchatel, 2010

Annual international conference in Humboldt University, presentation of the topic “Die Verfahrenspraxis” (Plea Bargaining), Berlin, 2006.

Conference in Intellectual property Rights organized by RGSL, Riga, 2007.

**Trainings:**

Workshops organized within the MIDS program: Legal Writing, Witness examination (by Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy), Mediation, Financial Damage Analysis, 2010-2011, Switzerland.

European Council Training “Conflict Resolution, Mediation”, Northern Cyprus, 2006.

European Council Training “Human Rights development, Leadership”, Hungary, 2006.

European Council Training Course “Let us join for diversity”, Azerbaijan, 2006.

International Training Course by FEE “Capitalism v. Socialism”, in English, Georgia, 2006.

Training in Business Law, by Georgian Ministry of Justice, in English, Georgia, 2005.

**Moot courts:**

Co-Coach of Basel University team for 17<sup>th</sup> VIS Moot Court in International Commercial Arbitration, 2009-2010 (Vienna)

Arbitrator in FDI (Foreign Direct Investment Law) moot court, Frankfurt (2009) Boston (2008)

Arbitrator in VIS Moot Court in International Arbitration, 2008-2009, 2009-2010 (Vienna)

VIS Moot Court Competition in International Commercial Arbitration, 2007-2008 (Vienna)

WTO Moot Court Competition in English language, 2006-2007 (Geneva, international round), member of top-speakers

M. Lachs Moot Court Competition in Space Law, 2007-2008 (Riga, European round)

P. Jessup Moot Court Competition (International round, USA, 2006-2007).

Model ICC (International Round, Poland, 2006).

**Awards:**

OSI Returning Scholars Fellowship Program (2011)

Hans Wilsdorf Foundation scholarship for the MIDS program (2010)

The Riga Graduate School of Law announces Scholarships for an LL.M degree (2008)

**Key competencies and skills:** broad knowledge, qualitative research, good time management, strong presentation and communication skills, been working in multinational team.