

CURRICULUM VITAE



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1. Studies

Institution:	Queen Mary University of London, School of Law
	Master of Laws in International Dispute Resolution
Period:	2022 – 2024 (Grade: Distinction)
Institution:	Moldova State University, Law Faculty, Master of Laws
Period:	2010 – 2012 (Grade: 9,85/10)
Institution:	Moldova State University, Law Faculty, Bachelor of Laws
Period:	2006 – 2010 (License Exam: 9,50/10)

2. Work experience

- 2023 – present, member of the **Judicial Vetting Commission**
- 2023 – present, founding lawyer of **"Andrei Bivol Law Office"**
- 2020 – present – founder at **"BIVOL & ASOCIAȚII" SRL**
- 2010 – 2020, lawyer at **"HANGANU TĂNASE & PARTENERII" Law Firm**

3. Professional skills

- Solid knowledge of national and international legal frameworks in various substantive and procedural law fields, with a strong emphasis on international commercial and investment arbitration.
- Advanced legal writing skills are practiced extensively in drafting briefs, memoranda, awards, reports, contracts, opinions, laws, regulations, and other legal documents.
- Excellent research skills to analyse and synthesize vast amounts of information with an eye for detail.
- Experienced communicator in delivering pleadings, presentations, and speeches; chairing public hearings, radio and TV interviews, and YouTube podcasts; moderating discussions; and facilitating debates.

3. Auxiliary skills

Soft skills

Methodical ability to deal with complexity; out-of-the-box thinking; mission-driven; results-driven; integrity; intercultural awareness; professional presence; emotional intelligence; adaptable to change.

Languages

Romanian – native language.

English – fluent (C2, TOEFL 116/120 (2022)).

Russian (Reading/Listening C2, Writing C1, Speaking B2).

4. Professional expertise

▪ Judicial Vetting in Moldova

I have been involved in the judicial vetting process in Moldova since 2023 as a member and Vice-Chairperson of the Judicial Vetting Commission. I participated in the vetting of candidates for the Superior Council of Magistracy (SCM) and the Boards of SCM; sitting judges of the Supreme Court of Justice (SCJ); candidates for SCM, appellate court judges, and candidates for these positions; district court presidents and vice presidents; and candidates for these positions. I contributed to the development of rules, methodologies, internal guidelines, standards for drafting and reasoning, case analysis, identification of avenues for investigation, drafting question lists, conducting hearings for subjects of evaluation, drafting decisions, and reports.

▪ National Court Litigation

Over my career, I provided legal assistance and representation to claimants and respondents before Moldovan courts at all levels of jurisdiction (district courts, courts of appeal, and the Supreme Court of Justice) in over 150 civil, commercial, and administrative cases. The disputes concerned various legal matters, including contract enforcement, investment protection, corporate and shareholder disputes, administrative contracts, public-private partnerships, trademark and copyright infringement, competition, licenses, operational flight certificates, and other matters.

▪ International Arbitration

I frequently practice in international arbitration, both commercial and investment, as counsel, legal expert, or arbitrator:

- a. Counsel for the **Moldovan Government** in an ICSID investment arbitration case, *Rotalin Gas Trading vs. Republic of Moldova*, arising out of investments in gas distribution networks under ECT (2022-present).
- b. Counsel and legal expert for private and public entities in numerous international commercial arbitration disputes under the rules of various institutions (UNCITRAL, ICC, SCC, PCA, LCIA, European Court of Arbitration, CACIC, CACI-CCI, etc.) in disputes arising from FIDIC contracts, EBRD and World Bank framework contracts, contracts for international sale of goods, etc.
- c. **Arbitrator¹ at the Court of Arbitration of the International Transporters Association from Moldova** (2019 – present, arbitrated 6 cases, in 4 of which I acted as president of the tribunal).
- d. **Arbitrator² at the Chisinau International Court of Commercial Arbitration of the American Chamber of Commerce in Moldova** (AmCham) (2021-present).
- e. **Arbitrator³ at the Court of International Commercial Arbitration of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Moldova** (2024-present).

▪ International litigation practice

Over the years, I assisted and represented private and public entities in international litigation in front of International Institutions and foreign courts of justice:

- a. Representation before the **European Court of Human Rights** for applicants in **over 40 cases** (raised against the Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation). Many of these were already solved in favour of the clients by the decision or judgment of the Court (*Mitrofan v. Moldova*, *B. v. Moldova*, *Octavian Dorogan v. Moldova*, *Thomas Arend v. Moldova*, *Ciornea v. Moldova*, *Mangîr și alții v. Moldova*, *Coteț v. Moldova*, *Litschauer v. Moldova*, *Heross Ltd. v. Moldova*, *Mihailov v. Moldova*, *Solonari & Suravscaia*, *Ceachir v. Moldova* etc.).

¹ https://aita.md/Fisiere/Curtea_de_arbitraj/Lista_Arbitrilor/Lista%20arbitrilor%202021%20Final.pdf

² <https://www.amcham.md/cacic/?go=arbitri&n=17>

³ <https://arbitraj.chamber.md/lista-arbitrilor/#1702578354126-54f77fc8-afea>

- b. **Assisting the Moldovan Government** in the case of *Gater Assets Ltd. v. Republic of Moldova, Moldova Gaz and Gazsnabtransit SA*, examined by the Second Circuit US Court of Appeals as co-counsel to Steptoe (2020-2021)
- c. **Assisting the Moldovan Government** in the case of *Stileks (Komstry, Energoalians) v. Moldova*, concerning the discovery and annulment of the Energoalians 2013 ICC Arbitration Award as co-counsel to SLV Legal (2023-present).
- d. **Assisting the Moldovan Government** in the set-aside procedure of the Institute of Arbitration of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce Award in the case of *Komaks-Avia vs. Republic of Moldova*, before the SVEA Court of Appeal, as co-counsel to the Stockholm Arbitration and Litigation Centre (SALC) (2023-2025).
- **Legal consulting for companies, international and institutional donors, or implementing entities in Moldovan projects**

Legal consulting in connection to various fields of Moldovan law (corporate law, contract law, energy, construction and real estate, competition, intellectual property, etc.) to international and local companies and organizations.
- **Legal expertise in legislation & policy drafting and development projects**
 - a. Consulting services in the context of preparation of the possible KfW commitment “Moldovan SME Support Fund” (ODA/FACEM) as legal expert contracted by **Berlin Economics (for KfW)** (April-June 2023).
 - b. Legal expertise in drafting the Moldova legal framework regulating crowdfunding in the capacity of national legal expert contracted by the **German Development Cooperation Agency (GIZ GmbH)** in the Project “*Wirtschaftspolitische Beratung der moldauischen Regierung*” (April 2020 - December 2022), Beneficiary – Ministry of Economy.
 - c. Legal expertise in the development of the concept and legal framework for the Entrepreneurship and Economic Growth Fund (FACEM) administered by the Organization for Entrepreneurship Development (ODA) in the capacity of legal expert contracted by **Berlin Economics (for GIZ)** (November 2021 – June 2022), Beneficiary – Ministry of Economy/ODA.
 - d. Legal expertise in the Project “*Support to Moldovan media and innovative media literacy efforts*” financed by **Swedish Government** and **USAID**, implemented by Internews (May-August 2021).
 - e. Legal expertise in drafting the Law on compulsory insurance for the liability for industrial dangerous objects in the **EU Project** “Support to Quality Infrastructure Framework within DCFTA context in the Republic of Moldova” (EuropeAid/138295/DH/SER/MD) (July-August 2020), Beneficiary - Ministry of Economy.
 - f. Legal expertise in drafting the “*Analysis on the freelancers’ contributions to the medical and social insurance systems*” and subsequent amendments to the existing legislation in order to integrate the freelancers in the general systems of the medical and social insurance, in the capacity of legal expert contracted by **German Development Cooperation Agency (GIZ)** in the Project “*Wirtschaftspolitische Beratung der moldauischen Regierung*” (March – August 2020), Beneficiary- Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection.
 - g. Legal expertise in drafting and implementation of “Prima Casă” (“First House”) Program in Moldova, in the capacity of national legal expert, contracted by **German Development Cooperation Agency (GIZ)** in the Project “*Wirtschaftspolitische Beratung der moldauischen Regierung*” (October 2017 – April 2018), Beneficiary – Ministry of Finance.
 - h. Consulting to the **Moldovan Ministry of Education** in the capacity of legal expert hired by the **European Union** in the Project of Support to VET Sector (EuropeAid/133700/C/SER/MD/12, Contract No: ENPI/2013/33-798) (July-October 2016).

- i. Assisted and represented **Hewlett-Packard** in the Project for developing the **Financial Management Integrated System of the State Treasury**. The Beneficiary of the project was the Ministry of Finance, and the funding was provided by the **World Bank** (2013-2015).
- j. Assisting and representing **Edenred** in the public debates and adoption process of primary and secondary legislation on meal vouchers (2016-2018).

5. Professional affiliations & Pro bono

- 14 June 2012 – present, **Moldovan Bar Association**.
- March 2019 – 2023, trainer at the **Lawyers Training Centre of the Moldovan Bar Association**.
- February 2022 – 2024, **Member of the Press Council ("Consiliul de Presă")** of the Republic of Moldova (mass-media ethical & dispute resolution body).
- October 2022 – 2023, **Member of the Board of the Lawyers Training Centre of the Moldovan Bar Association**.
- 2024 – present, **Member of the Arbitration Association of Central and Eastern Europe**.

6. Scholarships and awards

- **Fellow of the Marshall Memorial Fellowship (MMF) of the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)** between April 2018 – 25 October 2018.
- **Diploma of Excellence of the Moldovan Bar Association** (October 2020).
- **Diploma of Honour of the Moldovan Bar Association** (September 2022).
- **Juridice Moldova 2023 Award for Litigation and Arbitration** (December 2023)