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PROFILE

United States trained and qualified (NY) lawyer; specialized in dispute resolution and international arbitration; fluent in English, Farsi, Turkish and Armenian with a good command of German.

Dual national of the United States of America and Iran.

BAR ADMISSION/QUALIFICATION

- New York, 2019
- Solicitor in England and Wales, Pending Qualification

EXPERIENCE

van den Berg Arbitration

Associate

Brussels, Belgium

September 2025 – Present

- Acting as administrative secretary or assistant to tribunals in international commercial and investment arbitrations chaired by Prof. Dr. Albert Jan van den Berg.
- Acting as counsel in international arbitration proceedings and related court litigations.

Hanotiau & van den Berg

Associate

Brussels, Belgium

December 2022 – September 2025

- Acted as administrative secretary or assistant to tribunals in international commercial and investment arbitrations chaired by Prof. Dr. Albert Jan van den Berg and Ms. Niuscha Bassiri, both *ad hoc* and under a variety of institutional rules, covering a range of industry sectors and agreements.
- Acted as counsel in court litigation related to the set-aside and enforcement of arbitral awards before EU Member State courts, as part of the counsel team representing sovereign States.

Independent International Arbitration Practitioner

July 2022 – December 2022

- Remotely assisted counsel in India, *PSL Advocates & Solicitors*, in international commercial arbitration matters governed by the rules of the ICC, SIAC and LCIA.

White & Case

International Arbitration Law Clerk

Paris, France

January 2022 – June 2022

- Conducted research and drafted numerous legal memorandums on topics in connection with commercial arbitration cases administered under various institutional rules and governed by New York law (damages, pre and post-award interest, contractual termination, and partnerships and joint ventures), English law (agency law, damages (loss of profit), and partnerships and joint ventures), German law (validity of contractual time bar clauses – FIDIC 20.1), etc.
- Conducted research and drafted memos on various topics in relation to investment arbitration cases such as expropriation (contractual interference; proportionality; judicial action), corruption (standard of proof; pre/post investment), and denial of justice (judicial action/inaction).
- Supported the team in various stages of the Lock Gates Panama Canal case and attended the hearing in Paris.

International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR)

Dispute Resolution Case Manager

New York, USA

February 2020 – November 2021

- Managed arbitral proceedings, over 100 cases, under various CPR Rules such as the CPR Rules for Administered Arbitration of International Disputes and CPR Mediation Rules by facilitating administration of the proceedings from the filing of the notice of arbitration to the review and issuance of the final

award.

Loyola Law School (International Human Rights Clinic)

Los Angeles, CA

August 2018 – March 2019

- Conducted research and drafted a memorandum involving the viability of bringing claims arising out of genocide through ICSID pursuant to the U.S.-Turkey Bilateral Investment Treaty for the Armenian Legal Center for Justice in D.C.

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

Paris, France

Legal Trainee, Secretariat of the International Court of Arbitration

January 2018 – June 2018

Commonwealth Team and the Commission on Arbitration and ADR

- Assisted the Commonwealth team in various stages of arbitration proceedings including award scrutiny, review of the Terms of Reference, arbitrator appointments and other relevant phases as required and assisted the team in drafting agendas for the ICC Court.
- Attended ICC Court sessions, including plenary sessions on arbitrator challenges and awards' scrutiny, and observed the decision-making process of the Court members.
- Assisted the Commission on Arbitration and ADR with mandates of the Task Forces such as for Emergency Arbitration and Arbitration of Climate Change Related Disputes.

Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe

Paris, France

International Arbitration Associate Trainee

September 2017 – December 2017

- Conducted legal research and drafted notes for commercial arbitration cases on relevant applicable substantive and procedural law. This included research under English, Singaporean, Taiwanese and U.S. law in addition to the rules of the ICC, SIAC, ICSID and UNCITRAL.
- Worked on investor-state arbitration cases governed by the ICSID rules and supported attorneys with filing requirements.

Volunteer Work & Memberships

ICC National Committee Armenia

Armenia

July 2024 – Present

- Deputy Chair of the ICC Armenia Arbitration and ADR Commission.

ICC Global Commission on Arbitration & ADR

Global

September 2022 – Present

- Member of the ICC Global Commission on Arbitration & ADR as a delegate for Armenia.

Campaign for Greener Arbitrations

May 2021 – Present

- Member of the Europe Sub-Committee (The Netherlands) active in the promotion and advancement of the Green Pledge – regional representative for Western Europe.

Armenia Arbitration Days (ArbMenia)

Global

- Member of the organizing committee for ArbMenia.

January 2023 - Present

Energy Disputes Arbitration Center in Türkiye (EDAC)

Global

August 2021 – October 2023

- First elected Co-Chair for Young EDAC.

EDUCATION

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, CA

Juris Doctor, International Business Law Concentration; December 2018

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Tulane Law School Study Abroad | Paris Dauphine Institute of European Legal Studies (Brexit, EU Financial System, EU Law)

- The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition Hong Kong, Spring 2017
 - Received the award for Honorable Mention for both Claimant and Respondent's Memoranda at the

Vis East.

- The ICC/KLRCA Vis Pre-Moot Competition Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Spring 2017: Received the award for Best Respondent's Memorandum.
- Study Abroad: Bologna, Italy Summer Program, Summer 2016 (Comparative Corporate Governance and International Commercial Arbitration).

Woodbury University, Burbank, CA

Bachelor of Business Administration, Management; May 2013

G.P.A.: 3.86/4

Honors: Dean's List (2011-2013); Full Scholarship Recipient (2011-2013); Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society or Business, *Member* (2012-2015)