

# ACERIS LAW

Boutique Arbitration Law Firm



## WHAT DOES ACERIS OFFER?

- The highest-quality legal representation for commercial arbitrations, investor-State arbitrations and construction disputes, with 15 years of experience specialising in international arbitration at the world's leading arbitration practice groups
- Fluency in English, French, Spanish, Serbian, German, Russian, Romanian and other languages
- Legal representation before diverse arbitral tribunals in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia
- More reasonable legal fees, which are approximately one-third the rates charged by our competitors, reducing the overall cost of arbitration by half
- An outstanding track record
- Permanent access by clients to our lawyers through voice and videoconference
- Access to offices in Geneva, Paris, London, Dubai, Istanbul, Singapore, Hong Kong, New York, and 102 other cities to meet, work with clients and to prepare for hearings

## ACERIS' EXPERIENCE

Aceris' lawyers have served as arbitration legal counsel in dozens of successful international commercial arbitrations, investor-State arbitrations, construction arbitrations and public international law disputes. Aceris was awarded the "Best in Arbitration" prize by Corporate Vision in 2016 and has been highly-ranked by Décideurs as a first-tier, recommended law firm in the field of international arbitration for many years.

Recent cases include:

- Counsel in multi-party ICC arbitration on behalf of Canadian client under English law involving the construction of an industrial plant in Saudi Arabia
- Counsel for Respondent Eastern European State in construction arbitration brought by Central European company involving the construction of an inter-State electricity network under Albanian law
- Counsel for Respondent and Counterclaimant in ICC arbitration under Saudi law against South Asian Contractor involving a petroleum-related construction project in the Middle East
- Counsel for Respondent and Counterclaimant Eastern European State in UNCITRAL arbitration concerning the construction of a highway with cost overruns and defects
- Counsel for Claimant in a large ICSID investor-State arbitration, and post-award proceedings, against Central Asian State on behalf of a Turkish company involved in the construction industry
- Counsel for Claimant in LCIA arbitration under Saudi law concerning a water desalination construction project
- Counsel for North African State regarding alleged breach of natural gas sales contract
- Counsel for African region of Barotseland in dispute concerning the status of the Barotseland Agreement 1964

- Counsel regarding jurisdiction in ICJ case Questions relating to the Obligation to Prosecute or Extradite (ICJ Case Belgium v. Senegal)
- Co-counsel for Pakistani client in ICC arbitration under French law concerning agency contract
- Co-counsel for Turkish construction company in ICC arbitration under the CISG concerning the purchase of defective construction materials from Chinese company
- Counsel for Singapore agent in ICC arbitration under French law regarding contract in the aviation industry
- Counsel for Japanese company in dispute with East Asian State concerning expropriation of land use rights
- Counsel for Middle Eastern Claimant in SIAC arbitration against IT company concerning dispute over advertising royalties
- Counsel in ICC arbitration in Paris, under French law, relating to a post-acquisition dispute between a French company and an Italian company
- Counsel for Swiss company in UNCITRAL arbitration against a United Nations Agency
- Counsel for West African company concerning ad hoc arbitration under OHADA law against a major European logistics company
- Counsel for Mexican company in commercial arbitration under Swiss law against large German company involving liability over pre-contractual negotiations
- Counsel for Seychelles-based company in arbitration against the Kingdom of Swaziland involving an iron ore mining project
- Mediation followed by ICC proceedings involving the ownership and licensing terms of patents to chemical compounds between an American company and a French company

## ACERIS' LAWYERS

Aceris' lawyers have over 15 years of experience specializing in resolving disputes through international arbitration and mediation, obtained at the best corporate law firms in the world.

William Kirtley, founder of Aceris Law, is a Franco-American Harvard, Columbia and Sorbonne-trained lawyer with 15 years of experience in international commercial, investment and construction arbitrations, as both counsel and arbitrator. He is a member of the New York and Washington Bars and an inactive French Avocat à la Cour. He has served as counsel or arbitrator in disputes on all continents under the UNCITRAL, ICC, ICSID, SCC, LCIA, CICA, CI Arb, PCA, SIAC, DIAC, JAMS, AFA and other arbitration rules. Formerly a partner at a well-regarded arbitration boutique in Paris, he previously practiced in the highly-regarded international arbitration practice groups of Shearman & Sterling and Dentons, after serving as an American Peace Corps Volunteer for two years in rural West Africa and working at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Tanzania.

Nina Janković holds an LLM in Public International Law from Leiden University and an LLB from Belgrade University. She was a Graduate Trainee in the International Arbitration Group of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Paris and a former intern at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in The Hague. Nina also did her summer internships in law firms in Belgrade and Berlin in addition to a six-month internship at the German Bundestag. She has worked on a number of public international law, investment law and commercial law cases and is qualified to practice law in Belgrade, Serbia.

Andrian Beregoi, graduate of the prestigious College of Europe, studied at the University of Versailles, obtaining a Masters in Arbitration and International Trade Law, as well as the University of Madras in India. With significant prior experience with ICC, ICSID and UNCITRAL arbitrations, as well as disputes under OHADA law. His previous professional experience was obtained at the European Commission – Legal Service – Trade policy and WTO in Brussels, Belgium, and during legal internships at Orrick Rambaud Martel, Lazareff Le Bars and Derains & Gharavi in Paris, France, and Singhania & Partners in New Delhi, India.

Alja Romšak acquired her professional experience in international arbitration at law firms Peljhan, Prelesnik & partners in Ljubljana and Clifford Chance in Paris as well as at the ICC International Court of Arbitration where she was working as project coordinator. Ms. Romšak worked for three years at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia in Ljubljana and Berlin. She is admitted to the Bar in Slovenia and speaks Slovenian, English, French and German.

Anastasia Choromidou acquired an LLM in International Law from University College London, with Distinction, where she specialized in International Arbitration and International Law of Foreign Investment. She previously trained at a leading Greek firm specializing in expropriation cases and has experience at the European Court of Human Rights and before domestic Greek courts. She is a graduate of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and fluent in Greek, English and Italian.

## CONTACT US

Contact us to set up a meeting in person or via videoconference, or to ask for a cost proposal or a preliminary analysis of your claims or defenses.

Our goal is to always offer the highest quality arbitration legal representation available, at the most reasonable rates.



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Aceris Law S.A.R.L. is legally registered in Geneva and is subject to Swiss law. Aceris, however, provides international arbitration legal representation globally and maintains permanent access to offices in 110 other cities in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Americas including, *inter alia*, Paris, London, Singapore, Dubai, Hong Kong, New York, Washington, Moscow and Shanghai.



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Franco-American Attorney and Arbitrator

Admitted to the Bars of New York (active), Washington DC (active) and Paris (inactive)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Aceris Law SARL – Founding Partner** (09/2014 – present)

*Geneva, Switzerland*

Partner at the international arbitration boutique Aceris, focusing on commercial, investment and construction arbitrations, as well as public international law disputes. Currently serving as counsel in ICC construction and commercial arbitrations for Middle Eastern and North American clients, *ad hoc* arbitrations for French and North American clients, multiple investor-State arbitrations against countries in Northern Europe, Latin America, Eastern Europe and East Asia, serving as arbitrator, and hired to obtain the revision of an arbitral award tainted by fraud, while also serving as counsel in UNCITRAL and LCIA arbitrations. Also serving as legal counsel for the former British protectorate of Barotseland and providing legal advice to clients in a variety of other jurisdictions on a variety of matters concerning international arbitration. Mr. Kirtley spends half of his time in Geneva, where Aceris is based, and half in Paris, where Aceris also maintains an office.

**Dugué & Kirtley AARPI – Partner** (09/2013 – 09/2014)

*Paris, France*

Co-founding Partner of an international arbitration boutique with Christophe Dugué, a former Partner and former colleague at the law firm Shearman & Sterling. As counsel, representing an African State with respect to a significant public international law issue, represented the State of Albania in commercial arbitration, served as counsel on investment treaty arbitrations, and representing clients in a variety of commercial arbitrations. Also, serving as expert for the IFC/World Bank on modifications to Eastern European civil procedure codes, as well as acting as arbitrator for the ICC.

**Lazareff Le Bars – Of Counsel** (04/2012 – 09/2013)

*Paris, France*

*Of Counsel* at Parisian international arbitration boutique focusing on international dispute resolution and OHADA law, founded by late arbitrator Serge Lazareff and Benoit Le Bars. Served as lead counsel in various disputes, such as the first reported investment treaty arbitration against Belarus and an UNCITRAL dispute with a United Nations agency. Counsel in ICC, ICSID, CCJA and UNCITRAL international arbitrations in multilingual (primarily English, French, Spanish and Russian) disputes involving the energy, construction, consulting, pharmaceutical, aerospace and defence, banking and finance, shipping and transport, telecommunications, agricultural and steel industries. Served clients ranging from individual investors to major multinational corporations in disputes under a variety of common law and civil law legal regimes, such as English, French, Moroccan, Italian, Swiss, Equatorial Guinean, German, Malian, Romanian, Burkina Faso, Byelorussian, Belgian, Swiss, Illinois and private and public international law. Also, advised on pure public international law issues such as the region of Barotseland's strategy for self-determination and independence from Zambia, and advising on set-aside and enforcement proceedings before French, American, United Kingdom and North African courts, while overseeing litigations in the U.S. and other countries and advising on UNCITRAL conciliation and ICC ADR proceedings.

**Dentons (formerly Salans) – Senior Associate** (02/2007 – 04/2012)

*Paris, France*

Served as counsel at large French corporate law firm. Notable reported cases included Rumeli Telekom A.S. and Telsim Mobil Telekomunikasyon Hizmetleri A.S. v. Republic of Kazakhstan, ICSID Case No. ARB/05/16, Joseph Charles Lemire v. Ukraine, ICSID Case No. ARB/06/18 and The Rompetrol Group N.V. v. Romania, ICSID Case No. ARB/06/3. Counsel in ICSID and UNCITRAL investment treaty arbitrations, ICC, AFA, CICA and other commercial arbitrations, as well as international litigations. Representative work includes claim against Poland involving the expropriation of intellectual property rights, an *ad hoc* arbitration concerning an airplane lease agreement with an Angolan company, an ICC arbitration against an African State concerning a customs agency, an ICC arbitration regarding the construction of a sulfuric acid plant in Turkey, and an ICC arbitration concerning the breach of a shareholders' agreement involving the automotive logistics industry. Served as counsel in disputes involving Kazakh, Turkish, Ukrainian, Maltese, English, Iranian, Polish, Romanian, French, U.S., and private and public international law.

**Shearman & Sterling – Associate** (09/2004 – 02/2007)

*Paris, France & New York, USA*

Practiced U.S. litigation and project development and finance in New York prior to joining Shearman & Sterling's highly-respected Global Dispute Resolution Practice in Paris. Served as counsel in the initiation of the long-running Hulley Enterprises Ltd. (Cyprus) v. Russian Federation UNCITRAL arbitration, as well as UNCITRAL arbitrations involving the energy industry, ICC international construction disputes, an ad hoc dispute concerning a Chinese search engine, an ICC dispute concerning a joint venture for the development of gas turbines, an LCIA shipping dispute, a pre-arbitral referee proceeding, and various other international disputes involving French, English, Algerian, Russian, Chinese, Canadian and Australian law.

**UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda – Legal Consultant** (08/2003 – 10/2003)

*Arusha, Tanzania*

Legal Consultant for Prosecutor's Office. Based in unit prosecuting military commanders allegedly responsible for Rwandan genocide (Military I Unit), focusing on the prosecution of the case against Colonel Bagosora and two other senior Rwandan army officers, who were ultimately found guilty of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes and sentenced to life imprisonment.

**UN Department of Political Affairs – Consultant** (01/2002 – 05/2002)

*New York, SUA*

Drafted the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council, mandated by the General Assembly in 1952, which contains a constitutional and procedural guide to the proceedings of the Security Council.

**American Peace Corps – Urban Environmental Management** (01/2002 – 05/2002)

*M'Bahiakro, Côte d'Ivoire*

Worked in the Prefecture of M'bahiakro in the Ivory Coast for 27 months on behalf of the American Peace Corps, a U.S. State Department program created by President Kennedy. Implemented projects in partnership with the U.S. Embassy, the French Embassy, UNAIDS and regional and municipal governments concerning urban renewal, waste management, infrastructure, irrigation systems and access to the Internet.

## **TEACHING**

**University of Paris X – Lecturer** (2012 – 2014)

*Paris, France*

Lecturer on Anglo-American Business Law

**University of Paris II – Lecturer** (2015 – 2017)

*Paris, France*

Lecturer on International Arbitration

## **EDUCATION**

**Columbia University School of Law** (2004)

*New York, USA*

*Juris Doctor*

Prizes: Dorsey & Whitney Prize, Stone Scholar, Tony Patiño Fellowship

**Sorbonne (Paris I – Panthéon-Sorbonne)** (2004)

*Paris, France*

*Maîtrise en Droit*

French Degree awarded with honors

**Harvard University** (1997)

*Cambridge, USA*

*Bachelor of Arts*

Degree awarded with high honors (*magna cum laude*)

## **PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)**

“*Comment Eviter Un Conflit Armé Au Barotseland,*” publication in *Jeune Afrique* (06/2014).

*Oxfirst webinar* on the arbitration law relating to the intellectual property and the application on intellectual property rights (05/2014).

“*International Arbitration: France 2013,*” published in *International Comparative Legal Guides* (06/2013).

“*4<sup>th</sup> Funding International Arbitration London Panel Debate,*” panellist in a conference organised by *The Judge* (06/2013)

“*Should an Arbitral Tribunal Order Security for Costs When an Impecunious Claimant is Relying upon Third Party Funding?*”, published in *Journal of International Arbitration* (02/2013).



*“Arbitrating in West and Central Africa: An Introduction to OHADA,”* published in *Kluwer Arbitration Blog* (02/2013).

*“The Status of the Report of the Executive Directors on the ICSID Convention,”* published in *ICSID Review-Foreign Investment Law Journal* (Vol. 2, 2012).

*“International Arbitration: France 2012,”* published in *International Comparative Legal Guides* (07/2012).

*“La gestion des contentieux en Afrique : Enjeux et Stratégies,”* published in *MEDEF : C’est à vous* (08/2012).

*“International Arbitration 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,”* published in *International Arbitration Law Review* (Vol. 2, 06/2011).

*“The Transfer of Treaty Claims and Treaty-Shopping in Investor-State Disputes,”* published in *The Journal of World Investment and Trade* (Vol. 10, No. 3, 06/2009).

*“Bringing Claims and Enforcing International Arbitration Awards Against Sub-Saharan African States and Parties,”* published in *The Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals* (Vol. 8, No. 1, 05/2009).

*“The Tampa Incident: Does Australia’s Political Asylum Policy Violate International Law?”*, published in *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law* (Vol. 41, 2002).

## RECENT EXPERIENCE

Lead counsel in investment treaty arbitration against Belarus concerning the expropriation of a steel tubing factory in Gomel and the imprisonment of a foreign investor for six years in a Byelorussian prison camp.

Lead counsel for large African region concerning its bid for independence.

Counsel in ICC arbitration concerning the breach of a sales and purchase agreement between a Russian company and a Belgian agricultural equipment manufacturer.

Litigation concerning the enforcement of an arbitral award in the United States on behalf of a French company.

Counsel for Respondents in ICC arbitration concerning the construction and development of a large shopping center in Romania by a joint venture composed of a Northern Irish company and a Lebanese company.

Mediation followed by ICC proceedings involving the ownership and licensing terms of patents to chemical compounds between an American company and a French company.

Counsel in French litigation concerning the annulment of an arbitration award rendered in North Africa.

Counsel for Claimant in ICC proceedings concerning alleged breach of agency agreement between a Northern Irish company and a Swiss engineering company.

Counsel for French contractor in Romanian Court of International Commercial Arbitration dispute concerning the construction of a luxury residential housing project in Romania by a major French contractor.

Counsel for a Dutch company in ICSID proceedings brought against Romania concerning the oil-refining sector.

ICC arbitration against African State on behalf of Claimant concerning the modernization of its customs agency.

Litigation involving the alleged expropriation of patent rights between the United States Government and an Emirati company.

UNCITRAL investment treaty arbitration between Poland and a major French company involved the pharmaceutical industry concerning a dispute over the licensing of generics.

ICSID proceedings on behalf of foreign investor against Tunisia concerning the acquisition of shares in Tunisia’s banking sector.

Dispute concerning the sale and purchase of gas turbines being sold by a European company to India.

AFA arbitration concerning a dispute over a financial services agreement.

Dispute between European contractor and a Rwandese company concerning a construction project under Rwandese law.

Counsel for American Claimant in ICSID arbitration brought against Ukraine concerning the media industry and the acquisition of broadcast licenses.

Counsel for Respondent in ICC construction arbitration concerning a turnkey contract for the development of a sulfuric acid plant in Turkey

ICC proceedings on behalf of Claimant involving a dispute over a joint-venture to develop an advanced gas turbine between French, Swedish and British equipment manufacturers.

ICC ADR proceedings between a French company and an African State involving a joint-venture in the telecommunications industry.

Counsel in settlement negotiations between a Swiss company and a United Nations agency concerning the provision of consulting services.

ICC construction arbitration on behalf of European sub-contractor concerning the construction of the BTC Pipeline.

ICC proceedings on behalf of a French company concerning multiple contracts entered with a West African company.

Counsel for international organization intervening as amicus curiae in ICJ dispute concerning the extradition of a former African dictator from Senegal to Belgium.

Counsel for Iranian oil and gas equipment distributor in an ICC arbitration against an American equipment manufacturer concerning a sales and purchase agreement.

Investment treaty arbitration on behalf of Gibraltar-based Claimant against Russia involving the oil and gas sector.  
Counsel for Claimant in ICSID proceedings between Kazakhstan and Turkish investors involving the expropriation of a telecommunications company.  
UNCITRAL shipping dispute between an Algerian oil and gas producer and an American liquid natural gas regasification terminal.  
Counsel for Australian and Canadian Respondents in ICC dispute with Russian mining company involving a nickel mining concession in New Caledonia.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

New York – *Attorney*  
Washington, D.C. – *Attorney*  
Paris – (inactive) *Avocat*

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

IFC/World Bank Legal Expert • List of Arbitrators of ICC France (ICC National Committee for France) • List of Arbitrators of USCIB (ICC National Committee for the United States) • External Legal Counsel (AILA) • Editor of Vindobona Journal of International Commercial Law • Member of Expatriate Subcommittee of USCIB (ICC National Committee for the United States) • ICDR Young & International Arbitration Group • Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) Below 40 • International Bar Association • AFIA (Australian Forum for International Arbitration) • Advisor to Young ICCA • Member of MAA (Moot Alumni Association)

## **LANGUAGES**

**English** – mother tongue  
**French** – bilingual  
**Spanish** – advanced  
**Arabic** – basic  
**Bambara** (West Africa) – good  
**Baoulé** (West Africa) – good

## **WEB SITES**

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Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/williamkirtley>

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Associate, Aceris Law SARL

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Aceris Law SARL – International Arbitration, Associate** (08/2016 – present)

*Geneva, Switzerland*

Represents the clients of Aceris Law SARL under the direction and supervision of the founding partner, William Kirtley. Works on various cases under the ICC, LCIA and ICSID rules of arbitration, including a dispute regarding the construction of a plant in the Middle-East. Contributes to the representation of a construction company in an arbitration against a Chinese supplier under the application of Vienna Convention on Sale of Goods. Contributes to diverse publications on international commercial and investment arbitration.

**Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, International Arbitration Group – Graduate Trainee**

(01/2015 – 06/2016)

*Paris, France*

Nina worked on various public international law, investment law and commercial law cases. Nina was primarily working on a public international law case for a submission for International Court of Justice (ICJ) relating to a dispute between two Latin American states. Nina also helped with the translations of documents and evidence to and from Spanish, German and Serbian. During her traineeship, Nina was also involved in an investment law case against ex-Soviet Republic, commercial law cases under the LCIA and ICC rules, and a successful ICC Challenge of an Arbitrator.

**Permanent Court of Arbitration (the PCA) – Legal trainee** (04/2015 – 06/2015)

*The Hague, Netherlands*

During her three-month internship at the PCA, Nina was involved as a case administrator in a number of public international law and investment law cases, examples of which include a maritime border issue between two Balkan States, a confidential case against an international organization, a case brought against Russia in relation to violations of environmental and maritime law. Nina helped with the organization of the hearings and conferences, assisted tribunals throughout different stages of arbitral proceedings and assisted with correspondence between the parties and tribunals.

**German Bundestag, holder of International Parliamentary Scholarship – Legal trainee**

(03/2014 – 07/2014)

*Berlin, Germany*

Worked for five months in an office of an SPD Parliamentarian. Nina organized and attended meetings and conferences, prepared legal briefings and drafted memoranda and notes in German.

**Law Firm Jankovic, Legal trainee** (04/2013 – 10/2013)

*Belgrade, Serbia*

Nina was focused primarily on Serbian Company and Business law, involved in the founding of a company and the restructuring of a major pharmaceutical Serbian company. Acquaintance with Serbian court proceedings and litigation of the commercial disputes.

**SZARKA Rechstanwalte – Attorneys at Law, Legal trainee** (08/2012 – 10/2012)

*Berlin, Germany*

Worked in German language on various insolvency law, family law and inheritance law cases. Was also involved with the EU law and EU enforcement proceedings.

**EDUCATION**

**Leiden Law School, LLM Public International Law, special focus on Investment law**

(07/2013)

*Leiden, Netherlands*

Master Thesis: “Necessity in Public International Law and International Investment law: Is There a Double Standard?”; Mentor: Prof. Eric de Brabandere. Coaching Leiden Law School Team for Phillip C. Jessup Public International Law Moot Court Competition.

**Faculty of Law, Belgrade University, LLB** (2009 – 2013)

*Belgrade, Serbia*

International law with special focus on Public International Law, International Investment Law, Private International Law, Arbitration Law and International Business Law.

Participant in Phillip C. Jessup Public International Law Moot Court Competition final rounds in Washington DC, March 2013.

**Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany – visiting student** (03/2014 – 06/2014)

*Berlin, Germany*

Introduction to German law; International Security Law.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Serbia

## **LANGUAGES**

**Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian** – mother tongue

**English** – bilingual (C2)

**Spanish** – proficient (C2)

**German** – proficient (C1)

**French** – intermediate (B1)

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Associate, Aceris Law SARL

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Aceris Law SARL – International Arbitration, Associate** (02/2016 – present)

*Geneva, Switzerland*

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**European Commission – Legal Service, Blue-Book legal trainee** (10/2015 – 02/2016)

*Brussels, Belgium*

Worked on various cases involving the application of public international law, investment law and commercial law. Drafted submissions in WTO case regarding the European's Union tariff quotas for the importation of some poultry products. Prepared legal opinions on treaty termination under Vienna convention and on European's Union external competence. Carried out legal research and summarized submissions in WTO and CJEU proceedings.

**Orrick Rambaud Martel – International Arbitration, Legal trainee** (01/2014 – 06/2014)

*Paris, France*

Contributed to the representation of interest of the state of Guinea in an investment arbitration against an alleged French investor where Guinea won on jurisdiction. Assisted one of the arbitrators in a case involving the construction of a road in Africa financed by the European Development Fund. Has precious experience in numerous arbitration proceedings concerning construction of a gas plant in France and construction of a manufacture in the Middle-East. Carried out legal research for investment and commercial arbitrations under the rules of ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC. Contributed to the design and implementation of a workshop about how to draft and arbitration award.

**Lazareff Le Bars – International Arbitration, Legal trainee** (01/2013 – 06/2013)

*Paris, France*

Carried out research and drafted memoranda on international and national law of France, Romania, Belarus and several African countries, as well as on OHADA law, intellectual property, corporate and investment law. Drafted a sponsorship contract. Managed arbitration procedures administered by the International Chamber of Commerce.

**Derains & Gharavi – International Arbitration, Legal trainee** (01/2012 – 11/2012)

*Paris, France*

Contributed to the representation of an investor against an Eastern European country. Involved in summarising allegations of the parties in a construction dispute in the Middle-East. Carried out research on contract law, corporate law, intellectual property and investment law. Helped with the translations of the documents, evidence and legal texts to and from English, French, Romanian and Russian.

**Singhanian & Parters – Arbitraj International, Stagiary** (05/2011 – 06/2011)

*New Delhi, India*

Worked and helped on various public international law, investment law and commercial law cases.

### **TEACHING**

**EDHEC Business School – Lecturer** (15h/year) (01/2015 – 04/2017)

*Lille, France*

Prepared students for mediation competition organised by the Centre de Mediation et d'Arbitrage de Paris. Achieved first place.

### **EDUCATION**

**College of Europe** (2014 – 2015)

*Bruges, Belgium*

LL.M. in European Law

Theses: “Regulatory power doctrine in customary international law and CETA draft agreement”

**University of Versailles** (2011 – 2012)

*Versailles, France*

Master in International Arbitration and Trade Law

**University of Madras** (2010 – 2011)

*Chennai, India*

Master 1 in Public Law  
University of Versailles (2009 – 2010)  
Master 1 in Private Law  
University of Versailles (2006 – 2009)  
Bachelor's in Law

*Versailles, France*

*Versailles, France*

## **PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Updated the Répertoire Dalloz on French arbitration law after the 2011 reform.

## **LANGUAGES**

**Romanian** – mother tongue  
**English** – proficient (C2)  
**French** – proficient (C2)  
**Russian** – proficient (C1)  
**Spanish** – beginner (A1)

## **Alja Romšak**

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Associate, Aceris Law SARL

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Aceris Law SARL – International Arbitration, Associate** (06/2017 – present) *Geneva, Switzerland*

Represents clients of Aceris Law SARL under the direction and supervision of the founding partner, William Kirtley.

**Peljhan, Prelesnik & partners, Law firm – Junior Associate** (02/2015 – 10/2016) *Ljubljana, Slovenia*

- Work focused on investment arbitration cases

**Clifford Chance LLP, Litigation & Dispute Resolution – Intern** (07/2014 – 01/2015) *Paris, France*

- Work focused on international commercial arbitration cases
- Assisting with International Commercial Arbitration classes at Sciences Po (French university)

**Peljhan, Prelesnik & partners, Law firm – Junior Associate** (10/2013 – 06/2014) *Ljubljana, Slovenia*

- Work on litigation, corporate, employment law and data privacy law cases

**ICC International Court of Arbitration – Project Coordinator** (04/2013 – 09/2013) *Paris, France*

- Administration of ICANN generic Top-Level Domain Name disputes

**ICC International Court of Arbitration, Documentation Centre – Intern** (01/2013 – 03/2013) *Paris, France*

- Examination of Court's final and partial awards

**Administrative Court, Legal Clinic Program – Intern** (10/2011 – 10/2012) *Ljubljana, Slovenia*

- Preparing and reviewing draft judgments in asylum law cases

**ADR Summer School at the Humboldt University – Staff Member** (07/2012) *Berlin, Germany*

- Assistance with negotiation and mediation exercises and techniques

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia** (06/2009 – 09/2011) *Ljubljana, Slovenia*

- Diplomatic Protocol, Intern (Ljubljana)
- Slovenian Embassy in Berlin, Intern (Berlin)

### **EDUCATION**

**University of Ljubljana** (2007 – 2013) *Ljubljana, Slovenia*

LL.B., Graduated with Honours

Theses: “*Top - Level Domain Name Dispute Resolution*”

**Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense** (02/2012 – 07/2012) *Paris, France*

Exchange Programme

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS, COURSEWORK**

**ICC Institute Training level 2 on International Contracts** (10/2016) *Paris, France*

**Scholarship of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Recipient** (2007 – 2013)

**ICC Commercial Mediation Competition, Participant and Speaker** (02/2012)

**ADR Summer School, Humboldt University, Participant** (07/2011)

**Willem C. Vis Moot Court; Participant and Speaker** (05/2011)

- Frédéric Eisemann Award for Prevailing Team at Oral Hearings

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Slovenia

## **ANGUAGES**

**Slovenian** – mother tongue (C2)

**English** – proficient (C2)

**French** – proficient (C1)

**German** – basic knowledge (B2)

**Serbian, Croatian** – basic knowledge (B2)



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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Aceris Law SARL – International Arbitration, Consultant** (11/2016 – present)

*Geneva, Switzerland*

Represents the clients of Aceris Law SARL under the direction and supervision of the founding partner, William Kirtley. Works on various cases under the ICC, LCIA and ICSID rules of arbitration, including a dispute regarding the construction of a fiberglass plant in the Middle East. Contributes to the representation of a construction company in an arbitration against a Chinese supplier under the application of Vienna Convention on Sale of Goods. Contributes to diverse publications on international commercial and investment arbitration.

**I. C. Choromidis and Associates Law Office – Trainee Lawyer** (02/2015 – 09/2015)

*Thessaloniki, Greece*

Participated in disputes against the Greek Administration, before Greek Courts for issues arising from domestic expropriations and before the ECtHR for claims of peaceful enjoyment of property. Performed legal research, proofread, translated and drafted parts of legal and academic documents. Performed tasks at judicial and administrative agencies. Assisted in court hearings, meetings and lectures. Delegated tasks between other interns.

**E. Tsigeridis, Law Office** (04/2015 – 09/2015)

*Thessaloniki, Greece*

Assisted in Civil and Commercial Litigation for corporate clients (Aegean Airlines, Herzt etc.). Conducted legal research on issues of Greek Law and assisted during court hearings.

### **EDUCATION**

**University College London** (2015 – 2016)

*London, United Kingdom*

LL.M. in International Law

Theses: “*Comparison and Interaction of Different Investment Protection from Expropriation; A Case Study of the Yukos Affair*”, under the supervision of Dr. Martins Paparinskis

**Aristotle University of Thessaloniki** (2009 – 2015)

*Thessaloniki, Greece*

Bachelor of Laws.

**European University Institute** (2015)

*Florence, Italy*

Visiting Student: Human Rights and Law of the EU

**Harvard University** (2013)

*Cambridge, USA*

Visiting Student: International Law

**Hague Academy of International Law** (2012)

*The Hague, Netherlands*

Summer Academy: Private International Law

**London School of Economics** (2011)

Visiting Student: International Law

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Greece – Thessaloniki Bar Associate (registration pending)

### **LANGUAGES**

**Greek** – native speaker (C2)

**English** – bilingual (C2)

**Italian** – intermediate (B2)