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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aceris Law LLC – Founding Partner (2014 – present) Geneva, CH

Founding Partner of 10-person international arbitration boutique law firm Aceris Law LLC, winner of *Trophée du Droit* for best international firm in Switzerland in 2018 and well-ranked by the Legal 500 and by the Leader’s League. Over the past five years has served as counsel in ICC, LCIA, SIAC, SCC, ICDR, ICSID, JAMS and UNCITRAL commercial, investment and construction arbitrations, under English law, French law, Swiss law, Saudi Arabian law, Angolan law, Washington State law, California law, Texas law, Kazakh law, Uzbekistan law, Australian law, Singapore law, Liberian law, Albanian law, Mauritanian law, Turkish law, Malaysian law, Swedish law, Belarus law, Zambian law, Spanish law and Moldovan law, amongst others. Served as arbitrator in multiple construction disputes before the DIAC and before the ICC. Named a “Rising Star of International Arbitration” by the Leader’s League in 2018 and a winner of various other awards in the field of international arbitration.

DK AARPI – Partner (2013 – 2014) Paris, FR

Partner at Parisian international arbitration boutique founded by former partner of Shearman & Sterling LLP. Represented African State with respect to public international law dispute, represented the State of Albania, served as counsel in investment treaty arbitrations and represented clients in a variety of commercial arbitrations under the ICC, SIAC and UNCITRAL arbitration rules. Also served as expert for IFC/World Bank on modifications to Eastern European civil procedure codes.

Lazareff Le Bars – Counsel (2012 – 2013) Paris, FR

Counsel at Parisian international arbitration boutique founded by late arbitrator Serge Lazareff. Served as counsel in UNCITRAL, ICC, ICSID, CCJA and UNCITRAL arbitrations in multilingual disputes involving the energy, construction, consulting, pharmaceutical, aerospace and defence, banking and finance, shipping and transport, telecommunications, agricultural and steel industries, amongst others. Served as counsel in disputes under a variety of common law and civil law legal regimes, including English, French, Moroccan, Italian, Swiss, Equatorial Guinean, German, Malian, Romanian, Burkina Faso, Byelorussian, Belgian, Swiss, Illinois and public international law.

Dentons (formerly Salans) – Senior Associate (2007 – 2012) Paris, FR

Served as counsel at large international corporate law firm that was highly ranked in the field of international arbitration. 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. Served as counsel in disputes involving Kazakh, Turkish, Ukrainian, Maltese, English, Iranian, Polish, Romanian, French, U.S. and public international law.

Shearman & Sterling – Associate (2002-2003; 2004-2007) Paris, FR & New York, US

Associate in Shearman & Sterling's highly-respected Global Dispute Resolution Practice in Paris and New York. Served as counsel during the initiation of the long-running *Hulley Enterprises Ltd. (Cyprus) v. Russian Federation* UNCITRAL arbitration, as well as in commercial arbitrations under the ICC, UNCITRAL and LCIA arbitration rules. Representative disputes were under French, English, Algerian, Russian, Chinese, Canadian and Australian law.

International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda – Legal Consultant (2003) Arusha, TZ

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.

UN Department of Political Affairs – Legal Consultant (2002) New York, US

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

USPCV – Urban Environmental Management (1998-2002) M'Bahiakro, CI

Worked in the Prefecture of M'bahiakro in the Ivory Coast for 27 months with an American engineer on behalf of the American Peace Corps, a U.S. State Department development program. Implemented development projects in partnership with the U.S. Embassy, the French Embassy, UNAIDS and regional and municipal governments concerning urban renewal, waste management, infrastructure, health and irrigation.

TEACHING

University of Paris II – Lecturer (2015 – present) Paris, FR

Lecturer on International Arbitration.

University of Paris X – Lecturer (2012 – 2014) Paris, FR

Lecturer on Anglo-American Business Law.

EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Law (2002), *Juris Doctor* New York, US

Dorsey & Whitney Prize, Stone Scholar, Tony Patiño Fellowship for Outstanding Character.

Sorbonne (Paris I – Panthéon-Sorbonne) (2004), *Maîtrise en Droit*

Paris, FR

French J.D.-equivalent awarded with honours.

Harvard University (1997), *B.A.*

Cambridge, US

Degree awarded with high honours (*magna cum laude*).

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)

- **“Cleansing the (Un)clean: The Ongoing Saga of the Clean Hands Doctrine”**, Kluwer Arbitration Blog (2018).
- **“French courts redefine new test for violations of international public policy to set aside arbitral awards (Société MK Group c v S.A.R.L. Onix et Société Financial Initiative)”**, LexisNexis (2018).
- **“Arbitration in France”**, Getting the Deal Through (2018).
- **“International Arbitration”**, lectures at University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas (2015-2018).
- **“Comment Eviter Un Conflit Armé Au Barotseland”**, Jeune Afrique (2014).
- **“Intellectual property arbitration law and the enforcement of IP rights internationally”**, Oxfirst webinar (2014).
- **“International Arbitration: France”**, International Comparative Legal Guides (2013).
- **“4th Funding International Arbitration London Panel Debate”**, conference sponsored by The Judge (2013).
- **“Should an Arbitral Tribunal Order Security for Costs When an Impecunious Claimant is Relying upon Third Party Funding?”**, Journal of International Arbitration (2013).
- **“Arbitrating in West and Central Africa: An Introduction to OHADA”**, Kluwer Arbitration Blog (2013).
- **“The Status of the Report of the Executive Directors on the ICSID Convention”**, ICSID Review-Foreign Investment Law Journal (2012).
- **“Complex arbitrations: multi-party and multi-contract disputes under the new ICC Rules”**, LLB Seminar (2012).
- **“International Arbitration: France 2012”**, International Comparative Legal Guides (2012).
- **“La gestion des contentieux en Afrique : Enjeux et Stratégies,”** MEDEF : C’est à vous (2012).
- **“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”**, International Arbitration Law Review (2011).
- **“The Transfer of Treaty Claims and Treaty-Shopping in Investor-State Disputes”**, The Journal of World Investment and Trade (2009).
- **“Bringing Claims and Enforcing International Arbitration Awards Against Sub-Saharan African States and Parties”**, The Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals (2009).
- **“The Tampa Incident: Does Australia’s Political Asylum Policy Violate International Law?”**, Columbia Journal of Transnational Law (2002).

MEMBERSHIPS

- List of Arbitrators of USCIB (ICC National Committee for the United States)
- ICC France (ICC National Committee for France)
- Expatriate Subcommittee of USCIB (ICC National Committee for the United States)
- ICDR Young & International Arbitration Group
- List of Arbitrators (DIAC)
- Legal 500
- Leader's League (*Décideurs*)
- Kluwer Author
- Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- Getting the Deal Through Author
- International Bar Association
- AFIA (Australian Forum for International Arbitration)
- Advisor to Young ICCA
- Editor of Vindobona Journal of International Commercial Law

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Attorney, New York
- Attorney, Washington, D.C.
- Avocat (Inactive), Barreau de Paris

LANGUAGES

- English (native)
- French (bilingual)
- Arabic (basic)
- Spanish (intermediate)
- Portuguese (basic)
- Bambara (intermediate)
- Baoulé (intermediate)

OTHER

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