



ANDREI A. SOLIN

- **15 years of experience** in international arbitration and international law consulting.
- Focus on commercial and international law matters related to Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia.
- Substantial experience of working on matters related to **Georgia** and involving the issues of **Georgian law**.
- Dual qualification in both civil law (Belarus) and common law (England and Wales).

Date of Birth: 26 January 1988

Address: 46 rue Copernic, Paris 75116, France

Nationality: Belarus

Current Position: Senior Associate, Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes (Paris)

Professional Experience

Feb. 2021 – present	Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes , Paris, France Senior Associate (Jan. 2023 – present); Associate (Feb. 2021 – Dec. 2022) <u>Management of cases & claims</u> : analysis of contractual frameworks and business arrangements; identification of legal strategies; drafting and revision of pleadings; management of the work of local counsel / technical experts; conduct of oral pleadings and cross-examinations, etc.
Apr. 2013 – Feb. 2021	Shearman & Sterling LLP , Paris, France Associate (May 2014 – Feb. 2021); Intern (April 2013 – Dec. 2013) (<i>International Arbitration</i> team) <u>Management of claims</u> : analysis of contractual frameworks and business arrangements; drafting of pleadings; work with experts; coordination with local counsel; preparation of cross-examinations, etc.
July – Aug. 2011	White & Case LLP , Moscow, Russia Trainee (<i>Litigation</i> , and <i>Energy & Utilities</i> teams)
Oct. 2009 – June 2011	Arzinger & Partners LLC , Minsk, Belarus Associate (<i>Litigation</i> , and <i>Foreign Investments</i> teams)
Sept. 2008 – Aug. 2009	Sorainen LLC , Minsk, Belarus Intern (<i>Litigation</i> , and <i>Corporate</i> teams)

Arbitration Experience

Part of the team advising and/or representing:

Investment Disputes

- The Republic of Georgia, Respondent in an SCC arbitration initiated by Mr. Zaza Okuashvili under the Georgia-U.K. bilateral investment treaty. The dispute relates to taxes owed to the State by various companies owned by the Claimant.

Investment Disputes (cont'd)

- The Republic of Georgia in an ICSID arbitration brought by U.S. investors under the Georgia-U.S. bilateral investment treaty. The dispute arises from the alleged mistreatment of Magticom, Georgia's leading telecommunication company, including the investigation, arrest and detention of its founder and majority shareholder, the son-in-law of former Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze, by the government of President Mikhail Saakashvili in the aftermath of the 2003 Rose Revolution.
- The Republic of Lithuania, Respondent in an ICSID arbitration brought by Veolia Environnement S.A. and others in relation to district heating and power generation systems in Lithuania (ICSID Case No. ARB/16/3). The claims are brought under the Lithuania-France bilateral investment treaty. The dispute revolves around, *inter alia*, allegations of corruption, collusion, self-dealing, anti-competitive conduct and tariff manipulation. The total amount in dispute is in excess of EUR 500 million (including counterclaims that are now before the Lithuanian courts following *Achmea*).
- Ukraine, Respondent in an SCC arbitration in Stockholm brought by VEB.RF. The dispute related to sanctions and other measures allegedly targeting Russian banks in Ukraine after 2014. The claims were brought under the 1998 Ukraine-Russia bilateral investment treaty.
- The Republic of Lithuania in arbitration proceedings commenced by Russian State-owned gas company Gazprom in relation to Lithuania's unbundling of gas transmission from gas production and supply in the Lithuanian gas distribution company Lietuvos Dujos, in compliance with the EU Third Energy Package and in particular Directive (EC) 2009/73. The proceedings were brought under the 1999 Russia-Lithuania BIT and were conducted under the 1976 UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

Commercial Disputes

- An international joint venture and an African energy company, Respondents in an ICC arbitration in Geneva brought by North Asian contractors. The dispute relates to a settlement agreement entered into following a dispute arising from an EPC contract for the construction of a USD 3 billion fertilizer plant in an African State. The law of the African State applies. One of the clients successfully objected to the Tribunal's jurisdiction and no longer is a party to the proceedings.
- Vilnius City Municipality and the Municipality-owned district heating company in an SCC arbitration in Vilnius against Veolia Environnement S.A. and a Lithuanian subsidiary. The dispute concerned the operation and management of a 15-year district heating concession in Vilnius and Lithuanian law applied. Veolia initiated the arbitration and advanced claims in the region of EUR 50 million. The parties for which I acted counterclaimed and secured an award in their favour for a net value of EUR 56 million.
- The Republic of Lithuania, Claimant in an SCC arbitration in Stockholm against Gazprom, in relation to Gazprom's obligations to supply gas based on fair prices under the Share Sale and Purchase Agreement between Lithuania and Gazprom as well as Gazprom's breaches of its obligations under the Shareholders' Agreement, resulting in overpayments in excess of EUR 1.54 billion.

Setting Aside and Enforcement

- The majority shareholders in the former Yukos Oil Company in relation to the recognition and enforcement proceedings initiated in multiple jurisdictions for the enforcement of the USD 50 billion awards rendered in the arbitrations brought by the shareholders against the Russian Federation concerning the unlawful treatment and expropriation of their investments in Yukos.
- The majority shareholders in the former Yukos Oil Company in proceedings initiated by the Russian Federation before Dutch courts to set aside the USD 50 billion award rendered in the arbitrations brought by the shareholders against the Russian Federation concerning the expropriation of their investments in Yukos.

Advisory Work

- Advising a European energy company on dispute resolution mechanisms in respect of a major investment project in Central Asia.
- Advising a major European company on risks related to a particular incident in its supply chain.

Education Background

- University of Oxford, *Magister Juris* degree (focus on International Dispute Settlement and International Economic Law) (Weidenfeld scholar).
- Belarusian State University, Master of Jurisprudence degree (focus on Private International Law).
- Belarusian State University, Diploma in International Law, *cum laude*.

Expertise

National law

- General commercial agreements (sale of goods, provision of services, leases, *etc.*)
- Contracts in the energy sector (including oil and gas)
- Construction contracts
- Concession contracts
- Investment agreements (including contracts providing for investment benefits and guarantees)

International law

- International protection of foreign investments (bilateral investment treaties (BITs))
- International regulation of trade

Practice Location/ Jurisdiction

- England & Wales (solicitor of the Senior Courts)
- Belarus (currently inactive)

Working Languages

- English
- Russian
- Belarusian
- French (limited working capacity)

Other Relevant Experience

2024 – present	Young ICCA Regional Representative (focus on Central and Eastern Europe)
2017 – present	Contributor to UNCITRAL's 1958 New York Convention Guide (for Belarus and Russia) <u>Mission:</u> Research of case law of the Belarusian and Russian courts concerning the application of the 1958 New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards.
Sept. – Oct. 2017	Adviser on International Investment Law to the OECD's mission to Kazakhstan