



**NINO BAKAKURI**  
**Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia (ret.)**  
**Law Professor**

Address: Tbilisi, Georgia

Nationality: Georgian

## Professional Experience

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### A. Judicial Activities

**Supreme Court of Georgia**

*Justice at the Civil Law Chamber*

Tbilisi, Georgia

*October, 2014 – October, 2024*

**Tbilisi Court of Appeals**

*Judge at the Administrative Law Chamber*

Tbilisi, Georgia

*October, 2005 - January, 2008*

**Tbilisi Regional Court**

*Judge at the Tax & Administrative Law Collegium*

Tbilisi, Georgia

*December, 2004 – October, 2005*

### B. Teaching and Academic Activities

**Caucasus International University**

*Associate Professor of Civil Law*

Tbilisi, Georgia

*February, 2025 – present*

**Georgian Bar Association**

*Trainer of Lawyers on Civil, Corporate, Banking and Contract Law*

Tbilisi, Georgia

*April, 2019 – present*

**Academy of the Ministry of Finance**

*Trainer on Corporate Law and Dispute Resolution*

Tbilisi, Georgia

*December, 2023*

**International Cooperation Organization of Germany (GIZ)**

*Trainer on Corporate Law and Dispute Resolution*

Tbilisi, Georgia

*October, 2020 - March, 2021*

**High School of Justice of Georgia**

*Trainer of Judges on Corporate Law and Dispute Resolution, Labor Law, EU Law and the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union.*

Tbilisi, Georgia

*January, 2016 – October, 2024*

**International Training Center of the International Labor Organization (ILO)**

Tbilisi, Georgia

Minsk, Belarus

*Trainer on International Labor Standards for  
Judges, Lawyers and Legal Educators*

*June, 2018 – July, 2018  
June, 2017*

**International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA)  
and the United States Department of Justice**

Budapest, Hungary

*Co-Trainer - Course for Judges and Prosecutors on  
Judicial and Prosecutorial Independence and  
Justice Sector Accountability as applied to  
complex, cross-border organized crime and  
corruption cases*

*February - March, 2018*

**Georgian-American University School of Law**  
*Invited lecturer in Comparative Corporate Law*

Tbilisi, Georgia  
*January, 2016 -May, 2016*

**Free University School of Law**

*Invited lecturer in Civil Procedure Law and  
Commercial Law*

Tbilisi, Georgia  
*January, 2019 – January, 2020  
September, 2012 – October, 2014*

**Caucasus University School of Law**  
*Assistant Professor in Corporate Law*

Tbilisi, Georgia  
*September, 2007 – December, 2010*

**Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University Law  
Faculty**

*Assistant Professor in Corporate Law, Tbilisi,  
Georgia*

Tbilisi, Georgia  
*February, 2007 - May, 2007*

*C. Non-judicial Legal Activities*

**Nodia, Urumasvhili & Partners Law Firm**

*Partner*

*Banking and Financial Law*

*Recognition as a leading law firm and/or a leading  
lawyer by Chambers Europe, IFLR 1000, Legal 500*

Tbilisi, Georgia  
*January, 2008 – October, 2014*

**American Chamber of Commerce in Georgia**

*Legal Expert for the Commercial Law and Tax  
Committee*

Tbilisi, Georgia  
*September, 2011 – October, 2012*

**International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in  
Georgia**

*Chair of the Banking Commission*

Tbilisi, Georgia  
*October, 2012 – October, 2014*

**Chamber of Commerce and Industry France  
Georgia (CCIFG)**

*Board Member*

Tbilisi, Georgia  
*September, 2009 – September, 2011*

**Association of Judges of Georgia**  
*Legal Advisor*

Tbilisi, Georgia  
*June, 2004 – December, 2004*

**Georgian Young Lawyers' Association**

*Lawyer, Senior Lawyer, head of Legal Aid Center,  
Project Director, Board Member, Vice-Chairwoman*

Tbilisi, Georgia  
*September, 1997 - 17 May, 2004*

## Arbitration Experience

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**Dispute Resolution Center**

*Arbitrator on Civil, Corporate, Commercial and Construction Law disputes*

Tbilisi, Georgia

*June, 2008 – October, 2014*

## Education

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**Columbia University School of Law**

*Master of Laws (LL.M.)*

*Field: Corporate law, securities and capital markets, banking and financial law, international litigation and arbitration, WTO law and policy.*

New York, New York, USA

*2005-2006*

**Georgian-American University School of Law, Social Sciences and Diplomacy**

*Ph.D. in Law candidate*

Tbilisi, Georgia

*September, 2015 – present*

**Georgetown University Law Center**

*International Law Fellow*

Washington D.C., USA

*August-December, 2002*

**Tbilisi Law University**

*LL.M. equivalent, Diploma in Law with Honors*

Tbilisi, Georgia

*1996-2001*

**Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University**

*MA equivalent, Diploma in History with Honors*

*Special Honors: holder of Academician Simon Janashia stipend of excellency*

Tbilisi, Georgia

*1991-1996*

## Bar Admissions

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**New York State (USA); Georgia (Caucasian State)**

## Working Languages

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**Georgian** (native)

**English** (fluent)

**Russian** (reading, listening – fluent, speaking - average, writing - basic).

## Publications

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Co-author of the Books

***Corporate Law***, EU4 Business, Deutsche Zusammenarbeit, GIZ, USAID, Tbilisi, 2019.

***Commentary on Civil Procedure Code of Georgia***, EU4 Business, Deutsche Zusammenarbeit, GIZ, Tbilisi 2020.

***Law of the Court of Justice of the EU and Georgian Labor Law***, Fridrich ebert Stiftung, European Time, Caucasus University, Tbilisi, 2020.

***Commentary on Georgian Labor Code***, New Vision University, ILO, Tbilisi 2023.

## International Representation and Expertise

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### ***A. At the Council of Europe Level***

- January, 2016 – January, 2023 – **Member (and a member of the bureau 2020-2022) of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ)**, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France
- January, 2018 – January, 2024 – **Member of the Working Group on Quality of Justice (GT-QUAL)** of CEPEJ, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France
- November, 2016 – November, 2022 – **Member of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE)**, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France
- November, 2017 – November, 2022 – **Member of the Working Group of CCJE**, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

### ***B. At the Regional/National Level***

- 2 April, 2024 – present – **Council of Europe, Human Rights and the Rule of Law Directorate (DG1), European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ)**, Strasbourg, France

*International legal expert*

- 2 August, 2024 – present – **UN Women**, Tbilisi, Georgia

*Legal expert in civil and administrative law*

- 20 May, 2024 – present – **Council of Europe Office in Georgia, Project « Reinforcing National Execution of the European Court's judgments by Georgia »**, Tbilisi, Georgia

*Legal expert*

- 11 April, 2024 – Present – **Council of Europe Office in Georgia, Projects « Enhancing Equality and Non-Discrimination in Georgia » and « Combating Hate Speech in Georgia »**, Tbilisi, Georgia

*Legal expert*

- 2 April, 2018 – 31 March, 2024 – **Council of Europe, Human Rights and the Rule of Law Directorate (DG1), European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ)**, Strasbourg, France

International/domestic expert for the following programmes (2024-2017):

- CoE programme "Support for the improvement of the execution of the European Court judgments by Azerbaijan", 2023 – 2024.

- CoE Programme “Strengthening the efficiency and quality of the judicial system in Azerbaijan”, 2019 – 2023.
- CoE Programme “Enhancing the accountability and the efficiency of the judicial system and professionalism of lawyers in Georgia”, Tbilisi, Georgia 2019-2023.
- CoE Programme “Support to the judicial Reform in Georgia”, Tbilisi, Georgia 2017-2019.
- Member of the Working Group to develop 5 year Strategy (2017-2021) and 2 year Action Plan for Georgian judiciary.

Expert/Moderator at the following conferences and seminars (non-exhaustive list 2023-2016):

- Conference on “Access to Justice and the Rule of Law”, USAID Rule of Law Program, Tbilisi, Georgia, 29 February, 2024.
- Panel Discussion on “Judicial Reforms and Increased Access to Justice”, EU program by Georgian Young Lawyers’ Association on Promoting Greater Civic Awareness and Engagement in Judicial Reforms and Facilitation Increased Access to Justice, Tbilisi, Georgia, 21 February, 2024.
- Conference “65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the New York Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards”, Georgian Association of Arbitrators in collaboration with the United National Commission on International Trade law – UNCITRAL, Tbilisi, Georgia, 9 June, 2023.
- Seminar for judges on Freedom of Expression of Judges, USAID Rule of Law Program, 21 May, 2023.
- Seminar for judges on Gender Stereotyping in Court, the USAID Rule of Law Program, Tbilisi, Georgia, 26 July, 2023.
- Justice Forum “Assessing 10 years of reform and the need for systemic change”, The Coalition for Independent and Transparent Judiciary, USAID Rule of Law Program, Tbilisi, Georgia, 19 May, 2023.
- Seminar on Specificities of Corporate Disputes, Georgian Lawyers for Independent Professions (GLIP), 29 April, 2023.
- Forum on Implementation of new corporate law in Georgia, Investors’ Council of Georgia, the USAID Economic Governance Program, Tbilisi, Georgia, 10 April, 2023.
- Closing conference on “Strengthening the efficiency and quality of the judicial system in Azerbaijan”, CEPEJ, Baku, Azerbaijan, 21 February, 2023.
- Forum on International Investment Environment, the German Economic Association (DWV) and Georgian Lawyers for Independent Professions (GLIP), Tbilisi, Georgia, 15 June, 2022.
- Conference on Judicial Governance in Transitional Democracies, Anti-corruption Action Center, with the support of the European Union and the International Renaissance Foundation within the framework «EU4USociety» initiative, Online, 5 November, 2021.
- Webinar in International Investment Arbitration Law, Center for International Law, National University of Singapore, Online, 31 March, 2021.
- Global Forum on Digital Assets and Enforcement, CoE, Strasbourg, France, 4 December, 2019.

- Public lecture on “Freedom of expression in the practice of the Supreme Court of Georgia and Tbilisi Appeals Court”, USAID Promoting Rule of Law in Georgia Program and National Institute for Human Rights at Free University, Tbilisi, Georgia, April 25, 2019.
- Thematic debate on effective investigations, Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France, 19 March, 2019.
- Seminar on International Labor Standards for Judges, Lawyers and Legal Educators, international training Center, International Labor Organization, Tbilisi, Georgia, 20 June-1 July, 2018.
- Course for Judges and Prosecutors on Judicial and Prosecutorial Independence and Justice Sector Accountability as applied to complex, cross-border organized crime and corruption cases, International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) and the United States Department of Justice, Budapest, Hungary, 26 February - 2 March, 2018.
- Seminar for judges on International Labor Standards for Judges, Lawyers and Legal Educators, International Training Center, International Labor Organization, Minsk, Belarus, 20 -22 June, 2017.
- IAWJ 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference “Women Judges and the Rule of Law: Assessing the Past, Anticipating the Future”, International Association of Women Judges, Washington D.C., USA, 26-29 May, 2016.
- Closing Conference “The Role of Judiciary in the Modern Society”, Council of Europe project “Strengthening the Independence and Efficiency of the Justice System in Georgia”, Tbilisi, Georgia, 26 April, 2016.
- High-level conference of ministers of justice and representatives of the judiciary “Strengthening Judicial Independence and Impartiality as a Pre-condition for the Rule of Law in Council of Europe Member States”, Council of Europe and Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Bulgaria, Sofia, Bulgaria, 21-22 April, 2016.