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Focus

- International commercial arbitration

Admitted: 1998

EDUCATION

- Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London, 1997, LL.M. (merit)
- Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, 1995, research in international commercial arbitration
- University of Vilnius, Faculty of Laws (Lithuania), 1994, LL.M.
- University of Vilnius, Institute of International Relations and Political Science (Lithuania), 1994, M.Sc.
- University of Groningen, Faculty of Laws (The Netherlands), 1993, International Economic and Investment Law, EC Law

EXAMPLES OF ARBITRATION CASES

Often acts as arbitrator or party representative in national (VCCA) and international (VCCA, ICC, SCC, etc.) arbitration cases, as well as cases under UNCITRAL arbitration rules. Several illustrative cases include:

- Chairman of the tribunal constituted under UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules in a dispute between an oil refinery and a railway company in excess of EUR 150 million;
- Party-appointed arbitrator in a multiparty *ad hoc* arbitration case under UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules (hearings held at IDRC London) in a dispute between an oil refinery and UK insurance companies in excess of EUR 200 million;
- Party-appointed arbitrator in the Vilnius Court of Commercial Arbitration (VCCA) case under VCCA Arbitration Rules between an oil refinery and a railway company over the transportation tariffs in excess of EUR 100 million;
- Sole arbitrator appointed by the ICC Court of Arbitration in an ICC arbitration case No. ICC18580/GZ/MHM between eastern european and portuguese companies relating to internation trade contracts;
- Sole arbitrator appointed by the ICC Court of Arbitration in an ICC arbitration case No. ICC20907/MHV between an Estonian and Finish companies relating to sale of equipment;



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- Member of the team in ICSID case *UAB „Arvi ir Co“ ir UAB „Sanitex. V. Republic of Serbia* Nr. ARB/09/21;
 - Party representative in various ICC, SCC and VCCA cases relating to sale of companies, commercial real estate, international trade, gas supply, etc.;
 - Arbitrator (chairman or party-appointed) in more than 50 arbitration cases under VCCA arbitration rules including cases involving municipalities, banks, energy, telcommunication, construction, aviation, trading and other companies, relating to questions of shareholder rights and disputes, insurance, advisory liability, director liability, construction, trade, telecommunication services, transportation, manufacturing and provision of services, etc.
 - Party representative in challenging enforcement of foreign arbitral awards;
 - Expert-witness in the English courts regarding Lithuanian arbitration law.

EXAMPLES OF TRANSACTIONAL EXPERIENCE

Advised in many significant international transactions taking place in Lithuania over two decades including privatizations, mergers and acquisitions, real estate projects, sale of commercial property, Eurobond, IPO's and GDR issues, international syndicated loans, project finance, private equity, etc. Examples of publicly known projects include:

- Euro 220 million acquisition of the leading mobile telecommunications operator Omnitel by TEO LT;
- Euro 500 million acquisition and financing of acquisition (including bond issue) of the leading mobile telecommunications operator Bite
- Euro 600 million sovereign Eurobond issue
- First international IPO in Lithuania (and subsequently several others);
- Sale and acquisition, as well as financing of the acquisition of a number of commercial real estate projects, such as the shopping centers, hotels, logistic centers;
- Acquisition of a chemical company by a Russian investor;
- Acquisition of the major Lithuanian alcohol production facility;
- A few different acquisitions and mergers of the Lithuanian banks;
- Acquisition of the shipping (ferry line) company by a Danish investor;
- Representing the Government of Lithuania in the sale (privatization) of the Lithuanian Gas Company Lietuvos Dujos to E.On and Ruhrgas consortium and Gazprom
- Sale (privatization) of the refinery and crude pipeline to a strategic investor.

PUBLICATIONS ON ARBITRATION TOPICS

- G. Dominas. Viešosios tvarkos samprata arbitražo teisėje. // Arbitražas: teorija ir praktika. ISSN: 2424-4295, 2016-II;

(Concept of public policy in arbitration law // Arbitražas: teorija ir praktika. ISSN: 2424-4295, 2016-II)

- G. Dominas. Su bankrotu susijusių bylų arbitruotinumo klausimai Lietuvos Respublikoje, //Justitia. ISSN: 1392-5709, 2013-78;

(Questions of arbitrability of bankruptcy related cases in the Republic of Lithuania //Justitia. ISSN: 1392-5709, 2013-78)
- G. Dominas. Arbitražo teisės reformos Vakarų Europoje // Teisės problemos, 1996

(Reforms of arbitration laws in Western Europe // Teisės problemos, 1996)
- International Commercial Arbitration Textbook together with prof. V. Mikelėnas („Tarptautinis komercinis arbitražas“ Dominas G., Mikelėnas V. Vilnius, Justitia, 1995 ISBN 9986-567-05-X)

**SPEECHES,
PRESENTATIONS AND
TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS
ON ARBITRATION TOPICS**

- 8th DIS Baltic Arbitration Days 2019: Arbitration in Construction and Public Procurement Disputes/ Current Events Regarding Brexit EU and Investment Arbitration; panel member
- Lithuania as the Place of Arbitration. Arbitration on the Crossroad: Eastern and Western Experience and Challenges. Vilnius Arbitration Day, 8 May 2014,
- Lithuania as the Place of Arbitration. Arbitration on the Crossroad: Eastern and Western Experience and Challenges. 2015 Moscow, 2016 Baku, 2017 Kiev;
- Questions of Arbitrator's Status and Independence. Vilnius Arbitration Day 2013. Effective Arbitration: Practice and Opportunities, 24 October 2013.
- Questions of Arbitrability and Bankruptcy in the New Arbitration Act. Vilnius Arbitration Day 2012: New Commercial Arbitration Act. 20 November 2012;
- Relationship Between Arbitration and Bankruptcy Process. Vilnius Arbitration Day 2011: Relationship Between Courts and Arbitration in Resolution of Commercial Disputes. 15 November 2011.
- Arbitration in Lithuania. Swedish Arbitration Association Conference: Arbitration in the Baltics. 23 April 2009.
- 2016-2019 lecturing in new arbitrator training courses at the VCCA arbitration academy;
- 2018-2019 lecturing on Lithuanian arbitration law and practice at the Lithuanian Bar Association training courses
- Various presentation at business associations and organisations;
- 2000-2003 lecturer on International Commercial Arbitration at Vilnius University;

MEMBERSHIPS

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
 - ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR
 - International Bar Association
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- Arbitration Commission of ICC Lithuania
- VCCA panel of recommended arbitrators

INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS

- Ranked as Litigation star by Euromoney Benchmark Litigation (2020)
- Legal500 Hall of Fame in dispute resolution (2018)
- The Best Lawyers: Lawyer of the Year in arbitration (2017-2018)
- Chambers Europe: *Gediminas Dominas joined WALLESS from Dominas LEVIN in April 2019. He is held in high regard by market commentators for his work in commercial litigation and arbitration. Sources describe him as "solid and very knowledgeable" practitioner.*
- Legal500: *one of the best arbitration lawyers in Lithuania*
- IFRL1000: *often described as a lawyer „easy to work with, irrespective of the complexity of the task*

OTHER

- Member of the drafting groups of the 1996 and 2012 Lithuanian Arbitration Acts
- Member of the working group for the preparation of the commentary of the 2000 Lithuanian Civil Code
- Member of the Task Force on Emergency Arbitrator Proceedings (ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR)
- Contributor to the IBA Arbitration Guidelines and Rules Subcommittee Report on the reception of the IBA arbitration soft law products September 2016
- Associate professor, Vilnius University, Law Faculty (1994-2003), lecturing civil law (in addition to international commercial arbitration).
- Research assignment at the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law – individual studies and research on various international commercial arbitration topics (1995)

LANGUAGES

Lithuanian, English, Russian
