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Nationality/ Date of Birth	French / 23 February 1970

Educational/Professional Memberships

PhD in private law (1998) - Paris I, Sorbonne University Law School;
Postgraduate degree in commercial & business law (1994) - Paris I, Sorbonne University Law School;
Master's degree in business & tax law (1993) - Paris II, Assas University Law School.

Memberships:

Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb);
Permanent member of the ICC International Arbitration Commission;
Member of the French ICC Committee of Arbitration (ICC France);
Admission as member of the CCJA (Common Court of Arbitration for OHADA law);
Member of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA);
Admission on the list of arbitrators for ASA (Swiss Arbitration Association);
Member of the International Arbitration Institute (IAI);
Member of the French Arbitration Association (AFA);
Member of the International Arbitration Council (CPR);
Admission on the list of arbitrators for Kigali Arbitration Center;
Member of the Scientific Committee of IFA association (French Association for Corporate Governance);
Admission as member of the European Arbitration Center (EAC) - Bruxelles/Kiev;
Member of the Center for Mediation of Paris (CMAP) - nomination on the arbitrators' list
Member of SIAC Panel of Arbitrators

Current Position

Founding and Managing Partner, "Lazareff Le Bars" law firm

Professional Experience

International Commercial Arbitration and International Investment Arbitration;
OHADA (Organisation for the harmonisation of Business Law in Africa);
Very strong experience in African related cases in more than 40 countries (English, French and Spanish speaking countries) under various arbitration rules (ICC, LCIA, Cairo, Dubai and *ad hoc*);

Both Arbitration and OHADA law in the following fields:
Information and Communication Technologies; Corporate Law; Joint ventures; Construction Law; Sales contract;
Agency; Distribution and Franchising; Mining and Raw Materials; Energy

Arbitration Experience

In addition to my work as counsel in international commercial and investment arbitration, I also serve as elected president, sole arbitrator or co-arbitrator in a wide spectrum of international arbitrations. Besides Eastern Europe and Spanish-speaking countries, I have developed a specific Africa and OHADA law practice, with cases involving more than 40 countries on the continent in the MENA region, north Africa and English, French and Spanish speaking countries. I am also an academic in France and Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Law (USA).

See attached CV.

Publications

I authored more than 100 articles in law reviews and five books dedicated to international corporate law, international commercial law and the practice of corporations and arbitration in the OHADA region (French speaking Africa).

See attached bibliography.

Languages

French, English, Spanish and Russian.