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### Focus

- International commercial arbitration
- Complex disputes

### 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 an 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 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 under UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules 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 international trade contracts;
- Sole arbitrator appointed by the ICC Court of Arbitration in an ICC arbitration case No. ICC20907/MHV between an Estonian and Finnish companies relating to the sale of equipment;
- 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 the sale of companies, commercial real estate, international trade, gas supply, etc.;
- Arbitrator (chairman or party-appointed) in about 60 arbitration cases under VCCA arbitration rules including cases involving municipalities, banks, energy, telecommunication, construction, aviation, trading, and other companies, relating to questions of shareholder rights and M&A 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 a couple of decades including privatizations, mergers and acquisitions, real estate projects, sale of commercial property, Eurobond, IPOs 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 shopping centers, hotels, and logistic centers;
- Acquisition of a chemical company;
- 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;
- 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 arbitruotinum 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)

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

- 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)
- National security issues in international arbitration, Panel moderator at Vilnius Arbitration Day, 16 September 2022;
- Experience as a sole arbitrator. Vilnius Arbitration Day, 9 November 2021;
- 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 Kyiv;
- 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.
- 2016-2021 lecturing in new arbitrator training courses at the VCCA arbitration academy;
- 2018-2021 lectures on Lithuanian arbitration law and practice at the Lithuanian Bar Association training courses
- Various presentations at business associations and organisations;
- 2000-2003 lecturer on International Commercial Arbitration at Vilnius University;

**MEMBERSHIPS**

- Member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- Member of eBRAM Panel of Arbitrators
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)

- Member of the List of International Arbitration Practitioners of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC)
- Member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the Court of Arbitration of the Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR
- Member of the International Bar Association
- Listed on the Vilnius Court Commercial Arbitration panel of recommended arbitrators
- Past Fellow of the Center for International Legal Studies, Salzburg, Austria

#### INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS

- Ranked as Litigation star by Euromoney Benchmark Litigation (2020-2022)
- Legal500 Hall of Fame in dispute resolution (since 2018)
- The Best Lawyers: Lawyer of the Year in arbitration (2017-2018)

#### 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 on 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).

#### LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Russian (fluent), Lithuanian (native), German (basics), Ukrainian (reading)