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PROFILE

I am an *Ars Iuris* doctoral scholar at the Department of European, International and Comparative Law of the University of Vienna. My proposed doctoral thesis deals with the use of comparative law methods to derive general principles of tort or delict law which can be used to bring uniformity in the interpretation and application of the standards of treatment in international investment law.

In addition, I am an independent, common-law qualified international disputes lawyer with six years of experience in commercial and investment-treaty arbitration and sanctions advisory. I have served as counsel and tribunal secretary in arbitration proceedings governed by ICC, ICSID, LCIA, SIAC, UNCITRAL, Swiss Rules, DIS, CIMA, DIAC, and ad-hoc rules. These cases have involved the applicable law of various legal systems: common law (England & Wales, India, Maryland, Miami, Nevada, Singapore), civil law (Costa Rica, France, Germany, Kazakhstan, Montenegro, Portugal, Qatar, Switzerland, Vietnam), and public international law.

EDUCATION

PhD in International Law	<i>Ars Iuri uni:doc Scholar, University of Vienna</i>	Mar. 2025 - ongoing
Thesis:	“Comparative Tort and Delict Law as Tools for Achieving Uniformity in Standards of Treatment in International Investment Law” supervised by Prof. August Reinisch	
MIDS LL.M.	<i>University of Geneva & The Graduate Institute</i>	Sep. 2019 – Sep. 2020
Thesis:	“Challenging the Appointment of an Arbitrator on the Basis of ‘Issue Conflict’ in Investor-State Arbitrations” supervised by Prof. Fuad Zarbiyev.	
Arbitration Academy	<i>International Academy for Arbitration Law</i>	Jul. 2018
B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.)	<i>Gujarat National Law University</i>	Jul. 2013 – May 2018

QUALIFICATIONS

Advocate, Bar Council of India.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Principal Attorney, <i>PB Arbitration</i> (Hybrid)	Jun. 2024 - present
Consultant Attorney, <i>Stirnemann Fuentes Dispute Resolution Sàrl</i> (Geneva)	Nov. 2022 – present
Of-Counsel, <i>Chambers of Dr. Rishab Gupta, Twenty Essex</i> (London, Mumbai, Singapore)	Nov. 2022 – Jun. 2024
Foreign Intern, International Arbitration at US and English Law Firms (Paris, Vienna)	Aug. 2020 – Aug. 2022
Attorney, International Arbitration at <i>Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas</i> (Mumbai)	Jan. 2019 – Aug. 2019
Attorney, Arbitration at <i>Lex Arbitri</i> (Mumbai)	Jul. 2018 – Dec. 2018

SELECT CO-CURRICULAR ENGAGEMENTS

Faculty, MCIA Tribunal Secretary Training Programme (2024).

Arbitrator, Vis Moot Vienna (2020, 2025), FDI Moot South Asia Rounds (2024).

Member, Drafting Committee, Indian Arbitration Forum’s Guidelines for Conduct of Arbitrations (2018).

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

P. Bhalerao “Sanctions and Take-or-Pay LNG Supply Agreements”, *Transnational Dispute Management*, Vol. 21 (4) (Nov. 2024).

P. Bhalerao, “Jurisdiction Ratione Materiae in The Chagos Archipelago Arbitration”, *Gujarat National University Arbitration Law Review*, Inaugural Special Edition (Mar. 2024)

P. Bhalerao, et al., “Practice note, Enforcing arbitration awards in Switzerland”, *Practical Law*, Thomson Reuters (Nov. 2022)

P. Bhalerao, ‘ADR and Sport in India’, *Global Sports Law and Taxation Reports*, Vol. 7(3) (Sep. 2016)

LANGUAGES

English (native), Hindi (native), Marathi (native), German (basic).

SELECT WORK EXPERIENCE

Arbitration - Tribunal Secretary

1. Secretary to the Arbitral Tribunal in an LCIA arbitration arising out of an agreement for organization of sporting events (London seat; English law).
2. Secretary to the Sole Arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration arising out of a commodities sale-purchase agreement (London seat; English law).
3. Secretary to the Sole Arbitrator in a Swiss Rules arbitration arising out of an investment agreement (Zurich seat; Swiss law).
4. Secretary to the Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration arising out of a partnership agreement (Miami seat; Maryland law).
5. Secretary to the Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration arising out of a construction contract (Doha seat; Qatari law).
6. Secretary to the Sole Arbitrator in a Swiss Rules arbitration arising out of a supply and services contract for banking software solutions (Geneva seat; Swiss law).
7. Secretary to the Sole Arbitrator in a CIMA arbitration arising out of a construction contract for infrastructure relating to a renewable energy plant (Nevada seat; Nevada law).
8. Secretary to the Sole Arbitrator in an ad-hoc arbitration governed by SIAC Rules, arising out of a memorandum of understanding relating to banking software solutions (Singapore seat; Singapore law).
9. Secretary to the LCIA-appointed Sole Arbitrator in an ad-hoc arbitration governed by UNCITRAL Rules, arising out of an agreement for the distribution of medical technology (London seat; English law).
10. Assistant to the Co-Arbitrator in a Swiss Rules arbitration arising out of a coal testing contract (Geneva seat; Swiss law).

Arbitration - Representative and Advisory

Investment Arbitration

11. Represented an Eastern European State in an UNCITRAL investment arbitration relating to banking and real estate sectors (public international law; Montenegro law).
12. Advising a Swiss national on potential treaty claims relating to the hospitality sector (public international law; Costa Rican law).
13. Advised a UK company on potential treaty claims relating to the tobacco sector (public international law; Indian law).
14. Advised a Swiss company on a potential treaty claim relating to the infrastructure sector (public international law; Indian law).
15. Advised a dual-national on potential treaty claims relating to intellectual property (public international law; Vietnamese law).
16. Assisted with advisory for the concessionaire of a hydroelectric power plant on potential claims relating to a concession agreement with an African State providing for ICSID arbitration (English law).
17. Assisted with the representation of an Asian State in post-award ICSID revision proceeding (public international law).

Commercial Arbitration

18. Represented an investment vehicle in an ICC arbitration arising out of a shareholders' agreement (Lisbon seat; Portuguese law).
19. Represented a vessel operator in an ICC arbitration arising out of a charterparty (Singapore seat; English law).
20. Represented a vessel owner in an LMAA arbitration arising out of a ship-management contract (Mumbai seat; English law).
21. Represented an ed-tech company in a SIAC arbitration arising out of an option agreement (Singapore seat; English law).
22. Represented a steel conglomerate in an ad-hoc arbitration arising out of a gas supply agreement (Delhi seat; Indian law).
23. Represented an oil company in an ad-hoc arbitration arising out of a petroleum supply agreement (Delhi seat; Indian law).
24. Represented a steel conglomerate in a DIAC arbitration arising out of a long-term gas supply agreement (Delhi seat; Indian law).
25. Represented a fit-out contractor in an ICC arbitration arising out of a contract for fit out works (Stockholm seat; Kazak law).
26. Assisted with the representation of a pharmaceutical company in a DIS arbitration arising out a share-purchase agreement with a cancer diagnostics startup (Munich seat; German law).
27. Assisted with representing the owner in an ICC arbitration arising out of a construction contract (Paris seat; French law).
28. Assisted with representing a contractor in an ICC arbitration arising out of an infrastructure contract (Miami seat; Miami law).
29. Assisted with representing the employer in an ICC arbitration arising out of a hotel contract (London seat; English law).

Sanctions Advisory

30. Advised the Indian subsidiary of a Japanese conglomerate on OFAC specific licenses for unblocking funds paid to them by (subsequently) designated entities (US sanctions).
31. Advised multiple Indian companies on mitigating the impact of their OFAC designation and the delisting procedure (US sanctions).
32. Advised a Liberian shipping company on mitigating the impact of its vessel's OFAC designation (US sanctions).
33. Advised the owners of an OFAC designated Indian shipping company on the mitigating the impact of sanctions (US sanctions).
34. Advised an EU company and its board members of various nationalities on sanctions compliance regarding the acquisition of American and Canadian companies from their UK parent, whose Luxembourg-incorporated parent was listed as an "associated entity" to an EU designated individual. (EU sanctions, US Sanctions, UK sanctions, Canada sanctions).
35. Advised the Indian subsidiary of an EU company on applicability of trade-related sanctions to a contract for the supply of Russian coal (EU sanctions; Indian law).
36. Assisted with the advisory for a Nordic company on the applicability of trade-related sanctions to a contract with a Russian company for the supply of chemical fertilizers (EU sanctions).