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Helene Gogadze is a special counsel in the Business Trial Practice Group and a member of the firm's International Arbitration Team in the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

Areas of Practice

Helene's practice focuses on international commercial and investment arbitration and commercial litigation. She advises and represents clients in commercial and investment arbitration disputes, including disputes involving state governments and state-owned entities, and in actions before national courts in relation to arbitration proceedings.

Helene represents clients in international arbitration matters such as in the oil and gas, energy, construction, real estate and aerospace and defense industries, among others, and in disputes involving sovereign states and state entities. Some of her recent representations include:

- representing a large LNG producer and supplier in an ICDR arbitration in Texas in relation to its long-term U.S. LNG supply agreement;
- representing Thales Alenia Space France in an ICDR arbitration in New York brought by Globalstar Inc., a publicly traded company that operates a constellation of satellites;
- representing Total E&P Uganda B.V in an ICSID arbitration proceedings against the Government of Uganda under the Netherlands-Uganda Bilateral Investment Treaty and the contract;
- representing a large European aluminum company in an ICC arbitration in Zurich arising out of a long-term lease agreement;
- advising a large French company in connection with a potential ICSID claim against the Government of an African country under the Bilateral Investment Treaty over the company's oil exploration activities;
- advising a large energy company on a wide range of issues and disputes in the areas of feed gas supply, LNG quality, force majeure, shipping, engineering and construction, price reviews and other commercial matters;
- representing the Brazilian subsidiary of an Indian company in an ICC arbitration in Sao Paulo against the Brazilian subsidiary of a U.S. company arising out of a supply contract for aluminum products;
- representing a European aircraft systems manufacturer in an ICC arbitration regarding licensing and patent infringement disputes relating to night vision systems;
- representing a Russian-based entity in an ICC arbitration arising out of the dispute regarding the parties' ownership rights in a U.S. LPG company;

- advising a large French company in an ICC arbitration in Geneva against a South American company in a dispute over ownership of an ICSID claim against the government of a country in South America;
- advising a large energy company on force majeure and contract issues in relation to oil exploration and production operations in Yemen; and
- advising a large company in connection with a dispute regarding the provision of technical engineering and construction services and force majeure issues.

Helene has also been appointed and is serving as an arbitrator. She is a member of the roster of arbitrators at the American Arbitration Association, the International Centre for Dispute Resolution and the Georgian International Arbitration Centre.

Helene is a lecturer at the International Law Institute, where she regularly teaches courses and conducts trainings on international investment and commercial arbitration as part of various programs for foreign government officials, investors and lawyers. She also speaks at international arbitration conferences and regularly publishes articles on a variety of international investment and commercial arbitration issues. Helene was an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, where she taught international arbitration.

Honors

Future Leader, *Who's Who Legal and Global Arbitration Review*, 2021-2022

Ones to Watch – Alternate Dispute Resolution, *Best Lawyers*, 2021-2024

Washington, D.C. Rising Star, *Super Lawyers*, 2016-2021

Articles

- Georgia - Chapter on Arbitration
Global Arbitration Review, European Arbitration Review 2019, 11.2018
- Georgia - Chapter on Arbitration
Global Arbitration Review, European Arbitration Review 2018, 11.2017
- Georgia - Chapter on Arbitration
Global Arbitration Review, European Arbitration Review 2017, 11.2016
- Spotlight On India's New Investment Treaty Initiative
Law360, 02.19.2016
- Rare Investor-State Arbitration Finding on Bankruptcy Decision
New York Law Journal, 01.19.2016
- Georgia's National Procurement System: The Competition Mandate and Dispute Resolution Mechanism in Practice
ABA, Year in Review, Vol. 50, 2016
- Oman Held Not Liable for Actions of State-Owned Enterprise
New York Law Journal, 12.04.2015
- English Court Removes Arbitrator For Lack of Impartiality, Points Out His Tone And Intemperate Language
Mealey's International Arbitration Report, 04.01.2015

- The English Examine Multiple Dispute Resolution Clauses
Law360, 03.20.2015
- Abusive Reorganization of Investments To Obtain International Treaty Benefits
New York Law Journal, 02.11.2015
- Finding of Arbitrator's "Evident Partiality" And Interlocutory Judicial Removal of Arbitrator: The Ninth Circuit of Appeals Disapproves Both
Mealey's International Arbitration Report, 02.2015
- U.S. Supreme Court Holds that An Arbitral Tribunal's Decision on Precondition to Arbitration is Entitled to Deference
International Arbitration Law Review (Vol. 17, Issue 3, 2014), 08.01.2014
- Challenging the Validity and Enforceability of Arbitral Awards is a Risky Endeavor: US Court Warn That Parties and Counsel Risk Cost and Sanctions
Mealey's International Arbitration Report, 01.2014
- Laos' Challenge to Arbitration Award Highlights Complexities in Enforcement
New York Law Journal, 05.30.2013
- Looking to Enforce a Foreign Arbitral Award in the United States? Do Not Forget About Personal Jurisdiction
Mealey's International Arbitration Report, 05.29.2013
- Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Resolves a Disputed Issue of Law- U.S. Discovery is Available in Private International Commercial Arbitration Proceedings
Mealey's International Arbitration Report, 01.30.2013

Speaking Engagements

Panelist, "Tenth Annual GIAC Arbitration Days," Georgian International Arbitration Centre (GIAC), Tbilisi, Georgia, Oct. 11-13, 2023

Lecturer, "Advanced Arbitration and Mediation Course," International Law Institute (ILI), Washington, D.C. Nov. 6-7, 2022

Trainer, "International Arbitration and Mediation Seminar," ILI, Washington, D.C., May 27, 2022

Lecturer, "International Arbitration Course," ILI, Washington, D.C., Dec. 7-9, 2021

Lecturer, "Advanced Arbitration and Mediation Seminar," Arbitration Agreement, ILI, Washington, D.C., November 1-12, 2021

Lecturer, "Advanced Arbitration and Mediation Seminar," Arbitration Procedure, ILI, Washington, D.C., November 4-19, 2019

Panelist and Speaker, "Sixth Annual GIAC Arbitration Days, Role of Dispute Resolution in State Economy," Georgian International Centre (GIAC), Tbilisi, Georgia, Oct. 9-12, 2019

Lecturer, "International Investment Treaties and Investor-State Arbitration Seminar," ILI, Washington, D.C., Dec. 4, 2018

Panelist and Speaker, "Fifth Annual GIAC Arbitration Days, New Era in Dispute Resolution," Georgian International Centre (GIAC), Tbilisi, Georgia, Oct. 4-5, 2018

Panelist and Speaker, "Fourth Annual GIAC Arbitration Days, Friends and Enemies of Arbitration," Georgian International Arbitration Centre (GIAC), Tbilisi, Georgia, Oct. 2-3, 2017

Lecturer, "Arbitration and Meditation Seminar," ILI, Washington, D.C., May 24, 2018

Panelist and Speaker, "Eleventh Annual Investment Treaty Arbitration Conference - Technology, IP and Investor-State Arbitration," Juris Conferences LLC, Washington, D.C., April 25, 2017

Panelist and Speaker, "International Arbitration Conference," Istanbul Bilgi University & International Law Institute Istanbul Branch, Istanbul, Turkey, March 10-12, 2016

Lecturer, "Advanced Arbitration and Mediation Seminar," ILI, Washington, D.C., Nov. 16, 2016

Organizer and Moderator, "DC Women in International Arbitration Event," Washington, D.C., Oct. 18, 2016

Lecturer, "Arbitration and Meditation Seminar," ILI, Washington, D.C., May 30, 2016

Events

GIAC Arbitration Days
Investment Protection and Dispute Settlement - Recent Development
Tbilisi, Georgia, 10.12.2023

Memberships

Georgian International Arbitration Centre.
Member, New York International Arbitration Center
Member, International Bar Association
Member, American Bar Association
Member, New York State Bar Association

Practices

International Arbitration
Litigation
International Arbitration

Industries

Aerospace & Defense
Construction

Energy, Infrastructure and Project Finance
Government Business

Education

J.D., Catholic University of America, 2009, summa cum laude

M.A., Miami University, 2003

B.A., Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University, 2001, summa cum laude

Law Diploma, Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University, 2001

Admissions

District of Columbia

New York

Languages

Georgian