

Dr. Cosmin Vasile, FCI Arb

**Attorney at Law,
Managing Partner, Zamfirescu Racoți Vasile &
Partners SCA**

Professional Experience



Dr. Cosmin Vasile is managing partner of Zamfirescu Racoți Vasile & Partners and head of the firm's Arbitration Practice Group. He has extensive experience of more than 20 years in handling cross-border disputes and boasts already an outstanding track-record of around 100 international arbitration proceedings as counsel and arbitrator conducted under various laws and sets of arbitration rules, including ICC,

LCIA, CAM, SCC, VIAC, UNCITRAL, ICSID and CICA.

Cosmin has successfully coordinated an impressive number of significant and mission critical disputes for his clients, often in the glare of media attention. Winning groundbreaking awards for his clients in Romania has brought him international recognition and a well-deserved place among the best arbitration practitioners worldwide, being held in esteem for his work as a counsel. As one of the leading experts in construction, capital markets, privatization and energy arbitrations in Romania, Cosmin is called upon to provide legal counsel to both government institutions and private companies.

Cosmin is one of the top Romanian lawyers with significant experience in investment arbitration, having advised both on high-profile ICSID and *ad-hoc* investor-state arbitrations. He helps clients in a variety of industries including energy, infrastructure and financial services and is valued for his in-depth knowledge of procedural rules, investment arbitration case law, public international law, and investment treaty interpretation.

Outside these areas of specialization, Cosmin has acted in cases concerning a wide range of commercial contracts in various industry sectors. Cosmin regularly sits as arbitrator in domestic and international proceedings. Since 2011, he has joined the group of arbitrators of the Bucharest Court of International Commercial Arbitration attached to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania. Since 2015, he is a Member of the Court College in the same institution.

In court, Cosmin has an impressive record, being popular among major domestic and international corporations for advice in high-profile commercial, administrative-contentious, public procurement

Admission to bar:

2001 – present
Bucharest Bar

National Association of the
Romanian Bars

Work experience:

2013 – present
Zamfirescu Racoți Vasile & Partners
Managing Partner

January 2007 – present
Zamfirescu Racoți Vasile &
Partners,
Partner

January 2004 – January 2007
Calin Zamfirescu & Associates,
Senior Associate

2002-January 2004
Calin Zamfirescu & Associates,
Associate

June 2022 – June 2028
International Centre for Settlement
of Investment Disputes (ICSID),
Arbitrator and Conciliator

May 2021 – April 2026
China International Economic and
Trade Arbitration Commission
(CIETAC), *Arbitrator*

January 2022 – present
International Bar Association,
Arbitration Committee, *Secretary*

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and capital markets disputes. During the last years, he has focused on cross-border litigations, international private law matters and a wide range of commercial disputes in various industry sectors, such as construction, energy, privatization, M&A. Cosmin also acts for a significant client roster in intellectual property matters, being a highly regarded IP litigator in both patent and trademarks.

In May 2021 Cosmin has been selected out of thousands of applicants to join the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) Panel of Arbitrators, for a five-year mandate, being one of the three Romanian arbitrators accepted to perform duty at this major Asian permanent arbitration institution.

Cosmin was the ICC YAF Regional Representative for the Europe and Russia chapter for the 2017–2019 mandate. From this position, he was responsible with the promotion and development of the dynamic global network of young arbitration talent.

He regularly speaks and publishes on topics related to arbitration and is a member of the Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Committees of the International Bar Association (IBA). He holds a doctorate degree from the University of Bucharest and defended his doctoral thesis on the topic “The Applicable Law in the Ad Hoc Commercial Arbitration” (2011). Cosmin is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London (FCI Arb) since 2012 and holds a diploma in International Arbitration from this institute. He has been awarded the Certificate of the ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy for Central and Eastern Europe and the Certificate of the International Academy for Arbitration Law (Paris).

Legal Specialization:

- Dispute resolution, Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Private International Law
- Intellectual Property
- Administrative Law & Public Procurement
- Commercial Law
- Investment arbitration

Areas of Expertise:

- Energy and environment disputes
- Privatization disputes

January 2020 – present
Institute for Transnational Arbitration, *Member of the Advisory Board*

January 2020 – December 2021
International Bar Association, Arbitration Committee, *Membership Officer*

2019 – present
The Alternative Banking Dispute Resolution Centre, *Conciliator*

March 2016 – present
International Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Committee, *Member*

December 2015 – present
The Court of International Commercial Arbitration attached to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania, *Member of the Court College*

April 2011 – present
The Court of International Commercial Arbitration attached to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania, *Arbitrator*

March 2017 – May 2019
ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (ICC YAF), *Regional representative, Europe & Russia chapter*

March 2016 – March 2018
International Bar Association, Mediation Committee, *Newsletter Editor*

2015 – 2019
The Bucharest Bar, *Member of the Disciplinary Committee*

March 2014 – March 2016
International Bar Association, Mediation Committee, *Website Officer*

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- Construction and engineering projects
- Real estate
- International sales of goods

Academic positions:

January 2020 - present

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Law, Course LL.M. in International Arbitration, *Visiting Professor*

2004 - present

National Institute for Professional Training of Lawyers, Bucharest, since 2004, Civil Procedure law, Arbitration Law, *Lecturer*

2011 – 2018

Dimitrie Cantemir University, Faculty of Law, Course: Civil Procedure Law, *Lecturer*

2001 – September 2011

Hyperion University, Faculty of Law, Bucharest, Course: Civil Procedure Law, *Assistant Professor*

Education and Professional Training

- 2020 – Harvard Business School, Boston, Massachusetts (Diploma Reimagining Strategy: Applying Design Thinking To Your Organization)
- 2016 – International Academy for Arbitration Law, Paris (Diploma)
- 2015 – ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy for Central and Eastern Europe (Certificate)
- 2012 – Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London (Certificate of Fellowship)
- 2012 – Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London (Diploma in International Arbitration)
- 2012 – Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London (Certificate

Languages:

Romanian (native), English (fluent)

Membership and Assignments in Professional Associations:

International Bar Association

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London
(Member, Fellow)

Young International Arbitration Group, Court of International Arbitration, London

ICC Young Arbitrators Forum

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of Membership)

- 2011 – Ph. D degree in Law, thesis defended: “The Applicable Law in the ad-hoc Commercial Arbitration”, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest
- 2004 – Post-graduate studies in Private Law, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Law (Diploma)
- 2003 – B.A. in Psychology and Pedagogy, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Psychology
- 2002 – LL.M. in Public Law, National School of Political and Administrative Studies
- 2001 – B.A. in Law, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Law

International Council for
Commercial Arbitration

International Arbitration Institute
(IAI Paris)

Dispute Resolution International
Board, IBA

The Alternative Banking Dispute
Resolution Centre

Credentials

- Cosmin Vasile has been **top ranked** in the practice area of Dispute Resolution during the last 16 years by the renowned legal directories Chambers & Partners and Legal 500.
- Cosmin has been identified by **Who’s Who Legal: Arbitration** since 2017 as one of the world’s best arbitration lawyers (Global Leader), being also the only Romanian lawyer highlighted by **Who’s Who Legal: Litigation** as one of the foremost litigators around the world.
- Cosmin is the receiver of the **Client Choice Award 2020: Litigation**, granted by Lexology and following nominations from corporate counsel, for providing excellent client care and quality of the service.
- He was distinguished in the **Who’s Who Legal 2017 Future Leaders in Arbitration edition** among the global top arbitration practitioners under the age of 45.
- Since 2016, the team coordinated by Cosmin Vasile is listed in the Global Arbitration Review 100 (**GAR 100**) – the leading international arbitration publication which selects the top-100 arbitration practices in the world and highlights the best lawyers who work on high profile arbitration projects.

WWL Arbitration (2021 ed.):

‘A leader in international arbitration in Romania.’

Legal 500 (2020 ed.):

‘Cosmin Vasile is the most talented litigator from the young generation, with astonishing results both in courts and in arbitration, with solid international experience.’,

Chambers & Partners (2020 ed.):

‘Cosmin Vasile is praised for his strategic approach and commercial awareness.’,

WWL Arbitration (2020 ed.):

‘Cosmin Vasile is a star in the arbitration market, say peers who note he is experienced and reliable, and has a great attitude.’

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Cosmin Vasile is also recommended by the following international publications: **Benchmark Litigation, Managing Intellectual Property, Best Lawyers, IP Stars, WTR 1000** (World Trademark Review) for his outstanding legal work in intellectual property.

Selected Publications

- *"ICCA International Handbook on Commercial Arbitration"*, National Report Romania, ISBN 9789065449672, co-author, ICCA & Kluwer Law International 2020, 2021
- *"Practitioner's Guidelines to the Rules of Arbitration of the Court of International Commercial Arbitration Attached to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania"*, co-editor, Wolters Kluwer 2020
- *"Construction Arbitration in Central and Eastern Europe: Contemporary Issues"*, co-editor, Wolters Kluwer 2019
- *"Challenge for Clarification of the Scope, Meaning and Application of an Arbitral Award"*, Co-authored with C. Cojocaru, published on 19 February 2016 on www.juridice.ro (the main online legal publication in Romania), published also in the Romanian Arbitration Journal;
- *"Admissibility of the Appeal against the Decisions to Reject the Action for Setting Aside an Arbitral Award"*, co-authored with Professor Viorel Mihai Ciobanu, published on 22 January 2016 on www.juridice.ro (the main online legal publication in Romania), republished on 12 February 2016 on www.universuljuridic.ro (the online legal publication of the publishing house Universul Juridic);
- *"Absolute Nullity of the Arbitral Convention Concluded without Notary Public Authentication. An Extravagance of the NCPC"*, co-authored with Violeta Saranciuc, published on 11 November 2013 on www.juridice.ro (the main online legal publication in Romania) and in the Romanian Arbitration Journal issue no. 4 (2014), volume 32, page 1;
- *"Arbitration in Romania"*, co-authored with V. Saranciuc published on 21 October 2015 on www.lexology.com, Lexology Navigator;
- *"Considerations on the Possibility to Enforce a Binding but not Final DAB Decision, through an Interim or Partial Arbitral Award, Analysed from the Perspective of the Romanian Law"*, co-authored with Professor Viorel Mihai Ciobanu, published in the Romanian Arbitration Journal issue no. 3 (2014), volume 31, page 1;
- *"A Survey regarding the Approach of the Romanian Courts to the Notion of Public Policy in the Context of Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards and in Proceedings for Setting Aside Arbitral Awards"*, co-authored with Violeta Saranciuc, published on 1 April 2016 on www.juridice.ro (the main online legal publication in Romania);
- *"New Arbitration Rules of the Bucharest Court of International Commercial Arbitration"*, co-authored with V. Saranciuc, published in December 2014 in the Practical Law Multi-Jurisdictional Guide 2014/2015;
- *"The Law Approving the Termination of the intra-EU Bilateral Investment Treaties: Premises, Status Quo and Perspectives"*, Universul Juridic Magazine no. 3/2017, co-authored with Violeta Saranciuc;
- *"Eyes on Romania as it Enacts a Law Approving the Termination of all Intra-EU Bilateral Investment Treaties"*, Young ICCA Blog, co-authored with Violeta Saranciuc.