



# Tbilisi Vis Pre-Moot Program Book

*10th Annual International Commercial  
Arbitration Competition*

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# Welcome Remarks

Dear distinguished students, coaches, and arbitrators,

It is our privilege to welcome you to the 10th Annual Tbilisi Vis Pre-Moot! To our colleagues outside of Georgia, we would love for you to be reading this message while boarding your flights to the beautiful city of Tbilisi, but this year's competition will be the virtual edition. While we are unable to invite you to Tbilisi this year, we hope to evoke the spirit of Georgia and the Caucasus during the program.

Since the competition will be held virtually, we have had the unique opportunity to invite universities from around the globe to compete against teams from the Caucasus. As you will read in the program book, this year's competition will be one of the most geographically diverse in the history of the Tbilisi Vis Pre-Moot with fourteen teams representing nine countries and three continents. We will also be joined by more than 50 arbitrators and legal professionals from around the world, who have committed their time to judging the competition.

The Tbilisi Vis Pre-Moot was launched ten years ago by Georgian Vis Moot alumni, who were striving to develop arbitration in Georgia and support the educational opportunities for law students in the Caucasus. As one of the first pre-moots of the cycle, the goal was to help teams develop confidence by testing their knowledge, arguments, and skills in a public setting. The Tbilisi Pre-Moot has since distinguished itself from other pre-moots by providing a unique learning environment for teams as they continue their preparation for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. This year will be no different.

Ultimately, our goal is to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences among participating students, coaches, and arbitrators, all of whom share a passion for international commercial law and arbitration. Therefore, we have planned an opening ceremony with a diverse set of speakers, and we have selected topics that will help prepare the teams for competing in this pre-moot and later competitions. We also have some social and cultural exercises planned so that the teams can interact virtually on a non-competitive level. We hope that all the teams will join us for the full program, which will be capped off with an award ceremony after the final round of the competition.

We truly believe that this is the best place to start the Vis Moot journey. Enjoy the pre-moot and best of luck in Vindobona!

Sincerely,

The Tbilisi Vis Pre-Moot Organizers





# About the Tbilisi Vis Pre-Moot

The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court was born out of the impression that both international commercial law and arbitration practice were underrepresented in legal education. Therefore, although the Moot is structured as a competition, it is primarily designed to be an educational tool that teaches advocacy skills and enables students to get to know unfamiliar fields of law.

The Tbilisi Vis Pre-Moot aims to reinforce the educational opportunity Vis Moot provides, in both the substantive knowledge of commercial law and arbitration and advocacy skills as it provides a dress rehearsal for the teams to practice their skills and arguments with other participants in front of experienced practitioners serving as arbitrators and to benefit from their constructive feedback.

The Tbilisi Pre-Moot also strives to be much more than an educational event. The competition and preceding opening ceremony serve as a platform for professional networking of practitioners and faculty from different parts of the world as well as for students to establish relationships with prominent lawyers and professors working in the fields of international commercial law and arbitration. As Professor Eric Bergsten, founder of Vis Moot, noted, these social contacts provide the “lubrication” that makes international commercial law function smoothly.

We very much hope that the mix of international spirit of the event and the enthusiasm of the Georgian students and commitments of participating arbitrators and legal professionals from Georgia and around the world will ensure that the Tbilisi Vis Pre-Moot is here to stay, allowing all participants to improve their skills and arguments in a friendly and professional atmosphere.

## Organizers & Sponsors

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tbilisi Vis Pre-Moot was organized by the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program, in cooperation with Arbitration Initiative Georgia, and is made possible through funding by the U.S. Department of State.

**The Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP)** provides technical assistance to the governments and private sectors of transitional countries to improve the legal environment for doing business, thereby fostering greater political stability and economic opportunity for local entrepreneurs and U.S. companies. CLDP’s technical assistance programming uses CLDP attorneys and subject-matter experts to provide legal capacity building for government officials, legal professionals, private sector representatives, and civil society organizations of developing countries.

CLDP has worked for many years with UNCITRAL and the Center for International Legal Education (CILE) at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law to organize regional Vis Pre-Moot competitions around the world. These competitions aim to prepare teams for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and support the development of





international commercial arbitration. Through these programs, CLDP has cultivated a collaborative network of arbitration specialists of over 300 students, lawyers, and judges from over 15 countries. Program graduates become recognized as part of a unique group of multi-lingual experts with practical legal experience in international commercial arbitration.

CLDP's support of the Tbilisi Vis Pre-Moot is one aspect of its work in Georgia and the Caucasus region. This program is truly significant for the Caucasus and the larger Europe-Eurasia region, because it not only promotes commercial arbitration, but also helps to build awareness around the importance of commerce and economic development and investment. In today's interconnected world with increased flows of commerce, drafting accurate contracts and effectively resolving disputes becomes more important than ever.

**Arbitration Initiative Georgia (AIG)** is a non-governmental organization established by the Georgian alumni of the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. Based on the initiative of young professionals and students, AIG aims to enhance and promote the field of alternative dispute resolution in Georgia. AIG's activities include convening international and local arbitration conferences and trainings, as well as preparation of publications in the field of alternative dispute resolution and commercial law. For more information about AIG please visit <http://www.arbitration.ge/>.



**Jaba Gvelebiani** is the Head of Legal Practice at KPMG Georgia. Before joining KPMG, Jaba worked at LPA Law Firm for 8 years. He holds a B.A. in Law from Tbilisi State University, an LL.M. in International Business Law from Central European University, and an MBA in Management from Business & Technologies University.

Jaba's academic experience includes teaching arbitration law at the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, teaching international commercial arbitration and international business transactions at the University of Georgia and teaching international business law at Ilia State University.

Jaba is the director of AIG and a member of the management board of the Georgian Association of Arbitrators.



**Teona Sesitashvili** graduated with honors from the LL.B. program of Tbilisi State University. She holds an LL.M. degree in Comparative Private and International Law from New Vision University (Georgia).

Teona was a participant of the 25<sup>th</sup> Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. She currently works in the Legal department of a leading IT company in Georgia.

Teona joined the Tbilisi Pre-Moot organizing team in 2019 and was a lead organizer of the 9<sup>th</sup> Tbilisi Vis Pre-Moot.





# Program Agenda

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

## Opening Ceremony

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM EST  
(17:00 - 17:30 GET/GMT+4)

### Opening Remarks

Jaba Gvelebiani, Director, Arbitration Initiative Georgia (AIG)

Skip Mark, Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Department of Commerce  
Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP)

Michael Honigstein, Political/Economic Counselor, U.S. Embassy in  
Tbilisi

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM EST  
(17:30 - 18:00 GET/GMT+4)

### Icebreaker - Intros & Around the World Tour

*Presenters:* Nicolette Mena, International Program Specialist, CLDP;  
Olivia Nejedlik, International Program Specialist, CLDP

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM EST  
(18:00 - 19:00 GET/GMT+4)

### The Tension Between Consent and Common Sense: Non-Signatories in International Commercial Arbitration

*Speaker:* Björn Arp, Fellow, Center on International Commercial  
Arbitration, American University Washington College of Law,  
Washington, D.C.

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM EST  
(19:00 - 19:30 GET/GMT+4)

### Vis Quiz!

*Presenter:* Kali Flemming, Law Clerk, CLDP

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM EST  
(19:30 - 20:00 GET/GMT+4)

### Everything I Wish I Had Known Before I Competed in the Vis Moot

*Speaker:* Drew Roberts, Attorney Advisor, CLDP

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM EST  
(20:00 - 20:30 GET/GMT+4)

### Legal and Practical Aspects of Remote Hearings

*Speaker:* Nata Ghibradze, Senior Associate, Hogan Lovells

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM EST  
(20:30 - 21:00 GET/GMT+4)

### Closing Remarks

*Speakers:* Skip Mark, Attorney-Advisor, CLDP; Jaba Gvelebiani,  
Director, AIG;

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

## Pre-Moot Pleadings, Day 1

7:00 AM – 8:45 AM EST  
(16:00 - 17:45 GET/GMT+4)

### Pre-Moot Pleadings – Day 1, General Round 1

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM EST  
(17:45 - 18:00 GET/GMT+4)

### Break

9:00 AM – 10:45 AM EST  
(18:00 - 19:45 GET/GMT+4)

### Pre-Moot Pleadings – Day 1, General Round 2





**Thursday, February 18, 2021**

**Pre-Moot Pleadings, Day 2**

7:00 AM – 8:45 AM EST  
(16:00 – 17:45 GET/GMT+4)

**Pre-Moot Pleadings – Day 2, General Round 1**

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM EST  
(17:45 – 18:00 GET/GMT+4)

**Break**

9:00 AM – 10:45 AM EST  
(18:00 – 19:45 GET/GMT+4)

**Pre-Moot Pleadings – Day 2, General Round 2**

10:45 AM – 11:45 PM EST  
(19:45 – 20:45 GET/GMT+4)

**Break**

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM EST  
(20:45 – 21:45 GET/GMT+4)

**Closing Ceremony**

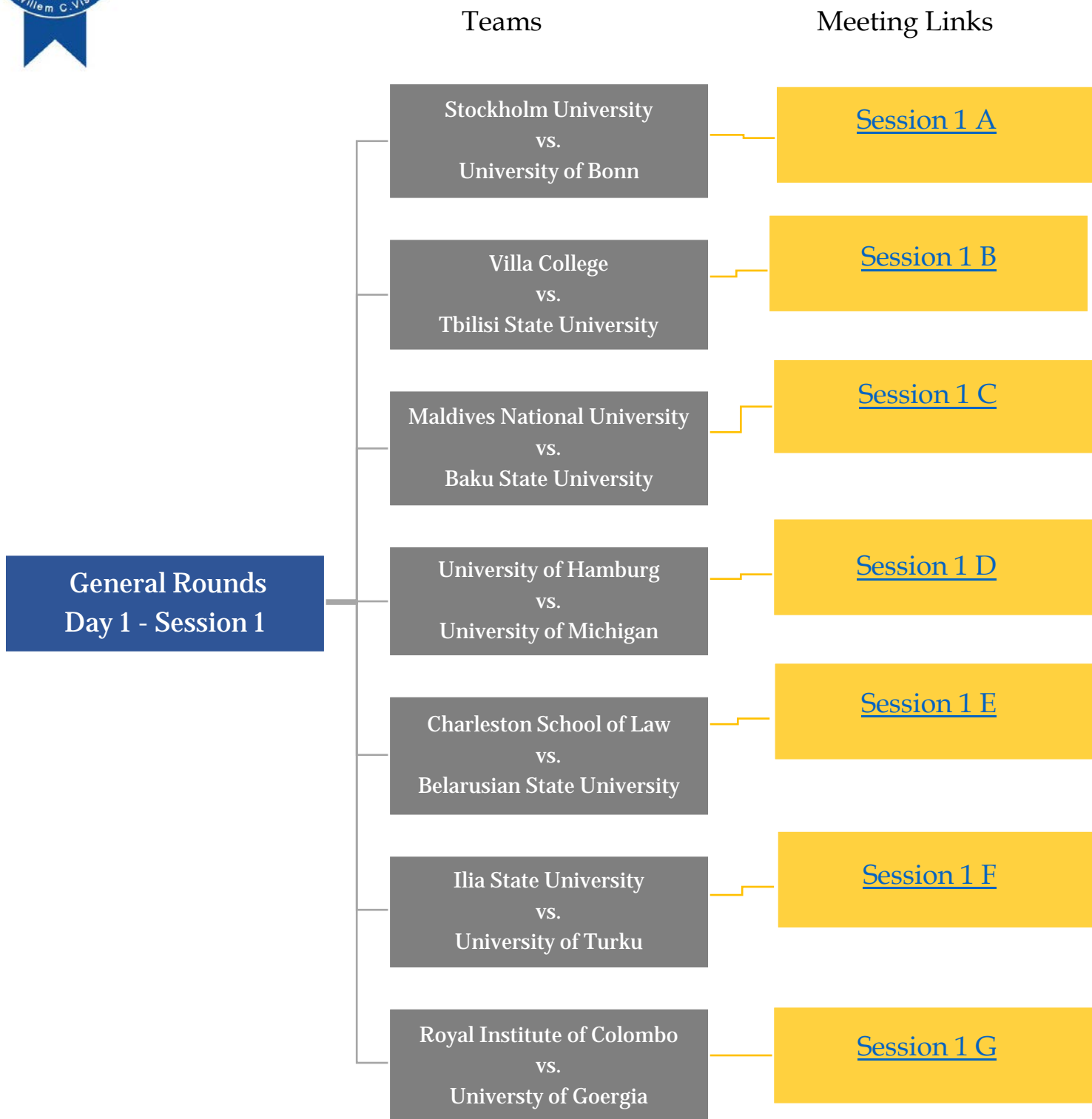
*Presenters:* Teona Sesitashvili, Tbilisi Pre-Moot Organizing Team  
Member, AIG; Skip Mark, Attorney-Advisor, CLDP







# Competition Matchups





# Competition Matchups

## General Rounds Day 1 - Session 2

### Teams

### Meeting Links

University of Bonn  
vs.  
Villa College

[Session 2 A](#)

Tbilisi State University  
vs.  
Charleston School of Law

[Session 2 B](#)

Baku State University  
vs.  
University of Hamburg

[Session 2 C](#)

Belarusian State University  
vs.  
Ilia State University

[Session 2 D](#)

University of Michigan  
vs.  
Royal Institute of Colombo

[Session 2 E](#)

University of Turku  
vs.  
Maldives National University

[Session 2 F](#)

University of Georgia  
vs.  
Stockholm University

[Session 2 G](#)







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## Teams

## Meeting Links

General Rounds  
Day 2 - Session 1

Belarusian State University  
vs.  
University of Turku

[Session 3 A](#)

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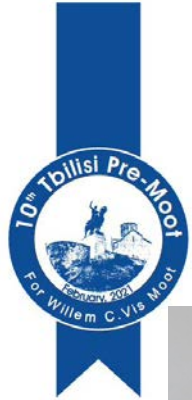


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General Rounds  
Day 2 - Session 2

Teams	Meeting Links
University of Turku vs. University of Bonn	<a href="#">Session 4 A</a>
Ilia State University vs. Royal Institute of Colombo	<a href="#">Session 4 B</a>
University of Georgia vs. Maldives National University	<a href="#">Session 4 C</a>
University of Hamburg vs. Stockholm University	<a href="#">Session 4 D</a>
University of Michigan vs. Tbilisi State University	<a href="#">Session 4 E</a>
Villa College vs. Charleston School of Law	<a href="#">Session 4 F</a>
Baku State University vs. Belarusian State University	<a href="#">Session 4 G</a>





# Baku State University



**Ruslan Mirzayev**  
Coach

Ruslan Mirzayev is an attorney qualified in New York and Azerbaijan and has extensive experience in international arbitration and alternative dispute resolution for more than 10 years. He has been included in the prestigious ranking International Arbitration Powerlist: Russia & CIS of Legal500.

Ruslan Mirzayev has also acted as arbitration and ADR expert at the Council of Europe, projects financed by the European Union and the World Bank, and before the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Ruslan has been teaching Alternative Dispute Resolution since 2008.



**Sona Abdullayeva**  
Team member

Sona Abdullayeva is a third year LLB student at Baku State University. Her scope of interests includes business and corporate law. She is a former participant of Levan Alexidze Moot Court Competition and domestic Topchubashov Arbitration Moot. She resides in Baku, Azerbaijan.



**Kanan Gayibov**  
Team member

Kanan Gayibov is a third year LLB student at Baku State University. He takes an interest in contract and business law. He previously participated in Levan Alexidze Moot Court Competition and domestic Topchubashov Arbitration Moot. He resides in Baku, Azerbaijan.



**Tofiga Jamalzade**  
Team member

Tofiga Jamalzade is a third year LLB student at Baku State University. She is currently interested in commercial and arbitration law. Apart from current competition, she participated in Levan Alexidze Moot Court Competition and domestic Topchubashov Arbitration Moot. She resides in Baku, Azerbaijan.





# Belarusian State University



**Belarusian State University (BSU) Team Coaches:** Aliaksei Vashkevich, Alexey Anischenko, Timour Sysouev, Anna Soltanowich, Kseniya Filipovich

**Hanna Daineka** (Team Member) – Unfortunately, BSU has been deprived of the opportunity to meet her in person, because Hanna is studying in Austria now. Nevertheless, she is successful at always staying on the same page as the team.

**Valeryia Zhyhadla** (Team Member) – This is Valeryia's second time participating in the Vis Moot and she is full of energy and motivation to do the best of her ability. She is a very organized and persistent person, who always helps the team to look at the case from the other point of view.

**Andrey Rutkovski** (Team Member) – Andrey is wise, quick-witted, and always attentive to details. Be careful with him when pleading because he is going to completely refute your position.

**Boris Kruglikov** (Team Member) – Boris is a true master of public speaking and a real specialist in the procedural part. Boris is confident and always dresses professionally, so you will never see him not looking his best!

**Darya Nejranovskaya** (Team Member) – At first, Darya may seem calm, however she knows everything about joinder and how to persuade the arbitral tribunal.

**Tatsiana Naumovich** (Team Member) – Tatsiana approached her work in writing the memoranda with attention and focus and is now 100% ready to plead the position of her client. Tatsiana is smart, well-organized and knows all the peculiarities of the applicability of the CISG.





# Charleston School of Law

Competing as the first team from the state of South Carolina to do so, the Charleston School of Law ("CSOL") joins the field of esteemed peer institutions in the international competition known as the Willem C. Vis Moot. As a new initiative at the school, the students have participated in guided study in international commercial arbitration since August 2020 and endeavor to establish the tradition of quality performance in international written & oral advocacy amongst the South Carolina student-legal community.



**Christopher M. Campbell**

Coach

Christopher Campbell is a former Vis Moot participant and practitioner in the field of international arbitration.



**Brent Clinkscale**

Coach

Brent Clinkscale is an arbitrator and experienced legal practitioner.



**Ret. Hon. Kristi Harrington**

Coach

Ret. Hon. Kristi Harrington is a retired member of the South Carolina Judiciary.







# Charleston School of Law



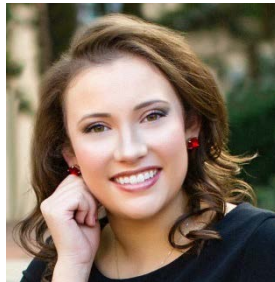
**Ms. Grace Glennan**  
Team Member



**Mr. Jonathan Gamble**  
Team member



**Ms. Talida Balaj**  
Team member



**Ms. Amy Soukas**  
Team Member



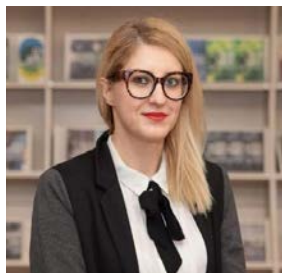
**Ms. Sara Posey**  
Team member







# Ilia State University



**Tinatin Goletiani**  
Coach

Tinatin Goletiani is a lawyer who specializes in international law. She has more than 15 years of professional experience working for the public sector as well as for international organizations covering issues of international Law and strengthening of democratic governance. Ms. Goletiani has held managerial positions in the Foreign Affairs and Justice Ministries, State Audit Office, Office of Public Defender and Office of Prosecutor General. Over the last three years, she has been consulting the Government of Georgia on the process of institutionalizing the regulatory impact assessment in the framework of the EU-funded project.

Ms. Goletiani has more that 10 years of academic experience teaching international law related subjects in Georgia and abroad. Since 2002, she has been actively engaged in raising awareness of international law moot court competitions among Georgian students and academia.



**Leli Mumladze**  
Coach

Leli Mumladze is a member of the Ilia University Moot Court Club Advisory Board and Coach of Ilia State University Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Team. Ms. Mumladze is a graduate of Tbilisi State University Law School and also has obtained a Master's degree in Private (Business) Law at Ilia State University.

Currently, Ms. Mumladze is working as a Legal Counsellor in the framework of the UN High Commissioner Project for Refugees "Protection and Strengthening of Refugees, Humanitarian Status and Asylum Seekers in Georgia", at NGO "Rights Georgia".



**Tengizi Mgebrishvili**  
Team member

Tengizi Mgebrishvili is currently studying at Ilia State University in the Private (Business) Law Master Program. He graduated from Ilia State University School of Law and since the beginning of his education has been an active student. He was involved in different activities and attended various public lectures and gatherings. Mr. Mgebrishvili worked as an intern for USAID Georgia's G4G Program for four months. After his internship, he studied at the University of Castilla-La Mancha for 6 months as an Erasmus exchange student. Furthermore, he also participates at the Civil Law Moot Court conducted by Ilia State University, where he was nominated as one of the finalists.





# Ilia State University



**Nino Kakhidze**

Team member

Nino Kakhidze is a student at Ilia State University, enrolled in the Private (Business) Law Master Program. Her biggest dream is to become a strong human rights protections attorney and study ice-skating. Ms. Kakhidze's hobbies are eating ice-cream and walking with friends.



**Mari Varsimashvili**

Team member

Mari Varsimashvili is a student in her final year at Ilia State University, enrolled in the Private (Business) Law Master Program. She is interested in conflict of laws. Ms. Varsimashvili's hobbies include reading and culinary arts.



# Maldives National University

The Maldives National University (“MNU”) was the first team to represent the Maldives in the 27<sup>th</sup> Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. They also received an honorable mention for the Respondents memorandum submitted to the 17<sup>th</sup> Willem C. Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Moot. MNU also participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> Middle East Pre-Moot in 2020.

**Maldives National University Team Coach:** Gaëlle Tribié



**Aishath Suma Ilyas**  
**Team member**

For the past two years, Ms. Ilyas has been working as a paralegal at SHC Lawyers LLP, a purely Commercial and Corporate law firm. Suma represented MNU at the 27<sup>th</sup> Willem C. Vis Moot, 17<sup>th</sup> Willem C. Vis (East) Moot and the 10<sup>th</sup> Middle East Pre-Moot. She has also worked with different NGO’s on projects such as the Diplomacy Talk Series Maldives Summit and the Enhancement Program for Women’s Leadership.



**Joozan Khaleel**  
**Team member**

Joozan Khaleel served the government for almost 5 years at the Tax authority as an Audit officer and at the Attorney General’s office as a Secretariat for the Civil Litigation Section. Ms. Khaleel is currently self-employed and consults small businesses on their tax and accounting affairs. She is also the Treasurer of the first NGO for Migrant workers in the Maldives. Her areas of interests include Commercial and Finance Law.





# Royal Institute of Colombo

Royal Institute of Colombo Team Coaches: Iranthi Walgama, Thiranya Abeyaratne, Daariya Azim



**Amani Raji** (right) is a second year LL.B. student at the Royal Institute of Colombo. Ms. Raji is an experienced mootie and debater, having participated at the Madhava Menon SAARC moot in India and multiple inter-school debate tournaments. She is very dedicated to her work, and a bit of a perfectionist. Ms. Raji has interned in the field of women's rights and has an interest in administrative and constitutional law.

**Amasha Samarasinghe** (left), a first time mootie, is in her second year at the Royal Institute of Colombo and hopes to specialise in the field of Commercial Law. Ms. Samarasinghe is an experienced debater, was an active delegate at the SLMUN, and has obtained her ATCL in speech and drama. She is the team "formatter" and on a typical day, you will find her sipping mandarin juice whilst whizzing through a 100-page memo like it is nothing.







# Stockholm University

**Stockholm University Team Coaches:** Patricia Shaughnessy, Fabricio Fortese, Miljana Bigovic



**Chloé Heydarian**  
Team member

Chloé Heydarian is an LL.M. candidate of the ICAL program from France. She has a Master's degree in Business Law and a Diploma in International Litigation. Her interest in arbitration and alternative dispute resolution sparked during her exchange in Germany. The strong position of Stockholm in the arbitration world is the reason why Ms. Heydarian wanted to study at Stockholm University. During her free time, she plays cello and enjoys reading novels. Since it is not possible to meet in Vienna this year, feel free to send her message and connect on LinkedIn.



**Vladyslav Bandrovsky**  
Team member

Vlad Bandrovsky is an arbitration LL.M. candidate at the University of Stockholm. Although currently based in Stockholm, he is originally from Ukraine where he obtained his Master's degree in Business Law. His Ukrainian master thesis on expropriation of foreign investments was inspired by his participation in Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot Court. He also has some experience working at law firms specializing in dispute resolution. In his free time, Mr. Bandrovsky plays saxophone and enjoys football.



**Amirreza Vahedi**  
Team member

Amirreza Vahedi is enrolled in the LL.M. program in International Commercial Arbitration Law at the University of Stockholm. He is originally from Iran and has another Master's degree in International Trade and Economic Law from the University of Tehran. He developed his interest in ADR mechanisms during his studies in Tehran when he participated for the first time in the Willem C. Vis moot competition. He also obtained practical experience through different internship programs and was the Safe Bana construction company's contract advisor in Iran. In his leisure time, Mr. Vahedi enjoys playing video games, reading, and learning ancient languages.





# Stockholm University



**Paavo Paukamainen**

Team member

Originally from Finland, now living in Sweden, Paavo Paukamainen is an LL.M. candidate in the International Commercial Arbitration Law program at Stockholm University. He also holds a law degree from Finland. His interest in dispute resolution, commercial law and business originates from the simple need to solve problems. Apart from dispute resolution related activities, he seeks solutions to different puzzles by pursuing projects as an entrepreneur and investor. He hopes that everyone has an enjoyable Vis experience. Since it is not possible to meet in Vienna this year, feel free to drop a message and connect on LinkedIn.



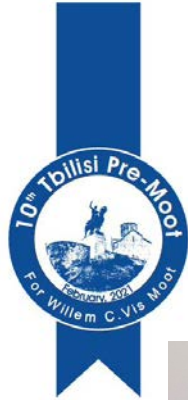
**Andreas Holst**

Team member

Andreas Holst studies at the Swedish Law Program at Stockholm University and has developed a genuine interest in international trade and dispute resolution. He is currently writing his master thesis on arbitration. His interest in international arbitration has resulted in him participating in the Willem C. Vis Moot, with a prospective goal to practice both arbitration and cross-border litigation. To achieve that, Mr. Holst is looking for an internship at a law firm and intends to pursue an LL.M. degree in arbitration. As the only team member from Sweden, Andreas feels responsible for hosting others in Stockholm.







# Tbilisi State University



**Nino Gotsireli**  
Coach

Ms. Gotsireli has served as an Associate at Business Legal Bureau (BLB) since November 2015. Prior to joining BLB, she gained professional experience by working at Dechert LLP, Tbilisi office. Her practice concentrates on general corporate law, project financing, secured loan transactions, M&A, Antitrust/Competition, and Intellectual Property. Legal 500 publication names her as a “future generation lawyer” and a “future generation partner”.



**Mariam Geguchadze**  
Co-Coach

Ms. Geguchadze received B.A. degree in Law with honours at the Tbilisi State University (TSU) in 2019. Currently, she is a Master student at TSU. Ms. Geguchadze is a former Vis-mootie having participated in 27<sup>th</sup> Vis Moot as a member of TSU team. She is currently employed at Justice League Law Firm as a Junior Associate.



**Nino Bichiashvili**  
Co-Coach

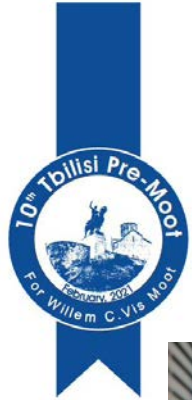
Ms. Bichiashvili received B.A. degree in Law with honours at the Tbilisi State University (TSU). She is currently pursuing an M.A. in Law at TSU. Ms. Bichiashvili is a former Vis-mootie having participated in 27<sup>th</sup> Vis Moot as a member of Tbilisi State University team. She is currently employed as a Junior Associate at J&T Consulting Law Firm.



**Tamar Tchipashvili**  
Team Member

Ms. Tchipashvili received a B.A. degree in Law at the Tbilisi State University (TSU). She is currently pursuing an MA in Private Law at TSU. She serves as a Chief Specialist at the European Union Law Department of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia. Prior to joining the department, she gained her experience in international private law by interning at the Department of Agreements Expertise and Court Representation of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia. Parallel to her studies, Ms. Tchipashvili has participated in various national and international courses and qualification programs. She has successfully completed an intensive course on Intellectual Property Law provided by the WIPO Academy.





# Tbilisi State University



**Giorgi Omiadze**  
Team Member

Mr. Omiadze received a B.A. degree in Law from the Tbilisi State University (TSU). Currently, he is enrolled in an LL.M program at TSU. Parallel to his studies, Mr. Giorgi completed an affiliated course in Copyright (Harvard Law School, the HarvardX and the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society & TSU Faculty of Law). Mr Omiadze has also interned at Tbilisi City Court and various law offices in Georgia. Currently, he is a Junior Associate at Law Office Full Legal Service FLS.



**Elizabet Kakabadze**  
Team Member

Ms. Kakabadze is an undergraduate Law student at Tbilisi State University. She has studied abroad at the University of Córdoba, completed an affiliated course in Copyright (Harvard Law School & TSU Faculty of Law) and completed an internship at Transparency International Georgia.

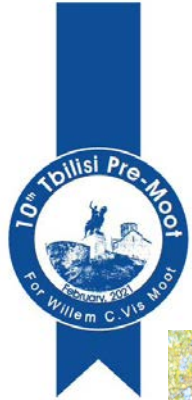
Ms. Kakabadze is also the holder of Academician Levan Aleksidze Scholarship.



**Tatia Turazashvili**  
Team Member

Ms. Turazashvili is a fourth-year B.A. student at Tbilisi State University. Alongside her studies, she completed an internship at My Lawyer Legal Clinic. Currently, she is interning at Prime Legal LLC. Ms. Turazashvili was also among the top 10 finalists at the World Asian Case Competition in 2020. She has served as the “Young European Ambassador” since 2016.





# University of Bonn



**Sophie Lilienthal**  
Coach

Ms. Lilienthal is studying law at the University of Bonn. Having completed her state exam in October 2019, she is now focusing on International and European public and economic law. She competed in the 23rd Vis Moot Court and was awarded Honourable Mentions for Claimant's and Respondent's Memoranda, for breaking into the top 64 Teams during the oral arguments and as an individual oralist. She was chairwoman of the Bonn Moot Association for three years.

In 2016, she participated in the Hans Soldan Moot Court and won the first prize in Mediation in the 2017 IBA-VIAC Mediation & Negotiation Competition. She works at a major law firm as a student assistant. She is employed at the Institute for German and International Civil Procedure Law.

**Antonia Vogt**  
Coach

Ms. Vogt studied law at the University of Bonn and completed her first state exam in December 2020. She participated in the 25th Willem C. Vis Moot Court, where the team reached the round of 16 and was awarded Honourable Mentions for both memoranda. In 2019, Ms. Vogt was awarded the first prize in a nationwide essay competition for an essay on the topic "Ownership of Machine-Generated Data". She works as a student assistant at a major law firm in the fields of IT and Data Protection Law. In her free time, she works with Weisser Ring, an organization which offers extensive support to victims of crime, and she is a member of the Bonn Moot Association. Ms. Vogt is currently employed as a Student Assistant at the Institute for German and International Civil Procedure Law of the University of Bonn.



**Valerie Dück**  
Team Member

Ms. Dück is 19 years old and studies law in her fifth semester at the University of Bonn. By working in the IP and Patent department of an internationally leading industrial packaging company, she discovered her interest for international relations and legal disputes. With her command of English, German, Russian, Spanish, and Norwegian, she is a strong legal communicator across international borders. She developed her negotiation skills early on in life competing at debate competitions and the Rotary Rhetorical Competition. Continuing to learn about legal disputes and negotiating, Ms. Dück attends various negotiation courses by the Bonn Negotiators and negotiations and mediation competitions in Delhi and Hamburg. In her free time, she enjoys reading, doing yoga, and singing.







# University of Bonn



**Fabienne Kreuzer**  
Team Member

Fabienne Kreuzer is 21 years old and studies Law in her third semester at the University of Bonn. Her interests span far beyond law: She finished her Bachelor of Music with the highest available score. Since her youth, she has successfully participated in several music related competitions and is excited to now gain invaluable experience taking part in the Vis Moot Team 2020/2021. She enjoys working on the team and meeting other participants and professionals. Fabienne has particular interest in private law that she developed doing in-depth research for her first term papers. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, playing music with her friends, and horseback riding.



**Anna Maria Liske**  
Team Member

Anna Maria Liske is 20 years old and is studying Law in her fifth semester at the University of Bonn. Last summer semester, she completed the Law and Economics program with the Bachelor of Laws. Throughout her studies, she attended lectures in Economics as well as Antitrust, Corporate and Commercial Law. In her academic career, she participated in various student exchanges to France and England and graduated with bilingual A-levels. In her spare time, she enjoys reading books, playing cello, cooking, and meeting up with friends.



**Rebecca Stein**  
Team Member

Rebecca Stein is 26 years old. As she is close to completing her first state exam, she contributes expertise and experience to the team's work. Apart from German and English, she speaks Swedish, Dutch, and passive Norwegian. Ms. Stein's passion for foreign languages has taken her to international language schools, which has helped her master intercultural communication. Her participation in the FFA program (a dedicated English language education for law students) and her time on a campaign team during a federal state election have taught her skills essential to a successful Moot Court. In her free time, Rebecca teaches the University of Bonn's acrobatic class and enjoys dancing, rowing, and hiking.





# University of Georgia



**Enveri Abuladze**  
Team Member

Enveri Abuladze graduated from the University of Georgia Faculty of Law in 2020 and received his bachelor's degree. Currently, he is studying for his LL.M. in International Business Law at the University of Georgia.

He has participated in various trainings and competitions on the national and international level. He was a member of the winning team of the 2019 INADR Mediate'19 International Mediation Competition in Bialystok, Poland; he participated in the 15th ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition in Paris, France; and participated in the 19th INADR International Mediation Competition in Chicago, Illinois, USA. In 2020, Mr. Abuladze co-coached the University of Georgia team in international mediation competitions organized by ADR ODR and INADR.



**Mari Sharadze**  
Team Member

After graduating from Caucasus University, Mari Sharadze became an International Business Law LL.M. student at the University of Georgia. The main field of her interest is related to commercial law and ADR. To this end, she has taken part in some national and international competitions.

Together with other team members, she participated in the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, advanced to the final eight in the ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition, was named first-place winner of Mediate'19 -International Mediation Competition, and received a special award at the INADR Chicago Tournament. She also has experience as a co-coach of the mediation team of the University of Georgia and as a judge of the INADR tournament.



# University of Georgia



## **Mariam Phirtskhalaishvili**

Team Member

Mariam Phirtskhalaishvili studies at the University of Georgia (LL.M). She has been actively involved in academic activities and is a winner of various moot court competitions. She was a member of the First-Place team at Mediate'19 International Mediation Competition held in Bialystok, Poland; was an Eight-finalist of the ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition held in Paris, France; was a member of the team winning Special Award for New Mediator Program at the INADR International Law School Mediation Tournament held in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Ms. Phirtskhalaishvili has been actively engaged in various conferences and legal projects since 2013. She won the Best Speaker Award at the national moot court competition organized by the National Center of Commercial Law in 2018 and the 77th scientific conference held by Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. She is also a winner of an essay competition conducted within EU Cultural Week held by the European Union and blogs competition in a nomination "Young Ombudsman" held by PH International.



## **Irakli Bitskinashvili**

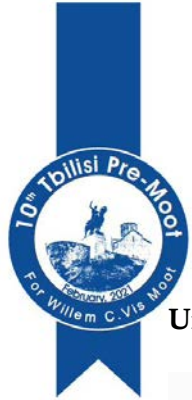
Team Member

Irakli Bitskinashvili is an International Business Law LL.M. student of the University of Georgia. Prior to his master studies he graduated from Caucasus University. Throughout his studies, he has been actively involved in extracurricular activities, such as debate tournaments, moot courts and conferences.

Mr. Bitskinashvili is a participant of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and has participated in various international mediation competitions. He has been nominated as Top Mediator in the INADR Vilnius International Mediation Competition, Mediate'19-International Mediation Competition held in Poland, and Labor Law Mediation Competition of Georgia. Additionally, his team took 1<sup>st</sup> Place for the Client/Advocate team at Mediate'19 and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in INADR Vilnius International Mediation Competition.







# University of Hamburg

**University of Hamburg Team Coaches:** Marlene Ostrop, Julian Richter, Melanie Manow



**Mimi Ostrop**  
Team Member

Mimi Ostrop completed her third semester of law studies last summer. When not studying, she works in a notary's office, spends her time doing yoga, or traveling to new places.

In addition to German and English, Ms. Ostrop speaks Chinese and a little Russian, French and Spanish. She decided to participate in the Vis Moot because she has a deep interest in expanding her legal perspective and working in an international and multi-cultural context. She is excited to be part of a great team and working towards a shared goal with like-minded peers.



**Verena Ernst**  
Team Member

Verena Ernst has been studying law at the University of Hamburg since October 2017 and is currently specializing in international private law. Alongside her studies, Ms. Ernst works in an international law firm that specializes in international business law and arbitration. Her interest on cross-border cases was awakened due to that job. She plays different kinds of sports but spends most of her free time in a dance school. She has been part of a dance crew for over eight years.

Feeling honoured to be a part of this year's team, Ms. Ernst is looking forward to improving her rhetorical skills, gaining further practical insights into international civil law and getting in touch with teams from all over the world.



**Florian Hoeps**  
Team Member

Florian Hoeps moved to Hamburg six years ago and is currently studying law in the 5<sup>th</sup> semester at the University of Hamburg. Besides his studies, he is working in the legal and compliance department of a bank and is active as a basketball referee. After the third semester, he spent half a year abroad in Sheffield, to improve his English and to gain insight into other legal systems.

With the Willem C. Vis Moot, he is pleased to have the opportunity, to represent the University of Hamburg in an exciting competition. Especially, to solve an exciting case together with his team and to meet students from all over the world





# University of Hamburg



**Pierre Hüseler**  
Team Member

Pierre Hüseler is currently in his 8<sup>th</sup> semester of law studies with a focus on environmental and planning law. After graduating from high school, he took advantage of a stay abroad in Australia to improve his English skills. Additionally, he also speaks a little French and is politically active.

He decided to participate in the Willem C. Vis Moot to gain experience in the practical application of law outside of his studies. He also hopes to improve his rhetorical skills. Despite the COVID situation, he is very much looking forward to meeting other international students.



**Jonas Voigt**  
Team Member

Jonas Voigt studies law in his 4<sup>th</sup> semester at the law school of the University of Hamburg. Besides his studies, he works as a student assistant at the faculty of law and at a notary office. After his graduation, he spent three months in Sydney, Australia to strengthen his language skills in English. In his studies, Mr. Voigt developed an interest in the complex problems of the civil law.

By representing the University of Hamburg in the 28<sup>th</sup> Willem C. Vis Moot, he hopes to gain practical knowledge in international civil law and arbitration. Furthermore, he wants to expand his legal English skills and get in contact with law students from all

over the world.



**Emma Thomsen**  
Team Member

Emma Thomsen is currently starting her 7<sup>th</sup> semester of law studies at the University of Hamburg with a focus on commercial and company law. Besides her studies, she is involved with work at a junior enterprise. After school, she volunteered in the US and Canada for half a year.

Ms. Thomsen likes to spend her spare time on the back of a horse with her vaulting team. She is excited to be part of this year's Vis Moot team and to rise to this unique challenge together.





# University of Michigan

The University of Michigan Vis International Arbitration Moot Court team has years of experience participating in the competition. The team is comprised of Team Captains Seve Kale and Evan Mulbry. Supporting them are Cheyenne Kleinberg, Taylor Wilson, Tyler Loveall, and Caroline Chen.

**University of Michigan Team Coach:** Travis Gonyou



**Ms. Seve Kale**  
Team Captain



**Mr. Evan Mulbry**  
Team Captain



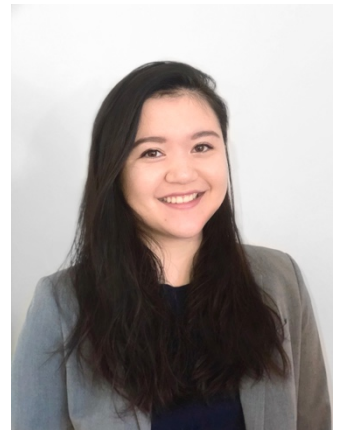
**Mr. Tyler Loveall**  
Team Member



**Ms. Caroline Chen**  
Team Member



**Mr. Taylor Wilson**  
Team Member



**Ms. Cheyenne Kleinberg**  
Team Member







# University of Turku

University of Turkey Team Coaches: Mr. Lauri Heiskanen, Mr. Kalle Lipsanane



**Jukka Heinemaa**

Team Member

Jukka Heinemaa is a third-year law student at the University of Turku, Finland. Mr. Heinemaa is especially interested in IPR, and he decided to participate in the Vis Moot to develop his language and communication skills.



**Pia Kemppinen**

Team Member

Pia Kemppinen is finalising her legal studies at the University of Turku, Finland. Prior to her legal studies, she has completed a MSc. in Electrical Engineering at Aalto University. She is passionate about international contract law, mergers and acquisitions, and everything AI related.



**Aleksi Komulainen**

Team Member

Aleksi Komulainen (LL.B.) is a fourth-year law student at the University of Turku, Finland. Mr. Komulainen is interested in pursuing a career in litigation and hopes that participating in the Vis Moot will improve his oratory skills. He is passionate about commercial law, and excited to develop and learn in an international environment.





# University of Turku



**Oona-Maria Kultti**

Team Member

Oona-Maria Kultti is a third-year law student at the University of Turku, Finland. She is especially interested in corporate, IPR and contract law. Ms. Kultti views the Vis Moot as an excellent opportunity to improve her argumentation skills and gain understanding on international arbitration. She is also interested in working in an international environment in the future.



**Annika Laakeristo**

Team Member

Annika Laakeristo is a third-year law student at the University of Turku, Finland. She is passionate about commercial law and was particularly excited about the IPR related topic of this year's competition. Ms. Laakeristo decided to participate in the Vis Moot to improve her writing and argumentation skills.



**Jalmari Männistö**

Team Member

Jalmari Männistö (LL.B.) is a fourth-year law student with a keen interest in technology and law. In his previous studies Mr. Männistö participated in various moot courts ranging from mediation to IPR-disputes. While he has experience working in the private sector, he is currently working for the Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority.



**Aapo Tapio**

Team Member

Aapo Tapio (LL.B.) is a fifth-year law student at the University of Turku, Finland. In addition to his legal studies, Mr. Tapio is pursuing a degree in economics at the Turku School of Economics. He is currently working as a senior legal trainee at Eversheds Sutherland Finland.





# Villa College

The Villa College Team consists of Aishath Lamya Aslam, Rasha Ahmed Shameem, Mohamed Raishan Moosa, and Mariyam Anna Shaheer. Villa College is excited to partake in the Vis East moot competition for the very first time and is humbled to have the opportunity to represent both their college and country in the Vis Platform. The team hopes to encourage more law students from their college to participate in mooting and showcase their talent.

**Villa College Team Coach:** Ms. D. Chirasthi M. Seneviratne



**Aishath Lamya Aslam**

Team Member

Aishath Lamya Aslam is 22 years old, living in Male', Maldives. She is currently working in the aviation industry for Island Aviation Svc Ltd. She is a third-year law student at Villa College. Ms. Aslam is passionate about helping others through her profession, and one day she hopes to be a successful criminal lawyer.



**Rasaa Ahmed Shameem**

Team Member

Rasaa Ahmed Shameem is a 24-year-old law student who finished her bachelor's degree in Shari'ah and Law at Villa College in 2020. She is passionate about criminal justice and wishes to pursue a career in the field. Ms. Shameem is looking forward to using the experience she will gain from the Vis East Moot in her future practice.



**Mohamed Raishan Moosa**

Team Member

Mohamed Raishan Moosa is a 24-year-old law student. He completed the final year of his LL.B. at Villa College in 2021. He is taking part in the Vis East Moot with the expectation of using this experience to gain a better understanding of the options available to him after graduation.



**Mariyam Anna Shaheer**

Team Member

Mariyam Anna Shaheer is a 22-year-old law student from Villa College Maldives. She is currently in her final year of law school. Ms. Shaheer is passionate about humanitarian work and intends to give back to society through her practice. She is excited about Vis East Moot and the challenging experience it offers.







# Thank You

The Tbilisi Vis Pre-Moot Organizers would like to acknowledge and thank all of the arbitrators who will volunteer their time for this year's competition. We would not be able to offer this competition without your commitment and support. We have listed all of this year's arbitrators below. Thank you!

We would also like to thank the Georgian Association of Arbitrators (GAA) and the Georgian International Arbitration Centre (GIAC) for their continued support of this program and would like to commend their efforts to promote and enhance international commercial arbitration in Georgia and the region.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tbilisi Vis Pre-Moot Arbitrators

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Gretta Walters  
Gvantsa Jishiashvili  
Hannes Ingwersen  
Jaba Gvelebiani  
Jurgita Petkute  
Kalle Lipsanen  
Ketevani Givishvili  
Keti Benashvili  
Kevin Burke  
Kevin Nash  
Krysta Smith  
Krystyna Khripkova  
Lasha Machavariani  
Lela Basilaia  
Leli Mumladze  
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