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Summary

Stevan is a Senior Partner and a founder of Dimitrijević and Partners. Stevan is registered as an Attorney at Law in both Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Serbia (Bar Association of the Republic of Srpska and Bar Association of Vojvodina - Serbia, respectively). Prior his Attorney at Law career, he gained an extensive experience practicing in the banking sector of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Greece. Total experience in regional business environment as of 1999.

He represents clients in complex litigation and arbitration cases. As a strong litigator with an extremely pragmatic approach, Stevan will lead you either to the final stage of any dispute or to practical settlement if that is the client's priority. Stevan also serves as an arbitrator with an experience in panels in Bosnia and Herzegovina but also internationally. His engagement as a counsel has included both commercial and investment arbitration cases, in different stages. During his career as a practicing attorney, Stevan has led a number of large-scale energy and infrastructure projects and numerous M&A deals, both related to inbound and outbound investments. Stevan is also a licensed mediator.

Education

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

- LL.B. – Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade, 1998.

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

- Faculty of Law, University of Banja Luka, 2020.
- Thesis: "Legal Position of the Multilateral Investment Court in the Law of the European Union"

Ph.D. Candidate – Private International Law and Investment Arbitration

- Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade, 2022 - present
- Focus: Protection of Foreign Investments, Procedural and Substantive Aspects
Dissertation Project: "Mediation in Investment Arbitration"

Professional Experience:

- 2016 – Dimitrijević & Partners, Law Firm – Founder/Senior Partner
- 2017 – 2022 Independent Member of the Supervisory Board of Sberbank Banja Luka
- 2006 – 2016 Karanović & Nikolić, Law Firm – Partner
- 2002 – 2006 NLB Razvojna Banka, Banja Luka – General Secretary
- 2001 – 2002 National Bank of Greece, Belgrade, Serbia – Compliance Officer
- 1999 – 2001 Agroprom Banka, Banja Luka – Lawyer

Drummer: founding member of Kanda, Kodža & Nebojša band, Belgrade, Serbia, (1990-1998)

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Stevan has been individually recognized as a "Leading Individual" in Commercial, Corporate, and M&A law by EMEA Legal 500 and has consistently been ranked in "Band 1" by Chambers and Partners Global Guide 2024. Stevan's areas of expertise include investment protection, dispute resolution before local courts and international arbitration; negotiation and mediation; M&A and general corporate advisory, especially in arrangements with foreign element; financial services; bankruptcy and competition. He advises clients in all aspects of legal structuring of their business in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in the region, as well as in cross border formations.

Industries: energy, infrastructure/construction, financial services, telecommunication and media.

Professional Membership

- Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bar Association
- International Bar Association (IBA) – Officer, International Trade in Legal Services Commission
- CIETAC – China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, Beijing, China – listed arbitrator
- Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration, China – listed arbitrator
- South China International Arbitration Center (Hong Kong) – listed arbitrator
- VIAC – Vienna International Arbitral Centre – listed arbitrator
- Chamber of Commerce of the Republic of Srpska – listed arbitrator and Member of the Presidency of the Foreign Trade Court of Arbitration
- Construction Dispute Resolution Center – ACES Serbia, listed arbitrator
- Association of Mediators in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Association of European Energy Consultants (AEEC)
- Association of Consulting Engineers of Serbia (ACES)
- European Cartel Damage Alliance (ECDA)
- Association for Arbitration Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Member of the Management Board
- Association for Arbitration Law of the Republic of Serbia
- ArbCEE - Arbitration Association of Central and Eastern Europe
- MAA – Moot Alumni Association – non-profit organization comprised of professionals who have a common interest in international trade law and arbitration (Vienna)
- MENSA - Bosnia and Herzegovina and international Association
- TRK Running Club & Banjaluka Marathon – Co-Founder
- Ski Club Starčevica, Banjaluka – Co-Founder

Languages

- Stevan speaks English, French, Greek, Slovenian, and Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian languages.

Publications

- Co-author of Chapter 5.3: 'State Mediation' in International Investment Law and Investor-State Dispute Settlement, Part 5 - Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), edited by Frank Emmert & Begaiym Esenkulova (2024).
- Strengthening the Capacity of State Institutions and Its Significance for Promoting Mediation in Investment Disputes (to be published in the upcoming issue of "Pravo i privreda" journal, Belgrade, Serbia, 2022/2023);
- Protection of Pre-Investment Activities – Analysis of the Current State in Selected International Investment Treaties and Arbitration Practice, co-author, Branič 2/2021, Belgrade 2021;
- Multilateral Investment Court and European Union Law – Legal Aspects, Master's Thesis, Faculty of Law, University of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2020;
- Public-Private Partnership – Legal Framework and Practice, Bar Association of Republika Srpska, 2013;
- Focus on Energy – regional publication on the topic of energy regulatory frameworks (Serbia (Kosovo), North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro), Miloš Vučković, Tanja Unguran, Stevan Dimitrijević et al. (eds.), Karanović & Nikolić Law Firm, Belgrade 2010;
- White Paper, Foreign Investors Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina, co-author, Sarajevo, 2010;
- Acquisition of Own Shares under the Current Companies Act in Relation to the Draft Companies Act in Preparation, Bar Association of Republika Srpska, 2010;
- New Company Law and Various Old Regulations and Practices, 5th Symposium on Corporate Governance in Republika Srpska, Banja Vrućica, 2010;
- Challenge and Annulment of Shareholders' Assembly Decisions in Joint Stock Companies, co-author, 4th Symposium on Corporate Governance in Republika Srpska, 2009;
- Doing Business in Bosnia and Herzegovina, co-author, 2008;
- Registration of Company Share Capital with Courts and the Central Securities Registry, Finrar 5/2005, Banja Luka 2005;
- Real Estate and Collateral Register as a Prerequisite for Mortgage Loans, Finrar 8/2004, Banja Luka 2004;
- Termination of Employment Contracts for Economic, Organizational, and Technical Reasons, Finrar 2/2004, Banja Luka 2004;
- Recognition of Court and Arbitral Decisions from Newly Established States in the Former Yugoslavia, Pravni život 12/2001, Belgrade 2001.

Choice of Relevant Expertise

Arbitration

- Representing a Serbian company in an ongoing arbitration before the Permanent Arbitration at the Chamber of Commerce of Serbia, in a dispute against a Hungarian company regarding the distribution of medical devices, with a claim of several million euros (2022 – ongoing).
- Acting as an arbitrator in an arbitration tribunal in a dispute concerning a foreign investment in the energy sector in Croatia, pursuant to the rules of the Vienna International Arbitration Centre – VIAC, applying Croatian law (breach of representations and warranties given in the purchase agreement) (2020-2021).
- Participated as an arbitrator in a contract termination lawsuit, mediation, and conciliation proceedings conducted by a three-member council under the rules of the Chamber of Commerce of Republika Srpska based in Banja Luka. Dispute was related to construction operations on the site of the thermal power plant in the Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina (2019).
- Successfully represented Bosnia and Herzegovina in an investment dispute between Indian investors and the state - Usha Industries. N. Aggarwal, N. Gupta v. Bosnia and Herzegovina, PCA Case No. 2018-03, arising from the India-Bosnia and Herzegovina Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (2017-2019).
- Represented multinational company Affidea in arbitration against the Government of Republika Srpska and the Health Insurance Fund, in a dispute regarding the construction of a radiotherapy center in Banja Luka (2016-2017).
- Successfully represented the Government of Republika Srpska in an arbitration dispute arising from the privatization of Telekom Srpske by Telekom Serbia; plaintiff Raiffeisen Investment Austria v. Government of Republika Srpska (2007-2009).

Protection of Foreign Investments

- Consultancy for Sberbank Europe AG Vienna – regarding the acquisition of control over two of their banks in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Consultancy for the China Development Bank regarding a project worth a total of 500 million EUR related to the Stanari Project - financing a concession project worth 240 million EUR for the construction of the Stanari thermal power plant in Dobož, Republika Srpska;
- Consultancy for Dongfang Electric Corporation Limited (DEC) regarding the Stanari project on legal and regulatory aspects of the 500 million EUR project for the construction of a thermal power plant in Dobož;
- Consultancy for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) together with Economic Consulting Associates Ltd. regarding ESCO projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Consultancy for Technor Energy Norway from Norway on the construction and operation of six hydroelectric power plants on the Bosna River in Republika Srpska (Cijevna concession project);
- Consultancy for Energy Eastern Europe Austria – ERS SHPP Bosnia and Herzegovina regarding small hydropower plant operations on the Sućeska River;
- Consultancy for HTG, a leading steel production company for power plants and other projects, regarding investment in a public-private partnership for the construction of a combined heat and power plant in Zenica.