

CURRICULUM VITAE



dr. János Katona

attorney-at-law, arbitrator, guest lecturer

Founding partner of the Kende, Molnár-Bíró, Katona Law Firm

Member of the Praesidium of the Hungarian Commercial Arbitration Court (Arbitration Court attached to the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry)

Arbitrator at:

- Court of Arbitration for Sport, Lausanne, CH
- Hungarian Commercial Arbitration Court, Budapest HU
- Hungarian Court of Arbitration for Sport, Budapest HU
- Shanghai International Arbitration Court, China
- Xiamen Arbitration Commission, China
- Shenyang Arbitration Commission, China

EDUCATION

- D.E.A. Droit Public (French Postgraduate Degree)
Université Aix Marseille III, Aix-en-Provence, France (1992)
- Law Degree (Doctorate)
JPTE Law School, Pécs, Hungary (1991)
- History-English Studies
JPTE Faculty of Arts, Pécs, Hungary (1987 - 1991)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Partner (1999 - Present)
Katona János Law Firm (Member of Kende, Molnár-Bíró Katona, Association of Law Firms)
- Senior Associate (1995 - 1999)
Gaál, Katona, Molnár - Gide Loyrette Nouel, Law Firm, Budapest
- Legal Advisor (1993 - 1995)
Ministry of International Economic Relations, Office for European Affairs

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Arbitration and Litigation
 - o Led the Hungarian legal team in major international investment arbitrations including in Washington and in the Hague:
 - Accession v. Hungary
 - Electrabel SA v. Hungary
 - EMMIS Ltd v. Hungary

- EDF SA v. Hungary
 - AES v. Hungary
 - Telenor SA v. Hungary
- o Counsel in commercial arbitration procedures in Hungary and internationally as a member of Kende, Molnár-Bíró, Katona Law Firm. Recent examples:
 - Representing Hungarian Public Transport Company against its German supplier (ICC - Budapest)
 - Representing Hungarian Road Construction Company against Romanian Road Authority (ICC Vienna - two procedures)
 - Representing Hungarian Road Construction Company against Congolese business partner (ICC - Paris)
- o Arbitrator in international commercial and sport-related cases
- Sports Law
 - o Providing ongoing legal counsel to a leading Hungarian sport club since 2011
 - o Advised the Hungarian Olympic Committee and Budapest city joint venture on Olympic Games application regulatory matters (2016-2017)
 - o Regular counsel to athletes and sport organizations at national and international levels

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Guest Lecturer, ELTE Budapest Law School
 - * EU Law (Regional Policy, Telecommunications, Energy) 2001 - 2007
 - * Public International Law (2008 - Present)
 - General Public International Law
 - International Economic Law

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 'A Friendly Preference? The Amicus Curiae Brief in the Nextera Case' (2024)
- 'Digitalization and arbitration. Virtual hearings and other information technology solutions' (2020)
- 'Investment claims. Investment treaty overview: Hungary' Oxford University Press (2017)
- 'The Role of EU Law in 'intra EU' ISDS under the ECT' (2015)
- Multiple publications on investment protection, EU law, and energy policy in Hungarian and English

LANGUAGES

- Hungarian
- English
- French