

## PROFILE

- Attorney at law
- Arbitrator
- Lecturer in Law
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb)
- Admitted to the New York and Paris Bars
- Registered in Hungary as "*European Community Lawyer*"
- Born: January 23, 1960
- Fluent in English and French; basic Hungarian

## EDUCATION

### **Columbia University, School of Law (New York)**

- LL.M. - graduated with honors 1994
- Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
  - Research assistant to Professor George Bermann
  - Editor of the Columbia Journal of Transnational Law
  - Lavoisier Fellow (merit scholarship)

### **University Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) School of Law (Paris)**

- LL.M. (DEA) in International Law under the direction of Professors Philippe Fouchard<sup>†</sup> and Pierre-Marie Dupuy - Graduated with honors 1992
- LL.B. (Maîtrise) in Civil Law - Graduated with honors 1991

## EXPERIENCE

### **2009 to Present**

Arbitrator and attorney at law in independent practice with focus on international commercial arbitration, sport arbitration and investment protection

Legal strategy advisor to individual entrepreneurs

Lecturer on international arbitration, investment protection, international commercial law and the law of international contracts

### **1995 - 2014: Szecskay Attorneys at Law - Budapest (Formerly Moquet Borde & Associés - Budapest)**

Focused on mergers and acquisitions, business transactions and international litigation  
Set-up, developed and led the firm's practice in international commercial arbitration and investment protection

2009 - 2014: Of Counsel

2002 - 2009: Partner, Senior Partner

1995 - 2002: Associate, Senior Associate

### **1994 - 1995 Moquet Borde & Associés - Paris**

Associate

## PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author: "Assessment of human influenza pandemic scenarios in Europe" Euro Surveillance 2015;20(7):pii=21038.  
Available online: <http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=21038>  
Napoli C, Fabiani M, Rizzo C, Barral M, Oxford J, Cohen JM, Niddam L, Goryński P, Pistol A, Lionis C, Briand S, Nicoll A, Penttinen P, Gauci C, Bounekkar A, Bonnevey S, Beresniak A.
- "Unilateral Arbitration Clauses" 1996 *The Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Law Journal* 147
- "L'arbitrabilité des punitive damages en droit américain" (Arbitrability of Punitive Damages in American Law) 1995 *Revue de l'arbitrage* 295
- "L'exécution des sentences arbitrales internationales aux États-Unis" (Enforcement of International Arbitral Awards in the United States) 1993 *Revue de l'arbitrage* 13-62.

## PANELS OF ARBITRATORS / MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of the Tribunal of the *Fédération Equestre Internationale* (FEI), the international governing body for equestrian sport
- Arbitrator with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)
- Arbitrator on the list of the Arbitration Court of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MKIK)
- Listed arbitration practitioner by the Vienna International Arbitration Center (VIAC)
- Listed in "*The Roster of International Arbitrators*" - Juris Publishing (edited by Hans Smit, Thomas E. Carbonneau, and Loukas Mistelis)
- Member of the *International Arbitration Institute*
- Former head of the *Regulatory Committee* of the American Chamber of Commerce in Hungary (AmCham Hungary)

## TEACHING, COACHING AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Approved Faculty Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Teaches the course on International Commercial Contracts to third-year students (B.A.) of the *Faculté du Commerce Extérieur de l'Ecole Supérieure des Etudes Economiques de Budapest* (BGF)
- Teaches the course on International Commercial Arbitration for the LL.M. in Transnational Commercial Practice of the Center for International Legal Studies (Salzburg) and Lazarski University (Warsaw)
- Courses, lectures and seminars on commercial arbitration and investment protection at the Eötvös Loránd (ELTE) and Pázmány universities in Budapest and at the University Paris Dauphine
- Arbitrator and Memorandum Judge at the annual Foreign Direct Investment Moot
- Arbitrator and Memorandum Judge at the annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition (Vienna). Ad-hoc coach and arbitrator for participating student teams in various moot court trainings
- Panel member in conferences on arbitration, investment protection, transparency and corporate governance
- Solicited to brief (informally) domestic and foreign businesses, diplomatic and political actors on transparency related issues

## **PRACTICE AREAS (SUMMARY)**

### Commercial and Investment Protection Dispute and Arbitration

- Arbitrator in institutional proceedings under the Rules of the Arbitration Court of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and in *ad hoc* proceedings under UNCITRAL Rules
- Advisor to Management and Board of Directors of mid-sized enterprises in investment related disputes; interfacing with outside law firms litigating, or anticipated to litigate, investment protection proceedings against a sovereign State
- Counsel in many commercial and investment protection disputes and arbitrations

### Corporate, Commercial, Domestic and Cross-border Transactions

Advising and representing clients in all aspects of corporate and commercial matters, including acquisitions, structuring of transactions, negotiations with business partners, strategy, tax optimization, efficient use of special purpose vehicles, relationship between shareholders, etc.

### Real Estate / Project Finance / Concessions / PPP / Public Procurement

- Advising various foreign public utility companies in negotiating and implementing concessions / PPP in Budapest and throughout Hungary
- Advising various clients, including a large hypermarket chain, in all aspects of their real estate development projects in Hungary (from commercial, contractual and tax points of view) including land acquisitions, construction of infrastructure, relationship with partners and third-party investors, leasing and commercialization

### Privatizations

Advised privatizing State and foreign investors in their bidding and acquisition of Hungarian and Romanian companies (energy, pharmaceuticals, distribution, tires and auto parts manufacturing, telecoms)

### Government and EU

- Advised the Ministry of Economic Development of Azerbaijan and its Investment Promotion Agency under an EU sponsored project for promoting and developing foreign direct investments in non-oil & gas sectors
- Advisor on legal and ethical issues to various EU-funded consortia in health-related projects