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Trade Law and Policy | Intellectual Property Law | Business Transactions | Investment law and policy | Political Communication and Government Relations | Energy Policy | Contract Drafting & Strategy

## Trade Lawyer / International Trade Lawyer/ Investment Lawyer

### Work Experience:

#### Researcher

American University, Washington College of Law

Washington DC  
July 2022 - Present

#### Researcher in International Trade Law, Professor Padideh Ala'i

- Conducting research on WTO reforms, particularly using plurilateral agreements, reforms proposal by countries and academics.
- Assisting with articles on related to economic geography, international trade and war, as well as learning the impact of trade disruption on international trade patterns and overall economic development. Assisting in producing advocacy materials to relevant audience.
- Assisting in research of international trade law initiatives and national-level trade regulatory proceedings.
- Following an integrated and interdisciplinary approach to each trade matter's legal, policy and economic aspects.
- Engaging in search by an 8-digit HTS Subheading to obtain information about a proposed or ongoing China Section 301-Tariff Actions and Exclusion process. Research on Section 337 investigations for IP rights holders protecting intellectual property.
- Collaborating with Women inside Trade and Development in contribution to the empowerment of women through its global network and professionals – working on programs on Europe, Middle East and Central Asia regions.
- Research on trade remedies, specifically focused on CVD - Attribution of subsidies among cross-owned affiliates, and Inflation Reduction Act

#### ➤ Article publication in International Investment Law, Professor Horacio Grigera Naón

- Working on article on "Dispute resolutions through International Arbitration at the Astana International Financial Center for foreign investors in the oil and gas industry in Kazakhstan."
- Providing alternative legislative tools and policy for investors on dispute resolution. Analyzing Judgements and Orders by AIFC Court
- Introducing the importance of the region on oil and gas industry. Learning the practice on AIFC International Arbitration Centre as an alternative to court litigation providing arbitration, mediation, and other dispute resolutions methods.

#### Legal Intern

Administrative Law Practice, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

New York, NY  
Jan 2022 – July 2022

- Provided in-depth research on various legal topics. Provided analysis on specific legal issues. Conducted legal review of draft legal instruments.
- Drafted various legal documents, including formal correspondence, charge letters, and litigation briefs.
- Analyzed investigation reports, highlighting factual or legal issues in a disciplinary process.

#### Political Officer

Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United States

Washington DC  
Jan 2018 – Jan 2022

- Collaborated with the U.S. Department of Labor on child labor, forced labor and human trafficking, coordinated collaboration with government organizations of Azerbaijan on reports such as Findings on the worst forms of child labor, list of goods produced by child labor of forced labor and List of Products produced by Forced or Indentured Child Labor.
- Organized the meetings between two governments on topics on labor rights and developing legislative and policy points in the reports.
- Participated in preparations on Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) regarding a hearing for country practice review whether Azerbaijan was meeting the eligibility criterion requiring country to afford its workers internationally recognized worker rights.
- Attended and assisted in organizing the events by the U.S.-Azerbaijan Chamber of Commerce (USACC)
- Conceptualized and organized a joint session with the USACC on "Bridging the gender gap through social entrepreneurship: progress and challenges," focusing on women's significant progress in social enterprises.
- Coordinated Embassy's work with the Department of State on human rights, researched and analyzed analytical reports.
- Communicated with State and local legislators, the Senate and the House of Representative, close work with the Congress offices, Congressmen/Congresswomen and Staffers, handled and responded to the requests addressed by them.
- Participated in hearings in the Congress and prepared reports and policy papers.
- Monitored the events, legislative and policy issues, and prepared strategy papers.
- Worked with think tanks and associations (for ex. Atlantic Council, The Heritage Foundation, AJC, AIPAC).

#### Foreign Officer (Attaché and Third Secretary)

Consular Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Baku, Azerbaijan  
March 2012 - Jan 2018

- Managed legal issues of the citizens living abroad
- Coordinated the relevant organizations on the issuing of passports for citizens of Azerbaijan living out of the country
- Studied one-month intensive program at Renmin University, China (visiting Beijing and Gansu province) on Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement, learned policy and legislative tools by member countries on implementation of the Agreement.
- Participated at Diplomatic Training Course for International Participants in the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia.
- Studied at Clingendael – the Netherlands Institute of International Relations for two months on comprehensive program on economic relations, future diplomacy, trained for negotiations and public diplomacy.

## Education

### American University Washington College of Law

Washington, DC

May 2022

- Master of Law (LL.M) | **Specialization:** International Business and Trade
- **Relevant Courses:** U.S. Business Law, International Trade Law, Global Disputes Practicum, U.S. Contracts Law, International Investment Law, Trade Remedies, International Business Transactions
- **Certification:** WTO & U.S. Trade Law And Policy Course (The Trade, Investment and Development Program)
- **Activities:** Member of Trade, Investment and Development Program; Business Law Society; Moot Court Competition, 2022 LL.M. Commercial & Investment Arbitration
- **Research:** “On the Court and International Arbitration at the Astana International Financial Center for foreign investors in the oil and gas industry in Kazakhstan”

### ADA University School of Public and International Affairs

Baku, Azerbaijan

May 2017

- Master of Public Policy
- **Relevant Courses:** Law and Public Affairs, Policy Analysis, Statistical Analysis, Criminal Law, Economics and Finance
- **Research Paper:** “The role of the EURAs (European Union Readmission Agreements) in the return of irregular immigrants through comparative perspectives on return policies of France, Germany, the Netherlands, and Sweden: Evidence from Azerbaijan.”

### Azerbaijan International University

Baku, Azerbaijan

June 2005

- Bachelor of International Law with Honors
- **Relevant Courses:** International Public and Private Law, International Economic Law, Law of International Organizations, Conflict resolutions, Comparative Civil Law, Comparative Criminal Law, Diplomatic Protocol
- **Activities:** Moot court competitions; a participant in the simulation game by NISA (NATO International School in Azerbaijan); a Law in practice teaching center by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

## Additional Information

### Technical Skills:

- **Languages:** English (Fluent), French (proficient), Russian (fluent), Turkish (fluent), Azerbaijan (native)
- **Database:** Westlaw, LexisNexis
- **Abilities:** Legal consultation/Analysis, Research, Compliance association, Public policy analysis, Legal project management, quotative research and analysis through STATA program
- **Expertise:** Legal Investigations, Litigation & Regulations, Legal Hold Notification Process, Legal Consultation & Analysis, Reporting & Compliance, Corporate Entities, Legal Writing & Documentation, Audit Readiness, Business Organizations, Global Regulatory Compliance, Corporate Governance, Public Policy, International Governance

### Selected Publications & Presentations

- Author and Editor of “[Glossary of political and legal terms for school children](#)” book, 253 pages (supported by GIZ and the Ministry of Education by Azerbaijan, distributed among the schools, published in 5000 units)
- Author/Editor of the “[Guide on Women’s Rights](#)” book, pages 204(supported by GIZ and State Committee on Family, Women and Children's Problems of Azerbaijan, first publishing 2500 units and republished twice, entered Presidential library)
- Author/Research paper on “The role of the EURAs (European Union Readmission Agreements) in the return of irregular immigrants through comparative perspectives on return policies of France, Germany, the Netherlands, and Sweden: Evidence from Azerbaijan.” This paper was included to the library of the State Migration Service of Azerbaijan as a unique topic.

### Honors & Awards

- **Grossman Scholarship Award:** For commitment to international public service and a significant impact on strengthening the international rule of law. (MAY 2022)
- **Diplomacy Award:** In appreciation of continuous efforts, dedication, and contributions to the work of the Embassy. (JAN 2022)
- **Scholarship:** By the Washington College of Law, International Legal Studies Program. (OCT 2020)

### Professional Affiliations

- Vice-president in Public Relations, Women’s Bar Association (2008-2011)
- Member, the Association of Women in International Trade (WIIT) (SEP 2022)

### Bar Admission

- New York Bar Exam (Pending)