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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON SCHOOL OF LAW, Akron, Ohio

Professor of Law, August 2024-present

Associate Professor of Law, August 2020–August 2024 (tenure awarded 2023)

Director of Faculty Research & Development, January 2021–present

Assistant Professor of Law, May 2018–August 2020

FORDHAM LAW SCHOOL, New York, New York

Executive Director, Fordham Corporate Law Center, 2016–2018

Adjunct Professor of Law, 2013–2018

Doctoral Fellow, 2011–2015

ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Research Fellow, 2007–2008

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY, Minsk, Belarus

Visiting Professor, Spring 2007

YANKA KUPALA STATE UNIVERSITY OF GRODNO, Grodno, Belarus

Visiting Professor, Fall 2003

BELARUSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY, Minsk, Belarus

Associate Professor of Law, 2001–2007

EDUCATION

FORDHAM LAW SCHOOL, New York, New York

Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.), 2016

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Master of Laws (LL.M.), 2009

Michigan Grotius Fellow

BELARUSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY, Minsk, Belarus

Ph.D. in Law, International and European Law, 2007

UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG, Hamburg, Germany

European Master in Law and Economics, *cum laude*, 2006

CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, Budapest, Hungary

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Business Law, *with merit*, 2003

BELARUSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY, Minsk, Belarus

J.D., *with excellence*, 2001

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review and Journal Articles

Beyond the Name and Nationality: Who Are the Claimants in Investment Arbitration?, 42 BERKELEY JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 1 (2024) (lead article)

Rebalancing International Investment Law, 57 THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER 121-47 (2024)

Enforcing Soft Law in International Investment Arbitration, 56 VANDERBILT JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW 1 (2023) (lead article)

Shareholder Claims for Reflective Loss: How International Investment Law Changes Corporate Law and Governance, 40 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 189 (2018)

The Right to Regulate in Investor-State Arbitration: Slicing and Dicing Regulatory Carve-Outs, 50 VANDERBILT JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW 355 (2017)

Arbitrating Antitrust Claims: From Suspicion to Trust, 48 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND POLITICS 867 (2016)

An Empirical Survey of International Commercial Arbitration Cases in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 1970–2014, 39 FORDHAM INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 307 (2015), with Thomas H. Lee

Law Articles in Foreign Languages

The Specifics and Relevance of the European Union Experience in the Field of Legal Regulation of Franchising, 4 INDUSTRIAL & TRADE LAW 65 (2005), published as Корзун В.Б. Специфика и возможности использования опыта Европейского Союза в сфере правового регулирования франчайзинга // Промышленно-торговое право.— 2005.— № 4.

Franchising in the Law of the European Union, 4 JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 8 (2005), published as Корзун В.Б. Франчайзинг в праве Европейского союза // Журн. междунар. права и междунар. отношений.— 2005.— № 4.

Legal Problems of Franchising Development in Belarus, 3(33) VESNIK OF YANKA KUPALA STATE UNIVERSITY OF GRODNO 82 (2005), published as Корзун В.Б. Правовые проблемы становления франчайзинга в Республике Беларусь // Весн. Гродзен. дзярж. ун-та імя Янкі Купалы, Сер. 1. Гуманітар. навукі.— 2005.— № 3 (№ 33).

Franchising: Its Essence, Problems and Legal Regulation, 4 BELARUSIAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 17 (2004), published as Корзун В.Б. Франчайзинг: сущность, проблемы, правовое регулирование // Белорус. журн. междунар. права и междунар. отношений.— 2004.— № 4.

Other Publications

Vera Korzun et al., *International Law Online: How Will the Pandemic Change the Practice of International Law?*, in PROCEEDINGS OF THE 115TH ANNUAL MEETING. RECONCEIVING INTERNATIONAL LAW: CREATIVITY IN TIMES OF CRISIS. AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. MARCH 24-26, 2021, 115 PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASIL ANNUAL MEETING 289-94 (Cambridge Univ. Press 2021).

International Arbitration and Domestic Antitrust: Natural Progression or Random Alliance? 1(1) COMPETITION POLICY INTERNATIONAL (CPI) ANTITRUST CHRONICLE – ARBITRATION & ANTITRUST 33 (July 2019) (*invited submission*)

Corporate Interest and the Right to Regulate in Investor-State Arbitration, in CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION: THE FORDHAM PAPERS 2015 (Arthur W. Rovine ed., 2017)

Belarus, in SOURCES OF STATE PRACTICE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW (Ralph F. Gaebler and Alison A. Shea eds., 2d ed. 2014)

Working Papers

- *Bifurcating Foreign Investor Protection*
- *Corporate Nationality, Foreign Investor Protection, and Public Interest*

COURSES AND SEMINARS TAUGHT

International Business Transactions, International Law, International Commercial Arbitration, Investor-State Arbitration, International Negotiations (experiential course), Conflict of Laws, Comparative Law, Partnership and Limited Liability Company Law, Contracts, UCC-Sales

LEGAL POSITIONS

UNITED NATIONS, New York, New York
Intern with the Office of Legal Affairs (OLA), August-December 2012

DANE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Madison, Wisconsin
Volunteer Attorney, September 2009–July 2010

EUROPEAN COMMISSION, DG FOR HEALTH AND CONSUMERS, Brussels, Belgium
Trainee - Unit B5 - Enforcement and European Consumer Centers, March 2008–July 2008

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Corporate Nationality, Foreign Investor Protection, and Public Interest

- 2024 Taipei International Conference on Arbitration and Mediation “*International Dispute Resolution in Evolution: The Technological and Legal Perspectives*,” co-hosted by the Asian Center for WTO & International Health Law and Policy

- (ACWH), College of Law, National Taiwan University, and the Chinese Arbitration Association (Taipei) (CAA), Oct. 29-30, 2024 (invited speaker)
- 2024 Roundtable in International Business Law, Brooklyn Law School, Sept. 27, 2024 (selected for presentation)
- National Business Law Scholars Conference, The University of California, Davis School of Law, June 24-25, 2024

Bifurcating Foreign Investor Protection

- 2023 Taipei International Conference on Arbitration and Mediation “*International Dispute Resolution and Development: The Technological and Economic Perspectives*,” co-hosted by the Asian Center for WTO & International Health Law and Policy (ACWH), College of Law, National Taiwan University, and the Chinese Arbitration Association (Taipei) (CAA), Oct. 24-25, 2023
- 2023 AALS ADR WIP Conference, Quinnipiac University School of Law & Yale Law School, Oct. 13-14, 2023
- Academic Forum on ISDS, Conference, University of Michigan Law School, Sept. 29-30, 2023
- National Business Law Scholars Conference, The University of Tennessee College of Law, June 15-16, 2023

Rebalancing International Investment Law

- ASIL Midwest Interest Group, 2023 Virtual Works-in-Progress Workshop, University of Saskatchewan College of Law, Feb. 10, 2023 (online)
- The University of Akron School of Law Faculty Scholarship Workshop, Apr. 12, 2022
- American Society of International Law (ASIL) 2021 Research Forum, Midyear Meeting, Nov. 11-12, 2021

Hearing the Non-Disputing Party: The Role of Comparative Law in Interpreting International Investment Treaties

- 2021 Annual Conference of the American Society of Comparative Law (ASCL) “Internationalizing Comparative Law”, hosted by the University of Wisconsin Law School, Oct. 21-22, 2021

Beyond the Name and Nationality: Who Are the Claimants in Investment Arbitration?

- Fordham Business Law Seminar, Fordham Law School, Jan. 30, 2023
- Virtual speaker series “Discovering New Voices in Dispute Resolution,” co-sponsored by the Dispute Resolution Works-in-Progress Consortium, hosted by the Marquette University Law School, Apr. 30, 2021
- ASIL Midwest Interest Group, 2020 Virtual Works in Progress Conference, UIC School of Law, Nov. 13, 2020

International Law Online: How Will the Pandemic Change the Practice of International Law?

- [Panel presentation](#) as part of the 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law (ASIL), March 24-26, 2021

The Paradox in Action: Enforcing Soft Law Instruments Through Investor-State Arbitration

- The 2020 ASIL IECLIG Biennial Conference “Designing International Economic Law: Challenges and Opportunities,” The University of Miami School of Law, Feb. 14–15, 2020
- Northeast Ohio Faculty Colloquium, CSU College of Law, Nov. 22, 2019
- American Society of International Law (ASIL) 2019 Research Forum, Midyear Meeting, Brooklyn Law School, Nov. 7–9, 2019
- Works-in-progress conference “*Comparative Law and International Dispute Resolution Processes*” (Oct. 17, 2019) held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Comparative Law (ASCL) at the University of Missouri School of Law (Oct. 18-19, 2019)
- University of Akron School of Law Faculty Scholarship Workshop, Oct. 10, 2019
- Second Annual Chicagoland Junior Scholars Conference, Loyola University Chicago, School of Law, Sep. 27, 2019
- 2019 ASIL Midwest Works-in-Progress Conference, UIC School of Law, Sep. 27, 2019

Shareholder Litigation by Contract: Empirical Evidence on Mandatory Arbitration Bylaws

- National Business Law Scholars Conference, The University of California, Berkeley School of Law, June 20–21, 2019

The Network of Global Corporate Investors: Who Are the Claimants?

- American Society of International Law (ASIL) 2018 Research Forum, Midyear Meeting, UCLA School of Law, Nov. 8–10, 2018
- Chicagoland Junior Scholars Works-in-Progress Conference, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Oct. 5, 2018
- National Business Law Scholars Conference, The University of Georgia Law School, June 21–22, 2018

Shareholder Claims for Reflective Loss: How International Investment Law Changes Corporate Law and Governance

- Commercial Law in Context lecture series hosted by the School of Law at the National University of Ireland (NUI) Galway, April 22, 2021
- Fourth Workshop on Comparative Business and Financial Law, ASCL, YCC, Fordham Law School, Feb. 2–3, 2018
- Faculty presentation, University of Akron School of Law, Oct. 31, 2017
- ASIL 2017 Research Forum, Midyear Meeting, Washington University School of Law, Oct. 26–28, 2017

- National Business Law Scholars Conference, The University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, June 8–9, 2017

The Right to Regulate in Investor-State Arbitration: Slicing and Dicing Regulatory Carve-Outs

- ASIL-MU Works-in-Progress Conference “Issues in International Dispute Resolution,” University of Missouri School of Law, Feb. 2–3, 2017

From Structural Changes to Tobacco Carve-Out: Seeking to Save ISDS and the Right to Regulate

- ASIL 2016 Research Forum, Midyear Meeting, University of Washington School of Law, Nov. 11–12, 2016

Arbitrating Antitrust Claims: From Suspicion to Trust

- National Business Law Scholars Conference, The University of Chicago Law School, June 23–24, 2016
- Fifth Annual Global Conference, ASCL, YCC, Tulane University Law School, March 18–19, 2016
- Second Workshop on Comparative Business and Financial Law, ASCL, YCC, UC Davis School of Law, Feb. 5–6, 2016

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement and Investor-State Disputes

- Panel discussion about the TPP hosted by the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA), Fordham Law School, Feb. 10, 2016 (invited speaker)

International Arbitrations, National Courts: Mapping and Navigating Border Crossings

- International Business Law Scholars’ Roundtable, Brooklyn Law School, Oct. 10, 2014

SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS

Finalist for the Outstanding Professor of the Year Award, 2023-24

The 2024 Thomas G. Byers Memorial Award for the Outstanding Faculty Scholarly Publication, University of Akron School of Law Alumni Association, for the article:

- Vera Korzun, *Enforcing Soft Law in International Investment Arbitration*, published as the lead article in Vol. 56 of the VANDERBILT JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW (2023)

Honorable Mention, Colin B. Picker Graduate Prize, American Society of Comparative Law (ASCL), Younger Comparativists Committee (YCC), 2016

Erasmus Mundus Fellowship, European Commission, 2005

Scholarship of the Hague Academy of International Law, 2003

UNIVERSITY & LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Member of the advisory board of the University of Akron’s Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) (2022–present)

Member of the Joint Exploratory Working Group regarding a potential Akron Law-CSU College of Law partnership (2020–22)

Member of Faculty Committees, University of Akron School of Law:

- Appointments Committee (2023–24, 2022–23, and 2021–22)
- Chair, Library Director Search Committee (Spring 2022)
- Summer Research Stipend Committee (2022 and 2021)
- Curriculum Committee (2018–present)
- Planning/Resources (2021–present)
- Alumni/Student Affairs (2019–20)
- Standards/Bylaws (2019–20)
- Library Committee (2018–19)

Director, Faculty Research and Development (FReD), University of Akron School of Law (since January 2021). Organize and hold faculty research workshops, scholarly events at the law school and in the region, prepare and distribute to the faculty and the University a monthly *FReD Newsletter* with news on faculty research, speaking engagements, service commitments, awards and recognition.

Coach of the Akron Law team, the 2024 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (2023-24)

Coach of the two Akron Law teams, ABA Law Student Division Negotiation Competition (2019–20)

Coach of Fordham Law LL.M. teams, Fifth and Fourth LL.M. International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competitions (Washington, D.C., April 7–8, 2016 and March 6–7, 2015)

Arbitrator Judge, ABA Law Student Division Regional Arbitration Competition (NYC, Nov. 16–17, 2013)

Member, Admissions Committee, Erasmus University Rotterdam, European Master Program in Law and Economics (EMLE) (2007–2008)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE

Member of the Organizing Committee, the Northeast Ohio Faculty Colloquium (NEOFC) hosted virtually by the CWRU School of Law (Jan. 19, 2024), the 2023 NEOFC hosted by the CSU College of Law (Apr. 7, 2023), and the 2022 NEOFC hosted virtually by the University of Akron School of Law (Jan. 21, 2022)

Presenter, 2020 Dispute Resolution Conference “*Civility & Solutions: Dispute Resolution in Today’s Courts*,” organized by the Supreme Court of Ohio, Dispute Resolution Section, Columbus, Ohio (March 10, 2020) (due to the pandemic, recorded and made available on [YouTube](#) as part of the Dispute Resolution podcast (Ep. 6) of the Supreme Court of Ohio Dispute Resolution Section)

American Society of International Law (ASIL)

- ASIL-Midwest Interest Group, Co-Chair (April 2021-March 2023), Vice Chair (April 2020-March 2021)
- Member of the Organizing Committee and Moderator, Ninth Annual Scholarly Works-in-Progress Workshop of the ASIL-Midwest Interest Group, hosted virtually by the

University of Saskatchewan College of Law (Feb. 10, 2023)

- Member of the Organizing Committee and Moderator, Eighth Annual Scholarly Works-in-Progress Conference of the ASIL-Midwest Interest Group, hosted virtually by the University of Akron School of Law (Jan. 28, 2022)

American Society of Comparative Law (ASCL)

- Editor, *American Journal of Comparative Law*
- Member, Finance Committee (since October 2022)
- Member of the Task Force on the development of the new website of the Society (2021)

Co-Chair (2020-22), Vice Chair (2019-20), Board Member (2018-22), Younger Comparativists Committee (YCC), American Society of Comparative Law (ASCL)

- Member, Organizing Committee, YCC Eleventh Annual Global Conference, hosted by Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, MA on Oct. 7–8, 2022
- Member, Organizing Committee, YCC Tenth Annual Conference, hosted by the University of Wisconsin Law School (Oct. 23, 2021) together with the 2021 Annual Conference of the American Society of Comparative Law
- Member, Organizing Committee, YCC Ninth Annual Conference (Oct. 16–17, 2020)
- Chair, Program Committee, YCC Fifth Workshop on Comparative Business and Financial Law, University of Akron School of Law, Akron, Ohio (Feb. 7–8, 2020)
- Member, Organizing Committee, YCC Eighth Annual Conference, McGill University Faculty of Law, Montreal, Québec, Canada (May 10–11, 2019)
- Member, Organizing Committee, YCC Fourth Workshop on Comparative Business and Financial Law, Fordham Law School (Feb. 2–3, 2018)

Association of American Law Schools (AALS)

- Member, Executive Committee, Section on Comparative Law (Jan. 2023-present)

American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA) (May 2024-present)

Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) (June 2024-present)

American Bar Association

Bar Admissions: New York (2010).