

Curriculum Vitae



PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE IN FIELD OF LAW

Dates

April 2009 onwards

Occupation or position held

Attorney at Law, Partner

Main activities and responsibilities

Provision of full range of the family law related legal services to national and international clients in civil cases in Lithuania, as well as cross border family law cases.

Since 22 of July 2013 included by the Lithuanian Bar Association in the list of advocates, specializing in child abduction cases and other cases related with the protection of the rights of the child, having an international element

Since 12 of August 2014 included in the list of court mediators (www.teismai.lt), specialization of the mediation – family conflicts.

Cooperation with VšĮ „Paramos vaikams centras“ (Children Support Centre) (www.pvc.lt) since October 31, 2012 and provision of advocate's legal assistance to the children and in other activities of the organization.

Name and address of employer

Professional Law Partnership “Vaiciunas&Vaiciunas”, V.Kudirkos str.4-1A, LT-03105 Vilnius, Lithuania; www.vaiciunas.lt

Type of business or sector

Law Firm

Dates

May 2016 onwards

Occupation or position held

Coordinator of Family Law Europe

Main activities and responsibilities

I am the idea owner, founder and coordinator of Family Law Europe network of independent specialist family lawyers, which covers 12 jurisdictions in Central and Eastern Europe. We are family law professionals in the Region, which include jurisdictions of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Belarus and Russia. We provide legal advice on all areas of family law in international and cross border family law matters

Name and address of employer

Family Law Europe – www.familylaweurope.com, a network of independent specialist family lawyers.

Dates

December 2014 onwards

Occupation or position held

Coordinator of Family Mediation project

Main activities and responsibilities	I am the idea owner, founder and coordinator of Family Mediation project. Law Firm „Vaičiūnas and Vaičiūnas“, Public Institution "Children Support Centre" (in Vilnius) and Public Institution "Institute of Family Relations" (in Kaunas) provides the specialized mediation services in legal disputes between family members. We assist the people in reaching their own decision on a settlement of the dispute in their private and family life.
Name and address of employer	Family Mediation project – www.seimosmediacija.lt , is a cooperation of independent service providers Law Firm „Vaičiūnas and Vaičiūnas" (www.vaiciunas.lt), Public Institution "Children Support Centre" (in Vilnius, www.pvc.lt) and Public Institution "Institute of Family Relations" (in Kaunas, www.ssinstitut.lt)
Dates	November 2014 – March 2016
Occupation or position held	Expert
Main activities and responsibilities	Participation in the Project “Early Recognition of the Alienation of the Relations between the Parents and the Children, Prevention and Intervention: a Model of the Complex Assistance to the Families in the Conflictual Divorce or Separation”. The project is funded by EEA Grants NGO Programme Lithuania 2009-2014. Main tasks: creation of the assistance model and giving the training for the specialists.
Name and address of employer	VšĮ „Paramos vaikams centras“ (Children Support Center) (www.pvc.lt) ir VšĮ „Šeimos santykių institutas“ (Family Relations Institute) (www.ssinstitut.lt)
Dates	January 2016
Occupation or position held	Internship, London family law firm
Main activities and responsibilities	Getting acquainted with system of law of United Kingdom, study and research of cross border and international family law cases, accompanying DawsonCornwell lawyers in English court hearings in family law matters.
Name and address of employer	Dawson Cornwell Solicitors, the Family Law Firm, 15 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4QT, United Kingdom, www.dawsoncornwell.com
Dates	February 2009 – March 2010
Occupation or position held	Academic researcher and Coordinator in the project “The perspectives of the Europeanization of the Law of Succession”
Main activities and responsibilities	As academic researcher, carrying out of comparative study of European jurisdictions, drafting model rules on succession law and preparing the extensive comments and explanations to the proposed set of rules on succession law. As Coordinator, provision of administrative support for the project from Vilnius University Law Faculty side, organizing and coordinating the events (meeting of research group, conference) of the project. The project included 6 group meetings in Warsaw, Vilnius and Riga, as well as three academic conferences at each city.
Name and address of employer	Vilnius University, Universiteto str. 3, LT-01513 Vilnius, Lithuania, www.vu.lt ; Project is co-financed by Directorate-General for Justice, Freedom and Security of the European Commission (project No JLS/CJ/2007-1/28-30-CE022255300-62), partners from School of Business Administration Turība (www.turiba.lv), Law Faculty of Vilnius University (www.tf.vu.lt) and Academy of Leon Kozminski (www.kozminski.edu.pl)
Type of business or sector	State University, Institution of Higher Education
Dates	January 2008 – February 2008
Occupation or position held	Internship, Oslo law firm
Main activities and responsibilities	Getting acquainted with Norwegian system of law, legal research of various issues in the EU Law and Comparative law area, drafting legal memos in various fields of law (company, commercial, labour law) observing and accompanying Kluge lawyers in preparing contract work and litigation.
Name and address of employer	KLUGE Advokatfirma DA, Støperigata 1, 0117 Oslo, Norway, www.kluge.no
Type of business or sector	Law Firm
Dates	October 2004 - October 2006
Occupation or position held	Assistant Attorney at Law (Candidate to the Bar), Associate Lawyer

Main activities and responsibilities	Provision of legal services in the area of commercial, contract and property law to national and international clients, litigation and performance of many of the attorney at law functions (with limitations established by the law). I have been drafting various types of legal documents (contracts, litigation documents, claims, memos, legal opinions, etc.), providing legal consultations to national and foreign clients, participating in the negotiations, as well as representing clients when having contacts with the state institutions and other legal entities. I also have been conducting cases at the state courts of the first instance.
Name and address of employer	Law Firm Foigt and partners / Regija Borenus, J.Jasinskio str. 16A, 8th floor, LT-01112 Vilnius, Lithuania; www.regija.lt
Type of business or sector	Law Firm
Dates	January 2005 - August 2006
Occupation or position held	Assistant at the Department of Civil Law and Civil Procedure at Law Faculty of Vilnius University
Main activities and responsibilities	Conducting of practical seminars on the subjects of Civil law and Property law, which were the part of lectures on the relevant legal subjects. During the seminars I had to guide the law students in solving cases, to explain uncertain issues of the material answering the questions of the students. Besides that working as the assistant at the university I have been consulting students on their semester theses and paper works. I also have been drafting the expertise findings regarding the evaluation of exams in case the students have been complaining about that to the appellate body of the faculty.
Name and address of employer	Vilnius University, Universiteto str. 3, LT-01503 Vilnius, Lithuania, www.vu.lt
Type of business or sector	State University, Institution of Higher Education
Dates	December 2002 - October 2004
Occupation or position held	Legal Consultant
Main activities and responsibilities	Various tasks and assignments when providing legal services to the clients. In the beginning I have assisted the lawyers in their cases; later on I gradually received the tasks, which I had to complete on my own. These included drafting memos, litigation documents, contracts and agreements, as well as providing to the clients of legal consultations. I have been serving both national and international clients. I also was responsible for the preparing of the Legislative Newsletter, which the Law Firm used to distribute to the clients and members of the public as a part of pro bono activities.
Name and address of employer	UAB "Regija Borenus", J.Jasinskio str. 16A 8 th floor, LT-01112 Vilnius, Lithuania.
Type of business or sector	Law Firm
Dates	September 2004 – January 2006
Occupation or position held	Lecturer
Main activities and responsibilities	Giving lectures for the full time and part time students on Commercial and Corporate Law and later carrying out the examinations of the students on the subject. Working with the audience of students always required to be dynamic, full of invention and well prepared to explain the material as well as to answer even the most unexpected questions of the students. It was also important to establish good interpersonal relations with students and positive working environment in the class.
Name and address of employer	VŠI "Vilniaus verslo kolegija" (Vilnius Business College), Kalvariju str. 125, LT-08221 Vilnius, Lithuania; www.kolegija.lt
Type of business or sector	Private College, Institution of Higher Education

EDUCATION

Dates	September 1999 – June 2004
Title of qualification awarded	Master of Law
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	I completed a five year Master of Law program with specialization of commercial law at Vilnius University. In addition to the legal subjects of the specialization (civil and civil procedure law, commercial law, law on business entities, property law, tort law, competition law, international commercial arbitration), I also have demonstrated a sound knowledge in constitutional law, administrative law, European Union law, criminal and criminal procedure law, public international law, private international law, philosophy of law.
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Vilnius University, Law Faculty; www.vu.lt, www.tf.vu.lt

Dates	October 2006 – October 2010
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	PhD studies and research (the degree has not been obtained). Title of the theses: “The Regulation of the Non-Marital Cohabitation in Lithuania”. Besides Family law, in the academic field I concentrated on Property law, Civil procedure law and Theory of Law.
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Vilnius University, Law Faculty; www.vu.lt , www.tf.vu.lt
Dates	February 2008 – August 2008
Title of qualification awarded	Scholarship, Erasmus Mundus Cooperation Window Lot 6
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	PhD research and comparative study in the field of Civil Law, Property Law, Family Law, Ukrainian Language
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv, Law Faculty, Kyiv, Ukraine; www.univ.kiev.ua , law.univ.kiev.ua .
Dates	July 2008
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	PhD research and comparative study in the field of Civil Law, Property Law, Family Law
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Institut Suisse de droit comparé (ISDC), Lausanne, Switzerland; www.isdc.ch
Dates	January 2008 – February 2008
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	PhD research and comparative study in the field of Civil Law, Property Law, Family Law
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway; www.ub.uio.no/english

PRESENTATIONS AND TRAININGS MADE

Dates	28 April 2016
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Presentation on “Recent development of mediation in Lithuania” at the International conference “Cross-Border Developments of Mediation to Foster European Wide Settlement of Disputes” at Turība University, Riga, Latvia. www.turiba.lv , http://mediation.turiba.lv/
Dates	2015 September - November.
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Lecturer together with Vsl “Children support centre” lecturer psychologist Ieva Daniunaite. Training for prosecutors, pretrial investigation officers and psychologists, topic „Specialized training for officers who carry out legal investigation in cases of sexual abuse against the children” and „Specialized training for psychologist who participate in the investigation of the sexual abuse cases against the children and who provide support for the abused children”, by invitation and cooperation with www.pvc.lt
Dates	2015 October
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Presentation on “Profession of Advocate. Work in Family law cases” and the meeting with the youth of foster care institution in Nemencine Vsl “Vaiku ir paauglių socialinis centras” (The children and adolescents social centre) in the project “To live in a family – you can learn it” (http://www.vpscentras.lt/)
Dates	30 April 2015
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Lecturer, workshop “Family mediation” for child rights protection professionals and participation at the international conference “Protect my Childhood” in Vilnius at Lithuanian Parliament, Lithuania. VšĮ “Paramos vaikams centras” (www.pvc.lt)
Dates	30-31 March 2015
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Lecturer together with Vsl “Family Relations Institute” lecturer psychologist Roma Šerkšnienė. Training for the interdisciplinary team of specialists in the project “Early Recognition of the Alienation of the Relations between the Parents and the Children, Prevention and Intervention: a Model of the Complex Assistance to the Families in the Conflictual Divorce or Separation, in Kaunas Lithuania (2 days, 16 academic hours). VšĮ “Šeimos Santykių Institutas” (www.ssinstitut.lt)
Dates	November 7, 2014
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Presentation on “Family legal disputes. The advocate’s point of view” to the law professionals of the business law firm SORAINEN (www.sorainen.com)

Dates	June 09, 2014
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Presentation on „Mediation in Family legal disputes“ and participated in the seminar „Protect my childhood“ for the specialist of the child rights protection specialist of Lithuanian municipalities in Vilnius at Vilnius city municipality. VŠĮ „Paramos vaikams centras“ (www.pvc.lt)
Dates	April 29, 2010
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Presentation to Lithuanian investors on topic “Legal Environment of Doing Business in Ukraine” at conference “Business Development: Economic Advantages of Russia and Ukraine” organized by Public Agency “Enterprise Lithuania” at the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Lithuania, www.businesslithuania.com
Dates	January 21, 2010
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Presentation to Polish academic staff and legal professionals on topic “Certificate of Succession: common instrument for common interest” during the conference “The Perspectives of Europeanization of Law of Succession. The Concept of Unified Rules on the European Law of Succession” organized by Kozminsky University (www.kozminski.edu.pl) in Warsaw, Poland
Dates	December 15, 2009
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Presentation to Lithuanian notaries and other legal professionals on topic “The Peculiarities of Succession Rights of Non – Marital Cohabitants” at Project Civil Justice conference “The perspectives of the Europeanization of the Law of Succession” organized by Law Faculty of Vilnius University.
Dates	November 12, 2008
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Presentation to Lithuanian investors (Business mission to Ukraine) on the topic “Legal Environment of Doing Business in Ukraine” in the event organized by Lithuanian Development Agency (www.lida.lt) at the Embassy of Lithuania to Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine.
Dates	April 16, 2008
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Presentation to Lithuanian investors on topic “Legal Environment of Doing Business in Ukraine”, conference “Ukraine – Business Opportunities for Lithuanian Companies” at the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Lithuania, organized by Lithuanian Development Agency, www.lida.lt
Dates	October 6, 2005
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Presentation to Lithuanian businessmen on topic “Making the Decision on the Form of Legal Entity” in the event organized by Vilnius Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts, www.chambers.lt, www.cci.lt

ATTENDED TRAININGS

Dates	November 2014 – March 2015
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Participation in I.S.C.R.A. srl training course “Family mediation” (120 academic hours). Lecturers: Mauro Mariotti, Fabio Bassoli, Cecilia Edelstein, Jimmy Ciliberto.
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	I.S.C.R.A. srl (www.iscra.institute.com) VŠĮ „Šeimos santykių institutas“ (www.ssinstitut.lt)
Dates	October 29-30, 2014
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Participation in the training „Child rights advocacy“, lecturer Jonathan Ellis
Name and type of organization providing education and training	VŠĮ „Paramos vaikams centras“ (www.pvc.lt) ir VŠĮ „Šeimos santykių institutas“ (http://www.ssinstitut.lt)
Dates	July 7-11, 2014
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Participation in the Summer Course on Mediation, ADR & ODR, in Trier, Germany
Name and type of organization providing education and training	European Academy of Law (ERA, www.era.int)
Dates	January 2014
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Mediation training, included in the list of mediators of Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists
Name and type of organization providing education and training	Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists (www.lpk.lt) and Šarūnas Mačiulis (www.derybucentras.lt, www.mediator.lt)

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ATTENDED

Dates	September 22-23, 2016
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Participation in the Annual Conference on European Family Law 2015 in Trier, Germany
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	European Academy of Law (ERA, www.era.int)
Dates	November 26-27, 2015
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Participation in the international conference "Introduction to EU Family Law", Berlin, Germany
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (www.iaml.org)
Dates	September 24-25, 2015
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Participation in the Annual Conference on Family Law 2015 in Trier, Germany
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	European Academy of Law (ERA, www.era.int)
Dates	16-17 September 2015
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Attended the international seminar „The Rights of the Child in Practice: Exploring a Multidisciplinary Approach to Child Friendly Justice in European Law“, Vilniuje
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	European Academy of Law (www.era.int), National Courts Administration (www.teismai.lt)
Dates	11 September 2015
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Attended the seminar „The Problems of Cross-Border Family Law Cases“, Vilnius (lecturer Janina Stripeikienė)
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	VšĮ „Profesijos tobulinimo centras“ (www.proftobcentras.lt/)
Dates	13-15 March 2015
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Attended the international workshop “Cross-border divorce and maintenance: jurisdiction and applicable law” in Vilnius, Lithuania.
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	European Academy of Law (www.era.int), Lithuanian Bar Association (www.advoco.lt)
Dates	February 26-27, 2015
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Participation at the conference „Avoiding enforcement struggles. How mediation can help implement decisions in cross-border family disputes concerning children“, Brussels, Belgium.
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Child Focus (Belgium), MiKK (Germany), the Family Mediation Centre (Greece) and Asociación Madrileña de Mediadores (Spain), the Cross-border Family Mediators’ Network.
Dates	November 25, 2014
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Participation at the Conference “Prospects for Restorative Justice in Lithuania”
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Law Institute of Lithuania (www.teise.org)
Dates	September 25-26, 2014
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Participation in the Annual Conference on Family Law 2014 in Trier, Germany
Name and type of organization providing education and training	European Academy of Law (ERA, www.era.int)
Dates	March 18, 2014
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Attended the international seminar on European Family Law. Cross-border divorce, parental responsibility and maintenance.
Name and type of organization providing education and training	Academy of European Law (ERA, www.era.int) and Lithuanian Bar Association (www.advoco.lt). Lecturers Thalia Kruger, Juliane Hirsch
Dates	March 3, 2010
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Attended the seminar on Negotiations. Mediation. Commercial Arbitration. Lecturer dr. Rimantas Simaitis.

Name and type of organization providing education and training	Lithuanian Bar Association www.advoco.lt
Dates	October 29, 2009
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Participation at the conference “The Perspectives of Europeanization of Law of Succession”
Name and type of organization providing education and training	School of Business Administration Turība (www.turiba.lv) in Riga, Latvia
Dates	July 3, 2008
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Participation at the conference “Business Law in Transition in a Comparative Context. The Russian Federation, Ukraine, the Baltic States, Romania and Bulgaria” organized by Swiss Institute of Comparative Law in Lausanne, Switzerland.
Name and type of organization providing education and training	Swiss Institute of Comparative Law in Lausanne, Switzerland, www.isdc.ch
Dates	July 4, 2008
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Participation at “Comparative Law Seminar. Theory and Case Studies”
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Swiss Institute of Comparative Law in Lausanne, Switzerland, www.isdc.ch
Dates	November 6-10, 2006
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Attended lectures on the topic “Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), Mediations and Arbitrations” given by Matthew Monroe (attorney at law in the United States of America) at Law Faculty of Vilnius University.
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Law Faculty of Vilnius University, www.tf.vu.lt
Dates	June 7, 2006
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Attended lecture on the topic “The new Lithuanian Law on Contracts: Opportunities and Dangers for Business” given by dr. Andrius Smaliukas
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	UAB “Mokesciu srutas” www.countline.lt
Dates	April 6-7, 2006
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Attended lecture on the topic “How to Exploit the Competition Law in Defending the Business Interests of the Company?” given by Sarunas Keserauskas.
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	UAB “Mokesciu srutas” www.countline.lt
Dates	January 3-4, 2006
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Attended training on topic “Development of the Skills for Efficient Sales” given by Vytautas Gaidamavicius
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	UAB “Vadybos pokyciu konsultavimas”, www.konsultavimas.lt
Dates	October, 2003 – May, 2005
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Attended lectures on various subjects of French Law (civil law, corporate law, administrative law, constitutional law, etc.) at the Center of French Law, co-organized by Law Faculty of Vilnius University and Université Paris X Nanterre
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Law Faculty of Vilnius University, Law Faculty of Université Paris X Nanterre, www.u-paris10.fr .
OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCE	
Dates	July 20, 2011 up to date
Main activities and responsibilities	Member of Board, Association of Lithuanian diplomats family members (Lietuvos diplomatų šeimos narių asociacija (http://ldsna.mfa.lt/))
Dates	October 2006 to March 2009
Main activities and responsibilities	Experience of living and taking part in the social life of <i>corps diplomatique</i> in Kyiv, Ukraine, as my spouse was posted to work at the embassy of Lithuania to Ukraine

Dates	June 11, 2005
Principal subjects Main activities and responsibilities	Participation in the team building event for Borenius group professionals in Helsinki, Finland. Law Firm Borenius & Kemppinen, www.borenius.com
Dates	2007, 2006, 2005
Main activities and responsibilities	Co-author of "Doing Business 2007 - How to Reform", "Doing Business 2006 - Creating Jobs" and "Doing Business 2005 - Removing Obstacles to Growth", http://www.doingbusiness.org/Downloads/
Dates	2006
Main activities and responsibilities	Co-author of "Contract Guide", Real Estate Chapter, Verslo Žinios (2006), http://parduotuve.vz.lt/zinynai/9
Dates	April 2004
Main activities and responsibilities	Participant of Willem c. Vis International Moot Arbitration 2004 in Vienna, Austria, http://www.cisg.law.pace.edu/vis.html .
Dates	April 2002
Main activities and responsibilities	Participant of European Student Conference at University College of London in London, UK, organized by UNICA - Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe, http://www.ucl.ac.uk/euroconference/conference/# .
Dates	November 2000
Main activities and responsibilities	Participant of European Student Conference at Freie Universität in Berlin, Germany, organized by UNICA - Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe, http://web.fu-berlin.de/europe/ .

PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Mother tongue(s) **Lithuanian**

Other language(s)

Self-assessment

European level ()*

English

Russian

French

Ukrainian

Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user
C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	B2	Independent user	B2	Independent user	A2	Basic user
B2	Independent user	B2	Independent user	A2	Basic user	A2	Basic user	A2	Basic user
B2	Independent user	B2	Independent user	A2	Basic user	A2	Basic user	A2	Basic user

(*) [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Social skills and competences

I have good communication skills and open minded thinking, which probably were the key personal features for establishing and maintaining good personal relations with people coming from different cultural environment.

Computer skills and competences

Competent with most Microsoft Office tools, including Word, Outlook, and PowerPoint.

Driving licence

Driving licence for A and B categories of vehicle.

Additional information

Personal interests: tennis, basketball, ball dances.