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Michael is an Arbitration specialist & former investment banker with more than 30 years practice in investment and commercial arbitration.

Michael McNutt has been assisting in settlement of investment disputes and complex arbitrations for over 30 years (World Bank (ICSID), ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL *ad hoc* arbitration, etc.) as well as in parallel litigation court proceedings in multiple jurisdictions, including UK, France, USA and New Zealand. Michael has significant experience related to structuring, fund management and enforcement in relevant offshore jurisdictions, including UK territories, Caribbean, Malta, the EU. and others during the same period. Relevant investor State cases in which Michael was lead strategist together with counsel include *Noble Ventures v Romania*, *EDF v Romania*, *Emmis Radio v Hungary*, *Novera v Bulgaria*, *Mezzanine & Danubius v Hungary*, *Suzor v. Senegal*.

A former US and EU-based investment banker as well as a manager/director based in Europe with two of the 'Big Four' accountancy firms, Michael possesses extensive knowledge of accountancy (IAS, US GAAP etc.) and valuations/damages assessment as well as experience in the formulation of investment strategies (including PPP or other State Aid schemes), post-acquisition restructuring and its implementation. Michael was formerly a director of multiple SICAV funds in Luxembourg while vice president of the investment bank.

Michael has been particularly effective in providing valuable insight for the construction of the settlement and litigation strategy to ensure that evidence and witness collection is relevant, time efficient and cost effective for clients. His experience and understanding how transition economies developed with foreign aid and attraction of investments combined with such dispute- sensitive witness mapping and evidence collection supports the legal strategy with the strong evidentiary tools and insight into the origin of the dispute and mitigating or complicating factors.

His negotiation skills are relevant, and Michael has been particularly effective in settlement of disputes related to investments involving a partner from a more mature market dealing with either governments or firms locally executing a commercial arrangement in a dynamic local legal environment (i.e., Hungary, Romania, Mongolia, Brazil, Russia, etc.).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

LAZAREFF LE BARS LEGAL ADVISORY LIMITED (ADGM) – Director	2020 – Present
LAZAREFF LE BARS Eurl (Paris, France) – Senior Litigation Adviser	2017 – Present
FRENCH RUSSIAN INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY OFFICE – Conseil (<i>Ad Hoc</i> Arbitration vs Russian Federation)	2015 – 2017
ORBIS BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE (London, UK) – Director Litigation Support	2016 – 2017
LABYRINTHIUM INVESTMENTS & RISK MANAGEMENT LTD (Cyprus) – owner	2011 – 2017
ERNST & YOUNG LLP (Athens, Greece) – Regional Director	2003 – 2004
NOBLE VENTURES INC. (Washington D.C. & Bucharest, Romania) – Deputy CEO & Member of the Board of Directors	2000 – 2009
DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP (Budapest, Hungary) – Regional Senior Manager	1998 – 2000
EASTBROKERS INC. (formerly also COHIG & ASSOCIATES INC) (Denver, Colorado & Vienna, Austria) – Vice President holding NASD licenses 6, 24 & 63	1993 – 1998

LANGUAGES

English (native), French, German, Italian, Japanese, Romanian & Serbo-Croatian

EDUCATION & MEMBERSHIPS

Master of Business Administration (MBA) Executive Program – 2011

International Master's in Management (IMM), Finance and Economics
Krannert Business School, Purdue University

Master of Business Administration (MBA) Executive Program – 2011

International Master's in Management (IMM), Strategy & Business Innovation
Tias-Nimbas Business School, Tilburg University, The Netherlands

Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Political Science & East Asian Language & literature (Japanese) – 1991

Indiana University

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Eagle Scout

Philanthropist – Nurse Heroes (<https://www.nurseheroes.org/>)

– Carlyle Global Partners (<https://www.carlyleglobalpartners.com/>)

CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY – Senior Lecturer (Cross Cultural Negotiation) (Budapest – 2009 – 2011)

PUBLICATIONS

The Media War in Hungary I: Media & Power in Hungary from 1989-2009 (published 11 April 2014) – Editor (Available on Amazon)

The Media War II: Evolution of the Media in Hungary 2010-2013 (published 8 April 2014) – Editor (Available on Amazon)