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CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2020. DISPUTE RESOLUTION



Dr Rimantas Simaitis is Partner and Head of the Dispute Resolution Department, having over 19 years of experience in this field. His areas of expertise include litigation, alternative dispute resolution (negotiation, arbitration, mediation), penal law and procedure, energy law, and transport law. Dr Simaitis holds a Doctor's degree of Social Sciences (Law) from Vilnius University, Lithuania. He is an Associated Professor at Vilnius University faculty of Law, recommended arbitrator at Vilnius Court of Commercial Arbitration and has been designated to the ICSID Panel of Conciliators by the Lithuanian Government. He has been, and remains, an active member and/or head of various working groups formed by the Ministry of Justice, the Judicial Council and the Parliament of Lithuania, and the Council of Europe.

## Practice areas

Administrative & Constitutional Law

Arbitration

Energy & Utilities

Litigation

Restructuring & Insolvency

White Collar

## Recognitions

"Department head Rimantas Simaitis represents clients in a wide range of matters, including shareholder and bankruptcy disputes. He is also recognised for his arbitration practice. Observers comment on his detailed approach to issues." (Chambers Global 2020, Dispute Resolution)

"Head of the dispute resolution practice at the firm, Rimantas Simaitis is widely respected for his diverse offering. He acts on an array of matters, including shareholder disputes and product liability cases. Clients also benefit from his experience in international arbitration. One impressed source notes that he is "unbelievable in court." (Chambers Europe 2019, Dispute Resolution)

## Career

Member of various working groups set up by the Ministry of Justice to look into and give proposals concerning the problems of implementation of the Code of Civil Procedure and representation of the interests of the Republic of Lithuania in the European Union. Such working groups, inter alia, prepared a set of laws adopted by the Seimas on 21 June 2011 (laws amending and supplementing the Code of Civil Procedure, the Law on Courts, and the Law on Bailiffs) which will provide a basis for the development of electronic services in courts (judicial process automation) in 2011-2013 and beyond (2004-to date).

Member of the working group set up by the Board of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania to address the issues of enhancing the efficiency of protection of

"Cobalt is highlighted for its expertise in disputes in the infrastructure and transportation sectors in particular. Led by Rimantas Simaitis, the firm has been representing Riga International Airport in a cross-border claim made by a bankrupt Lithuanian air carrier for €58 million in damages." (Legal 500, 2019)

"Rimantas Simaitis shows "ingenuity" and is also recommended." (Legal 500 2015, Dispute Resolution)

"Practice head Rimantas Simaitis is an "an excellent specialist in litigation and mediation processes"." (Legal 500 2012, Dispute Resolution)

"Dispute resolution head Rimantas Simaitis is a well-respected litigator. "He is a specialist in the court process, he charms the court and clients," a source says. He is highly regarded for his academic credentials and also acts as arbitrator." (Chambers Europe 2016, Dispute Resolution)

the public interest, leader of the legislative working group (2005-2006).

Member of the working group formed by the Judicial Council to look into issues arising during the implementation and maintenance of the Lithuanian Judicial Information System (LITEKO), which will serve as a basis for judicial process automation and development of e-services in courts; 2005-2006: leader of the working group, subsequently, consultant to the working group (2004 - to date).

Leader of the working group set up by the Judicial Council in order to provide a uniform file numbering system (2005-2006).

Member of the working group formed by the Judicial Council, tasked with the coordination of the mediation project implementation process and assessment of project deliverables (since 2005); during work within the judicial system (2005-2006), leader of the working group.

Leader of the working group formed by the Judicial Council to improve service of summons and other process (2005-2006).

Chairman of the Working Group on Mediation set up by the Council of Europe (CEPEJ-GT-MED); 2006 -to date: expert on mediation, Council of Europe (2006-2007).

In cooperation with T.M.C. Asser Instituut (the Hague) carried out a research on the enforcement of judgements and decisions of other authorities in family proceedings in Lithuania (2006).

Together with other researchers of the Faculty of Law of Vilnius University carried out a research commissioned by the Ministry of Justice to look into the issues and comparative aspects of the collective lawsuit (2008).

Prepared and presented an overview of litigation costs and financing of the judicial process in Lithuania for the comparative study carried out by Oxford University (2009).

Former member of other working groups set up by the Judicial Council, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Economy and other authorities, tasked with the conduct of various surveys and

analyses of the judicial system, including those related to judicial process automation; participated in the surveys and analyses of the efficiency of the judicial system (e.g. provision of the concept for the restructuring of the Mortgage Office; provision of the rules for data processing within the judicial system; provision of the procedure for on-line publication of procedural decisions; improvement of producing statistics on judicial activities; provision of the rules of electronic allocation of judicial proceedings; preparation of the 'Business Assistant' project of the Ministry of Economy, etc.).

## Education & membership

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2006 Faculty of Law, Vilnius University, PhD

2000 Faculty of Law, Vilnius University, Master's degree in Law

On-line mediator of the Chamber of Arbitration Milan (RisolviOnline).

Since 2008 Member of the Board and the Council of the Alumni Society of the Faculty of Law of Vilnius University, Chairman of the Board (2003-2008)

Since 2006 Member of the Lithuanian Bar Association

Since 2006 Recommended arbitrator of Vilnius Court of Commercial Arbitration

## Deals & cases

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COBALT obtains an award of more than EUR 4.8 million in damages for its clients

## Publications

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A New Wave of Mediation in Lithuania - What Does it Mean for Lawyers

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Exploiting Electronisation Potential to Speed Up the Lithuanian Civil Process

Restorative Justice perspectives in Lithuania

Problems of the Service of Procedural Documents

Problems of Enforcement Costs