

Hamid Reza NIKBAKHT FINI



Professor Dr. Hamid Reza Nikbakht Fini joined the Tribunal in July 2009. He was born in Iran in 1957. Dr. Nikbakht graduated from the former National University of Iran (now Shahid Beheshti University) with a LL.B degree and continued his academic studies at Exeter University in the U.K., receiving two degrees, an LL.M in 1986 and a Ph.D in early 1991, both in international commercial law (sale of goods, state contracts, and arbitration).

Academic Activities

Dr. Nikbakht began his academic career in 1991 as an assistant professor in the Faculty of Law at Shahid Beheshti University in Tehran. He specializes in international commercial law, international arbitration, and private international law.

He continued his academic career at the same university as an associate professor from 1999 and was promoted to full professor in 2006. As a full professor of law, his main lecture topics and course offerings cover private international law, in particular contract and tort conflict of laws of the European Union (comparative conflict of laws); international jurisdiction of the courts and litigation in civil and commercial matters; international commercial arbitration; commercial law of Iran, and international trade law. He teaches these subjects mainly at the master (LL.M.) and doctoral (Ph.D.) levels. He has been supervisor and co-supervisor of many academic research studies and theses (in LL.M & Ph.D. courses) in the fields of his expertise and teaching.

He has served as: Dean of the School of Judicial Sciences; Head of the Department of International Commercial Law, Faculty of Law, Shahid Beheshti University; Director of International Affairs at Shahid Beheshti University; Senior Advisor for International Affairs to the President of Shahid Beheshti University; and member of the editorial boards of several Iranian law journals.

He has done a great deal of research on topics including conflict of laws in contracts;

nationality in public international law; legal aspects of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the World Intellectual Property Organization WIPO).

Professional Activities

Dr. Nikbakht served as Judge of the Courts of Justice for some 5 years. He has extensive experience as a legal advisor in international contracts; attorney at law (member of the Iranian Bar Association); co-arbitrator in some international cases (ICC and ad hoc arbitrations); arbitrator in some domestic cases; Secretary General of the Iranian Association of Arbitration; a leading member of negotiating teams for the conclusion of co-operative agreements on scientific and educational matters with many international universities. He has organized and attended several conferences and seminars on international arbitration.

Publications

Dr. Nikbakht has written many legal articles in the fields of his expertise and teaching, some of which have been published and some of which are forthcoming. He is the author of two books on international arbitration:

1. *Recognition and Enforcement of the Awards of International Commercial Arbitrations in Iran*, published in 2006, by the Institute for Trade Studies and Research.
2. *International Commercial Arbitrations, Arbitration Procedure*, published in 2010, by the Institute for Trade Studies and Research.