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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Date of Birth: August 23, 1977
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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

LL.M., Faculty of Law, University Nicolae Titulescu, Bucharest, Romania, 2006;
B.A., Faculty of Law, University Titu Maiorescu, Bucharest, Romania, 1995-1999.

Admitted to Bucharest Attorney Bar, 2002.

Registered Romanian Agent for patents, trademarks, industrial designs and topographies of integrated circuits, 2003;
European Patent Attorney (registered before the European Patent Institute), 2004;
European Trademark Attorney (registered before the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market), 2007.

LANGUAGES

Romanian, English.

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PRESENT POSITION

Attorney at Law, Cabinet Marilena Oprea, Bucharest, Romania, since April 2008.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Head of Litigation, SD PETOSEVIC Romania SRL, Bucharest, Romania, June 2005-March 2008.
Attorney at Law, VOICU&FILIPESCU Law Firm, Bucharest, Romania, August 2002-May 2005.
Legal advisor, Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn, PLLC, Bucharest, Romania, August 2000-July 2002.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual Property.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Member:

Panel of Neutrals, International Trademark Association (INTA);
INTA Corporate Outreach Subcommittee of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee (ADR),
2008-2009 Committee Term;
Romanian National Chamber of Industrial Property Attorneys;
European Patent Institute;
Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market;
Intellectual Property Rights Scientific Association, Romania;
Scientific Board of the Intellectual Property Rights Romanian Magazine.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Advising multinational corporations with respect to clearance, registration and protection of their trademarks and industrial designs in Romania;
Representing clients before the courts of law in Romania and negotiating in trademark disputes matters;
Handling provisional refusal notices and oppositions; drafting and filing oppositions, as well as representing the clients before the Patent and Trademark Office Commissions;
Drafting cease and desist letters, handling negotiations and legal actions before the courts of law;
Drafting and representing clients in Customs Watch procedures with regard to the protection of their IPRs;
Filing validation/extension of European Patents in Romania and national phase for PCT's.
Attends various conferences, seminars, workshops in the IP field;
Attended the WIPO Advanced Workshop on Domain Name Dispute Resolution: Update on Practices and Precedents, Geneva, Switzerland, October 18-19, 2007.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Represented clients before WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center with regard to domain name dispute matters;
Also, has provided assistance with regard to registration and protection of domain names

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

"Protecting your trademark portfolio in the emerging Romanian market", Eastern Europe World Focus, Informa May 2006;
Published articles in various magazines specialized in Intellectual Property.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Representation of many parties in court litigation.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION

Meeting with Mr. Scott Adams and Mr. Fred Souk, American Federal Mediators, organized by the American Chamber of Commerce in Bucharest, Romania, September 14, 2007;
Completed the Mediation Course organized by the Craiova Mediation Center in Association with the US Embassy, Craiova, Romania (80 hours), September 3-6 and 18-22, 2007;
Attended the 2-day mediation-training course during INTA Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, May 2006;
Attended the Arbitration Conference, Wolf Theiss Law Firm & Business Media Group, Bucharest, Romania, November 7, 2006.

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

Also, has assisted various clients in negotiations and disputes with third parties.
