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**EDUCATION**

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| 1996-1998 | American University of Armenia. Law program (L.LM)<br>Master of Law.   |
| 1985-1990 | Institute of State and Law. Academy of Sciences USSR,.<br>Moscow. Post graduate course. Environmental Law. Ph.D. |
| 1978-1982 | Yerevan State University. Law Faculty. Master of Law   |
| 1977-1979 | Kuban State University. Krasnodar, Russia. Law Faculty   |

**OTHER COURSES**

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| 2008 | Planet Diversity Congress, Bonn, Germany   |
| 2008 | Conference on education, Dornach, Switzerland  |
| 2006 | Congress Kolisko “Understanding the development of<br>child” UNESCO Conference, Paris, France  |
| 2006 | “GMO-free Europe”, Berlin, Germany   |
| 2004 | Northern Alliance of Sustainable Development (ANPED)<br>AGM, Zagreb, Croatia   |
| 2004 | “Urban development and Environment”, International<br>Visitors Program, USA  |
| 2003 | Conference on “Working Towards a Toxic Free Future”,<br>organized by WECF, Netherlands, Soesterberg                                  |
| 2002 | European ECO-Forum Strategy Meeting, Slovak Republic,<br>Bratislava  |
| 2002 | International Eco-Conference “Public participation: The<br>Road from Words to Practice!” Italy, Lucca                                |
| 2002 | Mountain Women Forum, Bhutan, Paro   |
| 2002 | World Summit on Sustainable Development. Johannesburg.<br>South Africa.  |
| 2002 | United Nation University. Leadership Academy for<br>Environment and Human Security. Amman. Jordan                                    |
| 2002 | Participation in European Women’s Conference for a<br>Sustainable Future, Prague   |
| 2001 | Environmental and Human Rights “Skill Share” workshop,<br>organized by ANPED/Capacity Global, London                                 |
| 2001 | Ministerial Conference UN ECE on “Sustainable<br>Development”, Geneva, Switzerland   |
| 2001 | “International Courts and Tribunals”, seminar, organized<br>by PICT, UNITAR, IPIS, CICC, Tehran, Iran                                |
| 2000 | South Caucasus Women Leadership-2000, workshop<br>organized by AED, Bakuriani (Georgia), Tcakhkadzor<br>(Armenia), Baku (Azerbaijan) |

2000	Workshop on National Strategic Planning for a National Response to HIV/AIDS in Armenia, organized by UNAIDS and Ministry of Health of RA
1999	Summer Institute of Philadelphia Temple University on Constitutional Law and Human Rights, USA
1998	“NGO Legislation of Caucasus Republic”, seminar organized by ICNL and UNHCR, Strasbourg, France.
1998	“NGO management development”, workshop organized by Arc Consulting and Tasic/TEAP, Kazbegi, Georgia
1998	“Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision Making and Access to Justice” Conference of Environmental Ministries, Aarhus, Denmark
1998	Training at the AUA “Armenian Tax Legislation”
1998	Environmental Journalism Training, organized by BBC - MPM
1997	Training at the COLPI by International Commercial Law, Budapest, Hungary
1996	Training at the AUA. English Program for governmental Lawyers.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2002-present	Director of “Armenian Forests” NGO
2007- 2008	Deputy CEO/General Counsel Millennium Challenge Account-Armenia SNCO
2002-2007	Armenian-Russian /Slovenian/ University, Lecturer of Environmental and Civil Law
2001-2002	Institute of Law, Environment and Economy, brunch of Moscow ILEE. Head of Law Department
2000-present	President of “GOY” Environmental-Legal NGO
1986-2001	Yerevan State University, Law Faculty. Lecturer of Environmental Law, Civil Law, Finance Law, Constitutional Law
1989-1995	State Committee of Forestry of Armenia. Chief of Law and Staff Department.
1982-1989	Agricultural Ministry of Armenia. Senior Lawyer of Law Department.

### **Research and other experience**

2004 – present	Coordinator of Human Rights and Sustainable Development Working Group of Northern Alliance of Sustainable Development (ANPED)
2004- 2007	Armenian Forest Code and National Forest Program drafting working group Coordinator. World Bank Project
2003-2004	Armenian Forest Policy and Legislation group coordinator of World Bank Project
2001-2002	Natural Resource Management in Armenia, World Bank Project. Legal Expert
2000-2002	Armenian Water legislation and Policy drafting working group member

2000-2001	Strategy for Sustainable Agricultural Development in Armenia, Head of Working Group on Rural Finance and Legislation FAO Project
2000-present	President of "GOY" Environmental-Legal NGO
2000- 2006	Lawyer of USDA in Armenia
1999-2000	National Strategic Planning for a National Response to HIV/AIDS in Armenia, Legal Specialist
1999-2002	Business Support Center, Tacis project. Legal Specialist on Business Law
1999-2000	Coordinator of drafting group of Kur-Araks Rivers Basin Protection Trans Caucasus Program
1999	Education Program of World Bank. Legal Expert
1998	Participation in preparation works of Aarhus Convention
1998-1999	National Report of Children's Rights Conventions. Member of work group.
1997-1999	Tacis Environmental Awareness Raising Program. Local Coordinator
1998	Member of work group for drafting NGO Law of Armenia
1998- 1999	NGO training and resource center. Project of Armenian Assembly of America/USAID, Legal Specialist.
1997-1998	Environmental Public Advocacy Center. Project of the ABA/CEELI. Staff attorney.
1996-present	Public Expert of National Assembly of Armenia
1995-1996	FAO/TCP Project. Armenian Forest Sector Development
1992-1994	Member of work group for drafting Forestry Code
1991-1992	Member of Armenian Government Commission of Land Reform

### **SKILLS**

Computer experience

Language command: fluent in Armenian, Russian, English, good in German. Italian /beginner/

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Member of Chamber of Advocates RA /**Authorized Advocate license 027/**

Member of International Bar Union

References available upon request.