



Gunduz Karimov

Gunduz Karimov is a senior associate in Baker & McKenzie's Baku office and is a member of the firm's Dispute Resolution and Intellectual Property practice groups. Prior to joining Baker & McKenzie in 2002, he spent over two years with the Baku Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross working on two programs: "Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law Among Academic Circles", and "Implementation of International Humanitarian Law into the National Legislation."

Gunduz Karimov has always had strong academic and public interests. Born in Gazakh in 1977, he finished school in Khanlar (present Goy-Gol). Mr. Karimov graduated with honors from Baku State University in 2000. In 1998, he won second prize in the International Moot Court Competition in St. Petersburg, Russia, where he participated with two other students from Azerbaijan. In 2001, Mr. Karimov was awarded a Muskie/FSA scholarship and received his LL.M. degree from Indiana University in Bloomington in 2002. In November 2008, he received his PhD in Intellectual Property Law from Baku State University.

Mr. Karimov has taught Private International Law and International Intellectual Property Law at the International Law Department of Baku State University since 2000. In addition to his teaching experience, he became one of the founders of the Commercial Law LL.M program at the Law Faculty of the University. The program, launched in Fall 2006, is designed for local law students who want to advance their knowledge of the international commercial law, with the courses taught in English. Today, the faculty recruited with the assistance of Gunduz Karimov, counts up to five Muskie fellows.

"I am pleased that we have this great opportunity to attract highly qualified Muskie fellows to share their expertise, experiences and expose students to a range of new materials and methodologies," says Gunduz. "We anticipate the program will grow over the next several years. Additionally, the University will welcome students into their new LL.M. in Human Rights program that was designed together with the Open Society Institute and will be launched in Fall 2009. I am proud that these new programs provide an opportunity to serve lawyers and scholars from around the world."

Gunduz is a member of Azerbaijan Collegium of Advocates. He is licensed to appear before the Supreme Court of Azerbaijan and is a registered trademark attorney since 2007. He is a frequent speaker at international seminars and the author of several articles on intellectual property, international and local litigation, competition for Azerbaijani, Russian and English publications.

Gunduz's spouse, Yuliya Karimova is also a Muskie alumnus. She received her Masters in Education from Kent State University (Ohio) in 2007. Gunduz and Yulia have two sons, Farid and Teymur Karimli.

"Gunduz Karimov is recommended for litigious matters, and is praised for his "in-depth knowledge of the local litigation system." Focusing on all areas of commercial litigation, he is an authority in the burgeoning areas of IP, patent and trade mark disputes. Identified as "one of the most active lawyers in the team."
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Gunduz Karimov is ranked a "Highly Recommended Litigator" in Azerbaijan.
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