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Bar Memberships:

Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, New York

Professional Experience:

Szymkowicz & Szymkowicz, LLP
1220 19th Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20036-2438 May 1994 to present

Selected Accomplishments:

Prevented Illegal Deportation of Famous Russian Immigration and Customs Enforcement v. Konanykhine

LEAD ATTORNEY Successfully proved in USDC (ED VA) that INS' successor, ICE, illegally arrested and attempted to deport Russian billionaire Mikhail Khodorkovsky's former business partner

Overtured FedExField Sidewalk Ban Feltman v. FedExField Coordinating Group

LEAD ATTORNEY Represented plaintiffs in action in Prince George's County Circuit Court that resulted in the reversal of the ban on pedestrian access to FedExField prior to Washington Redskins games

\$33,500,000 Jury Verdict Konanykhine v. Izvestia Newspaper (later vacated on jurisdictional grounds)

SOLE ATTORNEY Represented party alleging defamation in Arlington County Circuit Court

\$3,000,000 Jury Verdict Konanykhine v. Kommersant Publishing House

SOLE ATTORNEY Represented party alleging defamation in Arlington County Circuit Court

\$49,500 Jury Verdict McCrae v. Schoon

SOLE ATTORNEY Represented party alleging workplace battery in Howard County (Md.) Circuit Court

\$50,000 Summary Judgment Award Celestin v. Richardson

SOLE ATTORNEY Obtained pre-trial award in breach of contract/fraud case in Montgomery County (Md.) Circuit Court

Dismissal of \$400,000 Breach of Contract Matter BB&T Bank v. Business Equipment Center, et al.

LEAD ATTORNEY Represented attorney who was sued by a bank for breach of a guaranty agreement in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Case dismissed on jurisdictional grounds.

Successful Appeal to U.S. Court of Appeals for D.C. Circuit El-Hadad v. United Arab Emirates

LEAD APPELLATE ATTORNEY Successfully appealed case on behalf of United Arab Emirates

Disqualification of Akin Gump Law Firm in High-Profile Case Konanykhine v. Izvestia Newspaper,

SOLE ATTORNEY Successfully argued in Arlington County Circuit Court to disqualify Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P. pursuant to Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct 1.9 and 1.10.

Plaintiff's Counsel in ValuJet Flight 592 Litigation Panahi v. ValuJet Airlines, Inc.

CO-COUNSEL Represented estate of family who perished in the 1996 Valu-Jet Flight 592 airplane crash.

Defense Counsel in BCCI Bank Fraud Litigation First American Corp. v. Al-Nahyan

CO-COUNSEL Represented BCCI Bank shareholder in the BCCI Bank Fraud litigation.

Bar Examinations:

Multistate Bar Examination, 169 of 200 (97th Percentile)

Multistate Ethics Examination, 147 of 150 (99th Percentile)

Education:

University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, Florida
Juris Doctor, May 1994

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: Finance, May 1991