

## Biography

Levan Gotua studied at Tbilisi Secondary Author School No. 6 from 1986 to 1997. From 1997 to 2002, he studied at the Faculty of Law of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, from which he graduated with distinction in May 2002.

In 2002, he was admitted as a postgraduate researcher at the Department of Civil Law of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. In 2010, he was awarded the academic degree of Doctor of Law after defending his doctoral dissertation on the topic: *“Enforcement of Foreign Court Judgments and Foreign Arbitral Awards.”*

In 2000, he completed an internship at the Tbilisi City Council. From 2001 to 2002, he undertook mandatory practical training at the Supreme Court of Georgia. Between 2000 and 2001, within the framework of an academic exchange program, he studied at the University of Bremen, Germany. In 2001, he was in Innsbruck, Austria, as a scholarship holder of the Mayor of Innsbruck. From 2003 to 2005, he studied at the University of Bremen, first in the LL.M. program in German Law and then in the LL.M. Europae program in European and International Law. He completed both master’s programs with distinction and was awarded the academic degrees of LL.M. and LL.M. Europae. In 2004–2005 and again in 2012, he was a DAAD scholarship holder and conducted research at the University of Bremen and at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg.

Since 2021, he has participated in the Erasmus+ exchange program as a professor at Caucasus University. Within the framework of this project, he has delivered lecture courses at the University of Gdańsk in Poland, the University of Valladolid in Spain, and the Inholland University of Applied Sciences in Alkmaar, the Netherlands.

In 2005, he completed practical training at the Hamburg law firms *Taylor & Wessing* and *Fischer & Co.* From 2005 to 2006, he worked as a legal consultant at JSC TBC Bank; from 2006 to 2007, he served as Head of the Legal Department of JSC Investbank; in 2007, he was an expert in a European Union project; and from 2007 to 2016, he was Senior Lawyer at the law firm *Begiashvili and Company*. He is currently a junior partner at the same firm.

From 2006 to 2013, he taught at David Aghmashenebeli University of Georgia, first as a visiting specialist (2006–2011) and then as an Associate Professor (2011–2013).

Since 2013, he has been a Professor at the School of Law of Caucasus University and a Visiting Lecturer at Tbilisi State University

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