

# ARIEL MEYERSTEIN

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## EDUCATION

### **PhD, Jurisprudence & Social Policy Program, University of California, Berkeley, 2011**

Dissertation: *On the Effectiveness of Global Private Regulation: Implementation of the Equator Principles by Multinational Banks*

- Involved dozens of interviews with bankers and policy makers and an online survey of 24-banks' environmental and social risk practices
- Awarded Umeå School of Business Award at 2010 UN Principles for Responsible Investment / Sustainable Investment Research Platform (MISTRA Foundation) Conference ([interview](#))

### **J.D., Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), University of California, Berkeley, 2006**

### **B.A., Columbia University, English Literature & Human Rights, *cum laude*, 2002**

The Rothberg International School, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel (Spring 2001)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP**

*Associate*

New York, NY

March 2010 – present

- Assist in international investment treaty arbitration involving the extractive industry sector
- Assisted in investigation of insider trading allegations by SEC

### **Hon. Charles N. Brower, Iran-United States Claims Tribunal**

*Legal Adviser*

The Hague, The Netherlands

Sept 2008 – Sept 2010

- Assisted with State-to-State claims before the Tribunal; assisted in several commercial and investment treaty arbitrations involving the extractive sector, water infrastructure concession contracts, and liquefied natural gas markets involving hundreds of millions of dollars.

### **Hon. M. Margaret McKeown, U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Cir.**

*Judicial Clerk*

San Diego, CA

Sept 2007 – Aug 2008.

- Among other appeals, worked on Alien Tort Statute case, *Sarei v. Rio Tinto*, involving claims of gross violations of international human rights law in the extractive sector.

### **Reprive**

*Legal Volunteer*

London, United Kingdom

Summer 2007

- Drafted emergency motion before the D.C. Circuit and the Supreme Court and provided research as part of legal team representing Guantánamo Bay detainees.

### **U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda**

*Judicial Intern*

Arusha, Tanzania

Summer 2004

- Analyzed witness testimony, drafted “Factual Findings” section of final judgment.

## LANGUAGES

Reading knowledge and basic conversational Spanish; basic knowledge of French; advanced Hebrew.

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

*The Power and Effectiveness of Pre-Arbitral Provisional Relief: The SCC Emergency Arbitrator in Investor-State Disputes*, in BETWEEN EAST AND WEST: ESSAYS IN HONOR OF Ulf Franke (2010), Kaj Hobér, Annette Magnusson & Marie Öhrström (eds.) (with Charles N. Brower and Stephan W. Schill).

*Ministry of Defense and Support for the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran v. Elahi*, 103 AM. J. INT'L L. 727 (2009).

*The Law and Lawyers as Enemy Combatants*, 18 U. FLA. J. L. & PUB. POL'Y 299 (2007).

*Between Law & Culture: Rwanda's Gacaca and Postcolonial Legality*, LAW & SOC. INQUIRY 32:2 (Spring 2007) (peer reviewed) (co-winner, LSA and LSI graduate student paper prize); *reprinted in* LAW IN MANY SOCIETIES: A READER (Stanford University Press, 2011), Lawrence M. Friedman, Rogelio Pérez-Perdomo, and Manuel A. Gómez (eds.).

*Transitional Justice and Post-conflict Israel/Palestine: Assessing the Applicability of the Truth Commission Paradigm*, 38 CASE W. RES. J. INT'L L. 281 (2007).

## PRESENTATIONS

"The Implementation of the Equator Principles." Presented at United Nations Principles on Responsible Investment/Mistra Foundation *Dynamics of Responsible Investment Conference*, Sigtuna, Sweden, September 25-27, 2011 (awarded best student paper).

"The Effectiveness of Global Private Regulation: The Implementation of the Equator Principles by Multinational Banks." Paper presented on panel: Global Regulation of Markets and Risk: The Intersection of Public and Private Regimes, *Law and Society Association Annual Conference*, San Francisco, June 3, 2011.

## HONORS

Law & Society Association Graduate Student Writing Prize (co-winner)  
LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY Graduate Student Writing Prize (co-winner)  
Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation Dissertation Fellowship  
Mellon Discovery Fellow, Townsend Center for the Humanities  
Umeå School of Business Best Paper Award – UN Principles for Responsible Investment / Sustainable Investment Research Platform  
American Jurisprudence Award, Social Justice Writing Seminar  
American Jurisprudence Award, Law in Modern Social Thought  
American Jurisprudence Award, Refugee Law  
Berkeley Human Rights Center Summer Fellowship  
Dean's Fellowship for Summer Public Interest Work

## MEMBERSHIPS

New York Bar  
Law and Society Association  
American Society of International Law  
American Bar Association (International Section)  
New York City Bar Association