

STEVEN AUSTERMILLER

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Legal Advisor and Chief of Party with over fourteen years' of international experience managing and providing technical assistance to rule of law and reform programs in Croatia, Bosnia, Cambodia, Georgia and other countries with the American Bar Association and East West Management Institute. Eight years' experience practicing sophisticated civil and commercial litigation in mid-sized business law firm in Chicago. Established legal clinics in five countries and assisted others. Developed and implemented numerous innovative training programs, including competitions, comparative law programs and interactive teaching initiatives. Has also provided extensive judge, prosecutor and attorney training in over ten countries. Over twenty years' experience in Alternative Dispute Resolution, as a practicing attorney and with international development projects. Established Cambodia's first law journal and published Cambodia's first legal textbook on ADR. Established Georgia's first law journal on ADR and published Georgia's first legal textbook on ADR. Serves on Board of Directors of National Center for ADR in Georgia. Published in journals such as the *Yale Journal of Human Rights and Development Law*.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University

B.A. in Political Science, June, 1989

Evanston, Illinois

Northwestern University School of Law

J.D. in Law, June 1992

Chicago, Illinois

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

East West Management Institute

Legal Education Advisor

Tbilisi, Georgia

June, 2012 – Present

Head of USAID-funded legal education program. Develops and coordinates training of law professors, law students, clinical staff and legal and judicial professionals. Subject areas include ADR, commercial law, constitutional law, legal skills, legal writing, client counseling, advocacy skills, ethics, information management and others. Developed first ADR textbook for Georgia and managed development of first trial advocacy textbook and first mediation handbook for Georgia. Helped establish first Georgian journal on ADR. Developed first client counseling program in Georgia. Managed development of eight university legal clinics, including the first mediation clinic in Georgia. Established historic inter-library cooperation agreement and association. Helped establish and manage National Center for Commercial Law and National Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

American Bar Association

Legal Education Advisor (and Country Representative)

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

February, 2006 – June, 2012

Head of USAID-funded ABA programs in Cambodia. Worked with Royal University of Law and Economics (RULE) and Royal Academy of Judicial Professionals (RAJP) as part of USAID-funded program. Provided technical assistance in professional training areas of criminal law, teaching methodology, curriculum reform, ethics, advocacy skills, judicial administration, ADR, commercial law, land law, legal research/writing and skills development for judicial professionals. Provided extensive training and assistance to judges, prosecutors, lawyers, law professors and students. Published legal textbook *Alternative Dispute Resolution: Cambodia (A Textbook of Essential Concepts)*.

Developed the first Cambodian annotated codebook of criminal procedure for legal professionals, based on decisions from ECCC/Khmer Rouge War Crimes Tribunal. Developed and implemented creative new programs including Cambodia's first law school ethics class, first national mock trial competition, first client counseling competition and Cambodia's first continuing legal education program for judges and prosecutors. Designed and built Cambodia's first model courtroom and helped develop the country's first academic law journal.

Country Director, ABA/CEELI

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

November, 2003 – February, 2006

Chief of Party for ABA programs in country. Managed USAID-funded Rule of Law program providing technical legal assistance and professional training to the Ministry of Justice, judges and bar associations, the local courts, NGOs and law faculties. Activities included professional training on war crimes defense, ADR, judicial efficiency, civil procedure, criminal procedure and execution of judgments, anti-corruption, mediation, judicial skills, statutory drafting, lawyer skills, legal advocacy and public awareness, institutional capacity building, bar association reform, constitutional reform, legal clinics, and organizing and teaching classes at law faculties and Freedom of Information Act assistance to municipalities, NGOs, journalists and lawyers. Developed and managed innovative training program for BiH attorneys in ICTY Rule 11 *bis* cases and helped develop related materials including criminal procedure guide for defense attorneys.

Sidley Austin LLP

International Legal Consultant

Expert consultant on international legal matters for Sidley Austin Brown & Wood.

US/Europe

2004-2005

Country Director, ABA/CEELI

Zagreb, Croatia

November, 2000 – November, 2003

Chief of Party for all ABA programs in country. Managed USAID-funded Rule of Law program, including professional training and technical assistance to the Ministry of Justice, the Association of Croatian Judges, the Supreme Court, the Croatian Bar Association and local NGOs and law faculties. Activities included judicial efficiency, judicial ethics, judicial training, trafficking in persons, ADR, judiciary/media relations, civil procedure reform, local NGO development, legal clinics and court outreach and public information campaigns.

Pedersen & Houpt, P.C.

Partner Attorney

Chicago, Illinois

May, 1992 – September, 2000

Partner in 50-lawyer business law firm. Represented corporate and individual clients in sophisticated international and domestic transactions and disputes. Practice areas included: local government, international, constitutional, internet, EU, trade law, ADR, civil procedure, court administration, corporations, contracts, bankruptcy, real estate, employment and securities.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Vice Chair, International Client Consultation Competition

April 2011 – Present

Executive Director, Chicago International Dispute Resolution Association

1999 – 2000

Member of Bd. of Directors, National Association for ADR (Georgia)

July 2012 – Present

Member of Bd. of Directors, National Association for Commercial Law (Georgia)

July 2012 – Present

Member, American Bar Association and United States Federal Trial Bar (N.D.I.L).

PUBLICATIONS

Arbitration in Cambodia, LEXISNEXIS NEWS ANALYSIS, December 12, 2014.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION: GEORGIA (A TEXTBOOK OF ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS), Meridiani Publishing (ISBN 978-9941-10-867-9 English version; 978-9941-10-878-5 Georgian language version), July 2014.

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Teaching Methodology Reform in Cambodian Law Schools, CAMBODIAN YEARBOOK OF COMPARATIVE LEGAL STUDIES, VOL. III, 2012.

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The BiH Mediation Regime, A Practical and Legal Analysis, in PATHS OF MEDIATION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, IFC/World Bank Group, 2009.

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A Competitive Approach to Client Counseling, INTERNATIONAL BAR NEWS, International Bar Association, Fall 2007.

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ABA/CEELI's Law Clinic Programs in Croatia, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION, Northumbria School of Law, June 2003.

Settlement in Practice, CROATIAN BAR ASSOCIATION LAW JOURNAL ODVJETNIK, Spring 2002.

Croatia, JUDICIAL REFORM INDEX, American Bar Association, May 2002.

ADR in the Croatian Courts, CROATIAN BAR ASSOCIATION LAW JOURNAL ODVJETNIK, Spring 2001.

A New Way to Resolve International Business Disputes in Illinois, ILLINOIS BAR JOURNAL, 2000.

ASEAN: The Next EC? NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND BUSINESS, (unpublished comment, 1992).