

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

**Exhibit A to Registration Statement****Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

INSTRUCTIONS. Furnish this exhibit for EACH foreign principal listed in an initial statement and for EACH additional foreign principal acquired subsequently. The filing of this document requires the payment of a filing fee as set forth in Rule (d)(1), 28 C.F.R. § 5.5(d)(1). Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit A form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

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1. Name of Registrant Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP	2. Registration Number 7558
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3. Primary Address of Registrant  
1633 Broadway, New York, NY 10019

4. Name of Foreign Principal Erion and Arber Veliaj	5. Address of Foreign Principal c/o Rr. Pjeter Bogdani, Rainbow Center, Kati 2 Tirana 1001 ALBANIA
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6. Country/Region Represented  
ALBANIA

7. Indicate whether the foreign principal is one of the following:

☐ Government of a foreign country<sup>1</sup>

☐ Foreign political party

☐ Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:

☐ Partnership

☐ Committee

☐ Corporation

☐ Voluntary group

☐ Association

☐ Other (*specify*) \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Individual-State nationality ALBANIA

8. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:

a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant

b) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages

<sup>1</sup> "Government of a foreign country," as defined in Section 1(e) of the Act, includes any person or group of persons exercising sovereign de facto or de jure political jurisdiction over any country, other than the United States, or over any part of such country, and includes any subdivision of any such group and any group or agency to which such sovereign de facto or de jure authority or functions are directly or indirectly delegated. Such term shall include any faction or body of insurgents within a country assuming to exercise governmental authority whether such faction or body of insurgents has or has not been recognized by the United States.

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9. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state:

- a) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages
- b) Aim, mission or objective of foreign political party

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10. If the foreign principal is not a foreign government or a foreign political party:

a) State the nature of the business or activity of this foreign principal.

Erion Veliaj is the Mayor of Tirana, Albania. Arber Veliaj is an executive director of an advertising agency in Albania.

b) Is this foreign principal:

Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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11. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 10(b).

See Appendix for Response

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12. If the foreign principal is an organization and is not owned or controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party or other foreign principal, state who owns and controls it.

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**EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and subject to the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 22 U.S.C. § 618, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this statement filed pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof, and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Date	Printed Name	Signature
03/22/2025	Daniel Fetterman	<input type="text" value="Sign"/> /s/Daniel Fetterman
		<input type="text" value="Sign"/>
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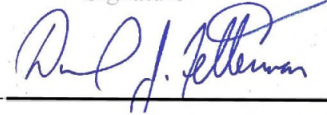
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Printed Name

Signature

March 21, 2025

Daniel J. Fetterman

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## **Appendix Response to Item 11**

### **Item 11: Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 10(b).**

Item 10(b) Supervised: As the Mayor of Tirana, Albania, Erion Veliaj may be supervised or directed by his political party. Additionally, as Mayor, Mr. Veliaj may be financed or subsidized in part by the government of Albania.

Item 10(b) Directed: As the Mayor of Tirana, Albania, Erion Veliaj may be supervised or directed by his political party. Additionally, as Mayor, Mr. Veliaj may be financed or subsidized in part by the government of Albania.

Item 10(b) Financed: As the Mayor of Tirana, Albania, Erion Veliaj may be supervised or directed by his political party. Additionally, as Mayor, Mr. Veliaj may be financed or subsidized in part by the government of Albania.

Item 10(b) Subsidized: As the Mayor of Tirana, Albania, Erion Veliaj may be supervised or directed by his political party. Additionally, as Mayor, Mr. Veliaj may be financed or subsidized in part by the government of Albania.



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**Exhibit B to Registration Statement****Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

**INSTRUCTIONS.** A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit B form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

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## 1. Name of Registrant

Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP

## 2. Registration Number

7558

## 3. Name of Foreign Principal

Erion and Arber Veliaj

Check Appropriate Box:

4. ☒ The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.
5. ☐ There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.
6. ☐ The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, and the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.
7. What is the date of the contract or agreement with the foreign principal? 03/01/2025
8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

Legal, media, and strategic advice in connection with the detention of Erion Veliaj by Albanian authorities.

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9. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

Provide legal, media, and strategic advice.

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10. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act.<sup>1</sup>

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose. The response must include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

The services may potentially include communications on behalf of the clients to the U.S. Department of State and other agencies in the Executive Branch, and on some occasions public relations relating to the Albanian rule of law and the Albanian government.

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11. Prior to the date of registration<sup>2</sup> for this foreign principal has the registrant engaged in any registrable activities, including political activities, for this foreign principal?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, describe in full detail all such activities. The response should include, among other things, the relations, interests, and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored, or delivered speeches, lectures, social media, internet postings, or media broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers, and subject matter. The response must also include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

Set forth below a general description of the registrant's activities, including political activities.

The registrant has provided legal, media, and strategic advice to the clients. The registrant also provided brief remarks concerning the American justice system to the Albanian media in connection with the observation of Erion Veliaj's detention and bail appeal hearing on March 11, 2025.

Set forth below in the required detail the registrant's political activities.

Date	Contact	Method	Purpose
			No Political Activity Contacts to Report

12. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register<sup>3</sup> to the date of registration for this foreign principal, has the registrant received from the foreign principal, or from any other source, for or in the interests of the foreign principal, any contributions, income, money, or thing of value either as compensation, or for disbursement, or otherwise?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date Received	From Whom	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value
03/07/2025- 03/07/2025	Arber veliaj	Retainer	\$ 300,000.00
03/09/2025- 03/12/2025	Erion veliaj and Arber veliaj	Observation of bail appeal hearing in Albania	Hotel, local transportation, meals, and private terminal access
			\$ 300,000.00
			Total

13. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register<sup>4</sup> to the date of registration for this foreign principal, has the registrant disbursed or expended monies, or disposed of anything of value other than money, in connection with activity on behalf of the foreign principal or transmitted monies to any such foreign principal?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date	Recipient	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value
03/07/2025- 03/07/2025	United Airlines	Travel to and from Albania to observe bail appeal hearing	\$ 10,371.61
			\$ 10,371.61
			Total

<sup>1</sup> "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

<sup>2,3,4</sup> Pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Act, an agent must register within ten days of becoming an agent, and before acting as such.



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Date

Printed Name

Signature

03/22/2025

Daniel Fetterman

Sign

/s/Daniel Fetterman

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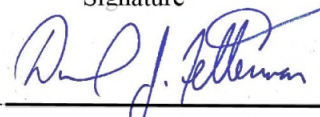
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Date

Printed Name

Signature

March 21, 2025Daniel J. Fetterman

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March 1, 2025

Erion Veliaj  
Arber Veliaj  
c/o Sara Goxhaj  
Chief Of Staff for Erion Veliaj  
Mayor of Tirana, Albania  
saragoxhaj28@gmail.com

Re: Terms and Conditions of Engagement

Dear Messrs. Veliaj:

This letter confirms your retention of Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP ("Kasowitz") to provide media, strategic, and legal advice in connection with the investigation of the Special Prosecution Office Against Corruption and Organized Crime in Albania.

Kasowitz bills for its services based on the hourly charges of its attorneys and legal assistants. The standard hourly rates for the lawyers assigned to this matter are listed on the attached Schedule A. Disbursements (e.g., travel, duplicating, postage, telefax, and other similar expenses) are billed separately. Bills are rendered on a monthly basis and are payable on receipt. We are not currently aware of any conflicts and will notify you promptly should any conflicts arise in the future.

We require an initial retainer of \$300,000.00. Any unused portion of the retainer will be returned to you when the matter is completed. If the retainer balance falls below \$50,000.00, you agree to promptly replenish the retainer balance to \$300,000.00 upon request, and to do so no later than 14 days from that request. Wiring instructions are included with this letter.

Additionally, Kasowitz will retain Richard Pinal, Esq. to assist with this matter. Mr. Pinal's fees will be disbursed separately by us and included on our invoices.

We are required to advise you that, under New York state law, in the event of any fee dispute between you and Kasowitz involving a sum of more than \$1,000 but less than \$50,000, you have the option to seek resolution of such dispute in an arbitration proceeding conducted pursuant to Part 137 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts of the State of New York.

KASOWITZ BENSON TORRES LLP

Arber Veliaj

Erion Veliaj

March 1, 2025

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Please return an executed original and keep one copy for your files.

We look forward to working with you.

Very truly yours,

KASOWITZ BENSON TORRES LLP

By: /s/ Daniel J. Fetterman  
Daniel J. Fetterman

I have read this letter and agree to its terms and conditions and have kept  
a copy of this letter for my file.

Arber Veliaj  
Arber Veliaj, on behalf of himself  
and Erion Veliaj

Erion Veliaj  
CV

Dated: 03.03.2025



KASOWITZ BENSON TORRES LLP

Arber Veliaj

Erion Veliaj

March 1, 2025

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SCHEDULE A

Attorney	Hourly Rate
Daniel J. Fetterman	\$1,950
Brian S. Choi	\$1,275
Richard Pinal	\$500