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Prior to joining the IASL, Aram completed an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree at Queen's University in 2011 and his Juris Doctor at the University of Windsor in 2014. During his studies, Aram spent a term at Harvard University and was selected as a member of the International Peace and Security Institute's inaugural symposium on Post-Conflict Transitions and International Justice in The Hague, The Netherlands. Aram completed his articles as a judicial law clerk to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in 2015 and was called to the Bar of Ontario as a licenced Barrister and Solicitor that same year. Aram is the recipient of numerous academic awards, the most recent being the Joseph A. Bombardier Scholarship in support of his research on the legal issues associated with the permanent human settlement of celestial bodies in outer space, awarded through the Government of Canada's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. Aram has also participated in several moot court competitions during his studies, through which he has been twice selected as Top Oralist as well as winning the North American rounds and having the Best Memorials in the World Finals of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition.