Marat Kogut (MAH-rot co-GUT) has officiated 562 regular-season games in 10 seasons as an NBA official.

Kogut considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be a game between the Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers on Jan. 30, 2011, the first meeting between the teams after their matchup in the 2010 NBA Finals.

His professional experience includes three years in the WNBA as well as four years in the NBA G League.

Kogut immigrated to the United States with his family seven days after he was born in Ukraine. Raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., he started officiating at age 16 at local recreational youth leagues.

Before joining the NBA officiating staff, Kogut refereed in several NCAA Division I conferences, including the Ohio Valley, Atlantic Sun and Big South. He also officiated New York metro area high school games for four years.

Kogut is a former head men’s basketball manager for St. John’s University. In addition to being an amateur magician, Kogut enjoys playing the piano, volleyball and golf.