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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **WORLD BANK GROUP, Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment Global Practice**

Washington, DC, USA

**Lead Private Sector Specialist**, (August 2018- present)

**Global Lead Investment Policy & Promotion**, (September 2012-August 2018)

### **WORLD TRADE INSTITUTE (WTI), UNIVERSITY OF BERN**

Bern, Switzerland

**Director**, Program on International Investment (September 2010 –August 2012)

**Member of Faculty**, Master in International Law and Economics (MILE)

### **GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA**

Brussels, Belgium

**Ambassador** to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the European Union (January 2007 – August 2010)

**Chief Negotiator** of Costa Rica for the Association Agreement between the European Union and Central America (January 2007 – August 2010)

### **MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE**

San Jose, Costa Rica

**Special Adjunct Ambassador for U.S. Trade Affairs** (October 2002 – January 2005).

Head of the Costa Rican delegation in the negotiation groups of trade capacity building, services –which covered the general services framework, financial services, telecommunications, temporary entry and e-commerce— and investment.

**Senior Special Advisor** (March 2000 – February 2001).

Head of the Costa Rican delegation in the negotiation groups of government procurement, antidumping and competition policy.

**Director General for International Trade** (June 1998 - January 2000).

Coordinator of Costa Rica's international trade and investment negotiations and treaty implementation, both at the multilateral and bilateral level, with particular emphasis on the World Trade Organization (WTO), Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) and Central American integration fora , as well as bilateral negotiations of Free Trade Agreements with the Dominican Republic, Chile and Panama and negotiations with Mexico and Trinidad & Tobago in several trade specific subjects.

**Advisor** (March-October 1993, June 1995 – January 1997).

Advisor to the Department of International Trade Negotiations on issues of international trade policy, in charge of preparing position papers, drafting and negotiating international trade and investment agreements.

Head of the Costa Rican delegation to negotiations of bilateral investment agreements with Argentina, Canada, Chile, Peru, Poland, Spain, Uruguay and Venezuela, as well as in the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) working groups of competition policy, subsidies, investment and services.

**WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO)  
APPELLATE BODY SECRETARIAT**

Geneva, Switzerland

**Legal Affairs Officer** (February 1997-June 1998).

Assistant and advisor on international law and GATT/WTO law to Appellate Body Members.

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

**WORLD TRADE INSTITUTE (WTI), UNIVERSITY OF BERN**

**Master in Law and Economics (MILE)**

**Member of Faculty for the Summer Academy**, Module on Investment (2010- present )

**UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA**

**LL.M. in International Economic Law & Policy (IELPO)**

**Member of Faculty**. Course on Investment Protection (2009 - present)

**UNIVERSITY OF COSTA RICA/DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTE, MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF COSTA RICA**

**Master's Program on Diplomatic Studies**

**Member of Faculty**, Courses on International Trade and Investment Law and Policy (1993, 1995-1996, 1999, 2004-2006)

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER**

**Adjunct Professor of Law**, Visiting Scholar and Fellow of the Institute for International Economic Law (IIEL) (January 2000-February 2001).

**EDUCATION**

**WORLD TRADE INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF BERN**

Bern, Switzerland

**Doctor in Philosophy (Ph.D.) in International Economic Law,**

**Summa Cum Laude** (emphasis on international investment law)

(2011-2020)

**ST.ANTONY'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**

Oxford, England

**Masters in Philosophy (M.Phil) in Latin American Studies** (emphasis on development studies and political economy of regional economic integration)

(1993-1995)

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL**

Ann Arbor, MI, U.S.A.

**Doctoral studies and Masters in Laws (LL.M )** (1991-1993)

Best international student in international law (1992)

**SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF COSTA RICA**

San Jose, Costa Rica

**“Licenciado en Derecho”** (1991)

Graduation Summa Cum Laude (1991)

**OTHER FORMATION:**

**JFK SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

Cambridge, MA, U.S.A. (1996)

**Strategic Negotiation Program**

**INTERNATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY,**

Washington, D.C. U.S.A. (1991)

**Introduction to the U.S. Legal System**

**INCAE Central American Institute on Business Administration**

San Jose, Costa Rica (1990)

**Legal Aspects of Trade with the United States**

**OTHER:**

- Member of the Advisory Board, World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland
- Member of the Editorial Board, Journal of World Investment and Trade (JWIT), Kluwer Law International
- Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of International Economic Law (JIEL), Oxford University Press
- Rice University’s Baker Institute for Public Policy, Houston, Texas, Contributing Expert and Scholar, Latin America Initiative
- Designated to the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) Panel of Conciliators (2011-2017)
- “Mariano Montealegre Bustamante” Excellence Award conferred by the President and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica to the best Ambassador of the Administration (2006-2010)
- Honorary Member, Costa Rican Exporters Association (2010)
- Fellow Academia de Centroamérica
- Member of the Costa Rican Bar Association
- Ronaldo Falconer/Oxford Scholar (1993-1995)
- Fulbright Scholar (1991-1992)

**PUBLICATIONS**

More than twenty publications in books, articles and papers on international trade and investment law and policy published by UNCTAD, Oxford University Press, Cameron May, Martinus Nijhoff, Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank, Asia-Europe Journal, Journal of International Economic Law, and several Costa Rican publishers.

**LECTURES AND CONFERENCES**

Key note speaker, panelist and instructor in more than one hundred conferences, seminars and training activities on issues related to international trade and investment law and policy, in Asia, the Americas and Europe.

**LANGUAGES**

Fluent: Spanish and English. Basic: Italian and French