

CURRICULUM VITAE (EN): CHRISTIAN VIDAL-LEÓN

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: 11 December 1982

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1. EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF LLEIDA, Lleida (Spain)

Law Degree (Licenciatura en Derecho), September 2011

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington D.C.

LL.M. in International Legal Studies (with Distinction), May 2008

Scholarship: Fulbright

Activities: Fellow at the Institute of International Economic Law

Certificate in WTO Studies by the Institute of International Economic Law

Member of the Georgetown Law team, Moot Court Competition on WTO Law, Best Orator, May 2008

WORLD TRADE INSTITUTE; UNIVERSITY OF BERNE, Berne

Master of International Law and Economics (MILE) (magna cum laude), July 2007

Scholarship: Full scholarship awarded by Mexico's Ministry of Public Education for the academic excellence

Activities: Member, Winning Team, WTO Model for Graduate Students, June 2007

Internship at the Mission of Mexico to the World Trade Organization, March-April 2007

Research Thesis: "The Judicialization of International Trade; Does the WTO have a Judicial Branch?"

NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO (UNAM), Mexico City

Law Degree with Honors (Licenciado en Derecho con Mención Honorífica), July 2006

Honors: National Youth Award given by Mexico's President Vicente Fox, 2005

Law Student Award given by the Inter-American Bar Association, Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 2005

First place, Inter-American Competition on Human Rights, Bogota, Colombia, November 2004

Winner of the UNESCO Award on Human Rights for the Youth, Montevideo, Uruguay, December 2003

Winner of the national competitions on human rights for universities (2001-2003)

Research Thesis: "Las Leyes Antiterroristas. Un Estudio Comparado" (Anti-Terrorist Laws: A Comparative Study)

2. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ADVISORY CENTRE ON WTO LAW (ACWL), Geneva

Counsel, May 2016 - present

- Assists developing countries in WTO dispute settlement proceedings
- Provides legal advice on WTO and other trade-related matters to ACWL Members

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION; Legal Affairs Division and Appellate Body Secretariat, Geneva

Dispute Settlement Lawyer, August 2010 – April 2012 and October 2014 – April 2016

- Assisted WTO panels and the Appellate Body with the preparation of hearings, legal analyses, and reports (decisions)
- Participated in official missions to train government officials

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS (PwC); International Trade Department, Johannesburg

Manager, September 2013 – September 2014

- Responsible for international trade and foreign investment policy projects in a number of Southern African countries funded by international development agencies

EUROPEAN COMMISSION; Directorate-General for Trade, Brussels

Legal Officer, May 2012 – August 2013

- Provided legal advice on trade-related matters to senior Commission officials, Members of the European Parliament, as well as other Commission services

PROFESSOR GEORGES ABI-SAAB, Montreux (Switzerland)

Assistant, October 2008 – June 2012

- Assisted Professor Georges Abi-Saab in a number of academic projects and international disputes

VAN BAEL & BELLIS, Brussels

Associate, July 2008 – June 2010

- Represented exporters before the European Commission in several anti-dumping investigations
- Prepared, under the supervision of main partner, a WTO dispute

3. PUBLICATIONS

- Christian Vidal-León, *Corporate Social Responsibility, Human Rights and the World Trade Organization*, (4) *Journal of International Economic Law* 2013, pp. 893-920
- Christian Vidal-León, *Inequality of the Parties before the International Court of Justice: Reflections on the Appellate Jurisdiction over ILOAT Judgments*, 5(2) *Journal of International Dispute Settlement* 2014, pp. 406-430
- Christian Vidal-León, *A new Approach to the Law of Foreign Investments: the South African Case*, *Yearbook on International Investment Law & Policy 2014-2015*, (Oxford University Press: New York, 2016), Chapter 11, pp. 295-316
- Christian Vidal-León and Tatiana Yanguas, *Third parties in WTO Dispute Settlement*, *Journal of International Trade and Arbitration Law*, 2017, pp. 63-94
- Christian Vidal-León, *Book Review: BRICS, A Very Brief Introduction (Oxford University Press)*, 16(3) *World Trade Review* 2017, pp. 566-569

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Senior Research Associate, Rhodes University Grahamstown, South Africa (present)

5. LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Spanish (native)
- English
- French