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LANGUAGES

Spanish

Native language

English

Proficient/Fluent

French

Bilingual. Public Interpreter:
French/Spanish and viceversa.
Resolution No. 80 of 26 March
1992 issued by the Ministry of
Government and Justice of the
Republic of Panama.

Portuguese

Basic level

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010 - Present

Arbitrator, Expert and Consultant

I have been appointed as arbitrator in more than 30 cases. In addition, I have acted twice as a Dispute Board Member (DAB) under two FIDIC construction contracts in Central America (in the first case as Sole Member in 2012 and in the second case as Chair of the DAB in 2019). I have also acted as legal expert.

I am a member of the panel of arbitrators and conciliators for Panama before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).

I am also part of the list of arbitrators of: (i) the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC); (ii) the British Virgin Islands International Arbitration Centre (IAC); (iii) the Arbitration Center of the Bolivian Chamber of Hydrocarbons and Energy (Bolivia); (iv) the Conciliation and Arbitration Centre of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Panama (CeCAP); (v) the Centre for Conflict Resolution (CESCON) of the Panamanian Chamber of Construction (CAPAC); (vi) the Arbitration Centre of the Lima Chamber of Commerce (Peru); (vii) el Arbitration Centre of the Catholic Pontificia University of Lima (Perú); (viii) the Arbitration Centre of the Zambrano Association (Cusco, Perú) and (ix) the Arbitration and Conciliation Center of the Stock Exchange of Uruguay (CCA).

From April 2010 until October 2011, I acted as Consultant for the "*Program for the Development of a National System of Alternative Methods for Conflict Resolution for the Public Ministry of the Republic of Panama*" in charge to draft the following products jointly with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce of Panama:

- Legal and regulatory framework of the National Program of Alternative Methods of Conflict Resolution for the Public Ministry.
- Draft/proposal of the rules for the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution of the Public Ministry.
- Draft/proposal of the Code of Ethics for mediators, conciliators and psychologists of the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution of the Public Ministry.
- Lectures and conferences for officials of the Public Ministry and the Judiciary in Panama City, Penonomé and Chiriquí, to introduce the National Program of Alternative Methods of Conflict Resolution for the Public Ministry and other products mentioned above.

EDUCATION

1995- 1996

Université La Sorbonne Panthéon-Assas (Paris II)

Diploma of Specialized Superior Studies (D.E.S.S.) in “Litigation, Arbitration and ADR”.

1994-1995

Supreme Court of Justice of Panama

Attorney at Law. Authorization from the SCJ to exercise as attorney at law. Certificate No. 3133.

1989-1994

Universidad Católica Santa María La Antigua (Panamá)

Degree in Law and Political Science. Presentation of thesis titled “*Legal and Administrative Regime of the Arbitration and Conciliation Centre of Panama*”. Laureate; the jury recommended that the thesis be published.

January 2007 - February 2022

Regional Director for Latin-America (2007 –2022) –Regional Director for the Americas (May 2015 – July 2020) | International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) | Panama City

- Provide legal advice to companies, law firms and government entities on specific problems related to arbitration and other ADR services.
- Direction of the Latin American Chapter of the ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (ICC YAF).
- Speaker at conferences, trainings and courses related to arbitration and other ADR services in order to raise awareness on the importance of avoiding disputes and/or resolving disputes via arbitration and other ADR services.
- Preparing and planning educational programs for the judiciary, universities, ICC National Committees in Latin America.
- Organize ICC Conferences including more than 600 participants. For instance: the ICC Miami Annual Conference: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8NiCma8Dras> and <https://2go.iccwbo.org/icc-miami-conference-on-international-arbitration.html>. During the pandemic we organized hundreds of virtual events. You may see an interview made to the President of the ICC Court on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-RmFNloCPM>
- Leading a 3-person team (1 lawyer and 1 project manager).
- Extensive traveling to almost all countries in North America, Central America and South America.

2004-2007

Senior Counsel and Secretary of the ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR | ICC International Court of Arbitration| Paris

- Administration of the ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR (450 members from 130 countries):
 - Participation in the drafting of documents such as: (i) "Techniques for Controlling Time and Costs in Arbitration"; (ii) "Drafting international arbitral awards"; (iv) the ICC Dispute Board Rules and (ii) the ICC ADR Rules.
 - Supervision of the tasks performed by the different working groups of the Commission.
 - Organization and participation in monthly and semi-annual Commission meetings.
- Leading a 3-person team (1 lawyer, 1 assistant and 1 intern) in charge of the administration of cases submitted under the ICC ADR Rules, the ICC Expertise Rules and the ICC DB Rules. Monitoring of the cases.
- Giving advice to the international business community, institutions and government representatives regarding dispute resolution services.
- Promoting the ICC dispute resolution services in different regions of the world through seminars, training, courses and private meetings with other international organizations including FIDIC, DRBF and others.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Arbitration Channel

Member of the Academic Council (2022 to date)

Equal Representation in Arbitration (ERA) Pledge

Member of the Steering Committee (2018 to date)
Member of the Latin-American Sub-Committee (2016 to date)

ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR

Member (oct. 2022 to date)

International Bar Association -IBA)

Member of the Steering Committee of the Latin American Working Group (oct. 2022 to date)

Latin American Arbitration Association (ALarb)

Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors and Member of the Steering Committee (2015 to date)

Secretary of the Steering Committee (2010 – 2014)

Women Way in Arbitration – WWA LATAM

Member of the Steering Committee (2022 to date)
Co-Chair of the Task Force on institutional relations (2019 to date)

1999-2004

Counsel | ICC International Court of Arbitration| Paris

- Leading a 6-person team (3 lawyers, 2 assistants and 2 interns) in charge of the supervision of arbitration cases, mainly from Ibero-American countries and involving all types of contracts in different economic sectors.
- Management of 150-170 cases per year: (i) monitoring the work/performance of the arbitrators; (ii) examining draft arbitral awards submitted to the ICC Court for scrutiny and approval; (iii) reporting to the ICC Court (orally and written) the progress of each case; (iv) resolving queries of lawyers and parties.
- Travelling to different countries to represent the ICC Court in trainings, seminars and international conferences around the world.

1996-1998

Deputy Counsel | ICC International Court of Arbitration| Paris

- Assistant Attorney in a 5-person team in charge of the administration of arbitration cases mainly from Ibero-American countries.
- Supervise the legal and financial aspects of the arbitration cases (roughly 150 to 170 cases per year).

May 1996 – July 1996

Intern | ICC International Court of Arbitration| Paris

1993 - 1995

Legal Assistant | Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Panama | Panama City

- Participation in the creation of the Centre for Arbitration and Conciliation: drafting of the arbitration rules of the centre; creation of a new department; negotiations with local and international institutions.
- Participation in meetings of the Panamanian Legislative Assembly to revise and approve several bills related to trade in Panama.

PUBLICATIONS

- “*Compétence respective de l’arbitre et du juge pour l’apprécier*”, presentation in Coloquio organized by the French Supreme Court of Justice – Summary, published in the *Revue de l’Arbitrage du Comité Français de l’Arbitrage* No. 4, 2003.
- “*La Constitución del Tribunal Arbitral: Independencia e imparcialidad*”, published in “*El Contrato de Arbitraje*”, Legis, Colombia, October 2005.

TEACHING Experience

Professor for the Masters in Commercial Law - Module “Techniques for Conflict Resolution” at Universidad Latina de Panamá (2011).

Academic courses at the University of Heidelberg (Germany, 2004-2005), the *Universidad Autónoma de México*, the *Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México* (Mexico, 2002) and the *Universidad del País Vasco* (Spain, 1999).

Lecturer in diverse trainings, seminars and congresses in different parts of the world including Europe, Asia and the Americas.

- “*Intención de las partes con la Convención de Nueva York. Principales temas y discusiones que llevaron a su nacimiento*”, published in “*El Arbitraje Comercial Internacional*”, Abeledo Perrot, Buenos Aires, October 2008.
- “*The Articles II and III of the New York Convention and the experience of arbitral institutions: the ICC experience*”, published in the “*Revista de Arbitragem e Mediação*”, Year 5, No.18, Revista Dos Tribunais, Brazil, July-September 2008.
- “*Algunas reflexiones sobre el principio «compétence-compétence» y su aceptación en América Latina*”, published in *Liber Amicorum* for Dr. Felipe Osterling Parodi, first edition, Palestra Editores S.A.C., Lima, Peru, December 2008.
- “*El Arbitraje en América Latina: La Experiencia reciente de la Corte Internacional de Arbitraje de la CCI*” published in “*El Arbitraje en Perú y el Mundo*”, pp. 687-694. Ediciones Magna, Instituto Peruano del Arbitraje, Peru, 2008.
- “*Arbitraje Comercial Internacional en Panamá: Marco Legal y Jurisprudencial*”, published in “*El Arbitraje Comercial Internacional en Iberoamérica, Marco Legal y Jurisprudencial*”, second edition, La Ley Wolters Kluwer Group, Spain, 2012.
- “*Construction and Infrastructure Dispute: A Global Handbook*”, Panama Chapter, *Global Law and Business*, pp. 33-45, Globe Business Publishing Ltd., London, 2013.
- “*Recognition and Enforcement of International Commercial Arbitral Awards in Latin America - Law, Practice and Leading Cases*”, Panama Chapter, pp. 217-225, Brill Nijhoff, The Netherlands, 2015.
- “*From the ICC Court Regional Directors: Overview of the Dispute Resolution Panorama and Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic*”, Latin America, published in *ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin* 2020, Issue 3, pp. 72-74, Paris, 2020.
- “*The Melody of Arbitration in Latin America*” in “*Arbitration and Beyond... une forme de vie*”, published in *Liber Amicorum* for Yves Derains, Editions A. Pedone, pp. 79-95, Paris, 2021.