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Lawyer specialized in international dispute resolution with over 25 years of experience. She has served as arbitrator in major cases of global reach. With deep knowledge of arbitration in Latin America, she has been recognized for her global career and her commitment to integrity and professional excellence.

Who´s Who Legal (WWL) 2024: *"An excellent professional," "a lawyer with extensive knowledge,"* and *"a great legal mind."*

WWL 2023: *"Katherine González Arrocha's contributions to arbitration in Latin America are unparalleled." "She is a leading global professional". "She is highly recommended."*

Listed in *Thought Leaders Arbitration, Recommended Arbitration and Central America - 2016, 2018, 2023,2024*

EXPERIENCIA PROFESIONAL

Arbitrator, Expert & Consultant

2010 – Present

- President, Co-Arbitrator, Expert and Secretary of arbitral tribunals.
- Member of the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators and Conciliators**,** designated by the Republic of Panama in 2022.
- Listed on the rosters of arbitrators of various international organizations and arbitration centers.
- Participated in Dispute Boards under FIDIC contracts in Central America (Sole Member, 2012; President, 2019).
- Chaired the commission that drafted Law 131 of 2013**,** regulating commercial arbitration in Panama.
- Consultant for the development of a dispute resolution system for the Public Prosecutor's Office of Panama (2010–2011).

Experience as President or Sole Arbitrator in Commercial and Investment arbitrations

2010 – Present

- President, place of arbitration: Mexico. **ICC Rules** (ICC 27839/PDP), Mexican state entity and Mexican party; energy (pending).
- Sole Arbitrator, place of arbitration: Santiago de Chile. **ICC Rules** (ICC 28375/AJP), Ecuadorian state entity and Spanish and Mexican parties; construction of a metro line in Ecuador (pending).
- President, place of arbitration: Mexico. **ICC Rules** (ICC 27616/PDP), multiple parties from U.S. and Mexico; energy and shareholders' agreements (pending).
- President, place of arbitration: Bogotá. **ICC Rules** (ICC 27862/AJP), Colombian and Panamanian parties; energy – thermoelectric power plant (withdrawn by agreement of the Parties in 2025).
- President, place of arbitration: Lima. Rules of the Arbitration Center of the Lima Chamber of Commerce (**CCL Rules**), Peruvian State and multinational company; concession contract for the supply of renewable energy to the national interconnected power system (Award rendered in 2024).

- President, place of arbitration: Mexico. **ICC Rules** (ICC 26809/JPA), Mexican state-owned company and Singaporean company; oil sector – acquisition of an FPSO, operation and maintenance services (Award rendered in: 2022).
- President, place of arbitration: Panama. Rules of the Panama Arbitration and Conciliation Center (**CECAP Rules**), Brazilian and Venezuelan parties; construction of Tocumen International Airport (Award: 2020).
- President, place of arbitration: Mexico. **UNCITRAL Rules**, Peruvian parties and international organization; construction of a Social Security Hospital in Peru (Award: 2018).
- President, place of arbitration: Lima. **CCL Rules**, construction of movie theaters (Award: 2018).
- President, place of arbitration: Lima. **UNCITRAL Rules**, Peruvian state entity and Canadian investor; construction of the "Northern Interoceanic Railway Yurimaguas–Iquitos, Peru" (Award: 2015).
- President, place of arbitration: Panama. **CECAP Rules**, construction, purchase/sale agreeement and real estate management (Award: 2014).
- President, place of arbitration: Panama. **CECAP Rules**, construction purchase and sale agreement (Award: 2011).
- President, place of arbitration: Panama. **CESCON Rules** (Panamanian Chamber of Construction), construction (Award: 2010).

Experience as Coarbitrator in Commercial and Investment Arbitration **2010 – Present**

- Co-arbitrator, place of arbitration: Panama. **ICC Rules** (ICC 28482/PDP), state entity of El Salvador and Portuguese parties; construction / FIDIC Yellow Book – Border Post in the Central American Pacific Corridor (pending).
- Co-arbitrator, place of arbitration: Panama. **ICC Rules** (ICC 28605/PDP), Republic of Panama, Italian and Panamanian parties; public tender for the construction of improvements to the sanitary sewerage system (pending).
- Co-arbitrator, place of arbitration: Costa Rica. **ICC Rules** (ICC 27570/AJP), multiple parties from Venezuela, the United States and Panama; corporate and foundation disputes (pending).
- Co-arbitrator, place of arbitration: Miami. **ICC Rules** (ICC 28262/PDP), Republic of Panama and Canadian parties; mining (withdrawn by agreement of the Parties in 2025).
- Co-arbitrator, place of arbitration: Lima. **CCL Rules**, Peruvian state entity; public cleaning service concession in the Cercado de Lima (Award: 2023).
- Co-arbitrator, place of arbitration: Lima. **CCL Rules**, Peruvian state entity; construction contract for the expansion and improvement of a school (Award: 2020).
- Co-arbitrator, place of arbitration: Piura. Rules of the Arbitration Center of the Chamber of Commerce of Piura (**Piura Chamber Rules**), Peruvian state entity and Peruvian company; construction of a hospital – preparation of the technical dossier, execution of works, and equipment (Award: 2020).
- Co-arbitrator, place of arbitration: Lima. **CCL Rules**, international case, share subscription agreement (Award: 2019).
- Co-arbitrator, place of arbitration: Panama. **CESCON Rules**, international case, Centro American parties, construction and project management of a hotel in Panama City (Award: 2018).
- Co-arbitrator, place of arbitration: Panama. **CECAP Rules**, international case, Mexican and Panamanian parties; construction, design, operation and exploitation of the Panama-Colón Highway and sections of the Northern Corridor (Award: 2017).
- Co-arbitrator, place of arbitration: Lima. **UNCITRAL Rules**, ad hoc international arbitration, Peruvian state entity and Canadian investor; electric energy supply contract (Award: 2016).
- Co-arbitrator, place of arbitration: Panama. **CECAP Rules**, international case, Brazilian and Swedish parties; investments and construction (Award: 2016).
- Co-arbitrator, place of arbitration: Panama. **CESCON Rules**, international case, Central American parties; hotel industry and construction (Award: 2015).

- Co-arbitrator, place of arbitration: Panama. **CECAP Rules**, international case, banking sector, confidentiality agreements (Award: 2015).
- Co-arbitrator, place of arbitration: Panama. **CECAP Rules**, construction (Award: 2014).
- Co-arbitrator, place of arbitration: Panama. **CECAP Rules**, multiple parties, construction contracts, (Award: 2013).
- Co-arbitrator, place of arbitration: Panama. **CECAP Rules**, purchase and sale agreement (Award: 2013).

ICSID ARBITRATIONS - 2023 – Present

- ANGEL SAMUEL SEDA AND OTHERS v. REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA, Member of the Annulment Committee, languages: English and Spanish (Pending).
- MATHIAS KRUCK AND OTHERS vs. KINGDOM OF SPAIN, Member of the Annulment Committee, languages: English and Spanish (Pending).
- EUROS ENERGY HOLDINGS CORPORATION vS. KINGDOM OF SPAIN, Member of the Annulment Committee, languages: English and Spanish (Pending).
- AGROINSUMOS IBERO-AMERICANOS, S.L., INICA LATINOAMERICANA, S.L. vs. REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, Member of the Annulment Committee, language: Spanish (Decision rendered on 9 April 2025).

DISPUTE BOARDS- 2012 – Present

- President of Dispute Board, **FIDIC**, international; construction and design of a wastewater treatment plant in El Salvador (Decision rendered in: 2020).
- Sole DB Member, **FIDIC**, international, Central American parties (El Salvador); construction and design of a road in El Salvador (Decision rendered in: 2012).

EXPERT OPINIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES 2013 – Present

- Mock Arbitrator, place of arbitration: Panama. **CECAP Rules**; group of companies, shareholders' agreements, construction of a major shopping center & hospital in Panama (2024).
- Secretary to the Arbitral Tribunal, place of arbitration: Panama. **CECAP Rules**; international, banking sector, confidentiality agreements, language: English (2022).
- Legal Expert in Panamanian law, place of arbitration: Panama. **UNCITRAL Rules**; ad hoc international arbitration; Ecuadorian state entity and Chinese companies (reports in 2014 and 2017).
- Secretary to the Arbitral Tribunal, place of arbitration: Panama. **CECAP Rules**; international, energy sector, language: English (2013).

LISTED IN THE FOLLOWING ARBITRATION CENTERS:

- Arbitration Center of the Lima Chamber of Commerce (CCL)
- Arbitration and Mediation Center of the Quito Chamber of Commerce
- Arbitration Center of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP)
- Arbitration Center of the Bolivian Chamber of Hydrocarbons and Energy
- British Virgin Islands International Arbitration Centre (BVI IAC)
- China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)
- Conciliation and Arbitration Center of the Panama Chamber of Commerce (CECAP)
- Conciliation and Arbitration Center of the Stock Exchange of Uruguay (CCA)
- Conflict Resolution Center of the Panamanian Chamber of Construction (CESCON)
- International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
- Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission (IACAC)

ICC INTERNATIONAL COURT OF ARBITRATION – Regional Director for Latin America (2007-2022) & Regional Director for the Americas (2015-2020)

- Advised attorneys, state representatives, and state entities on arbitration and ADR.
- Led the Latin American Committee of the ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (YAF).
- Academic coordination and participation in international arbitration and ADR training programs aimed at lawyers, state entities, and ICC National Committees in the Americas.
- Led a team of two attorneys and one project director.

ICC INTERNATIONAL COURT OF ARBITRATION – Senior Counsel and Secretary of the ICC Arbitration Commission - **2004 – 2007** **Paris**

- Secretary of the ICC Commission on Arbitration (over 500 members).
- Involved in the creation of ICC guides and rules; supervised working groups and organized regular meetings.
- Led a team of three people managing and supervising arbitration cases under the ICC mediation, expertise and dispute board rules.
- Participated in the drafting of the first ICC Dispute Board Rules.
- Provided legal advice to the business community on ADR and arbitration.
- Represented the ICC Court at multiple conferences, including events in Europe, Asia, and Africa.

ICC INTERNATIONAL COURT OF ARBITRATION– Counsel - **1999 – 2004** **Paris**

- Managed between 150 and 170 arbitration cases per year, supervising the work of arbitrators and reviewing draft awards for scrutiny and approval by the ICC Court.
- Led a team of six people (three lawyers and three assistants).
- Reported to the ICC Court on the progress of cases.
- Supported attorneys, arbitrators, and parties by addressing case-specific questions.

ICC INTERNATIONAL COURT OF ARBITRATION– Deputy Counsel -**1996 – 1998** **Paris**

- Assistant lawyer to the Counsel in a team of five, handling arbitration cases primarily from Latin America and Spain.
- Oversaw the legal and financial management of arbitration files (approximately 150 to 170 cases per year).

PANAMA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND AGRIGULTURE

Legal Assistant - **1993 – 1995** **Panama City**

- Participated in the creation of the Arbitration and Conciliation Center; drafting the first Arbitration Rules.
- Negotiations with local and international entities.
- Participated in meetings with the Legislative Assembly for the adoption of trade-related laws in Panama.

EDUCATION

- **Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas** (Sorbonne), 1996 — Paris, France
  Diploma of Advanced Specialized Studies (DESS) in Arbitration and ADR.
- **Supreme Court of Panama — Certificate of Qualification as Attorney**, 1995
  Registration No. 3133 — Panama City.
- **Universidad Católica Santa María La Antigua**, 1989 – 1994
  Diploma of Five-year bachelor's degree in law and political science - Laureate Thesis — Panama City.

LANGUAGES

- **ENGLISH:** Advanced proficiency (spoken and written).
- **FRENCH:** Bilingual. Certified Public Interpreter French/Spanish (Resolution No. 80 of 26 March 1992, Ministry of Government and Justice of Panama).
- **SPANISH**: Native speaker.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- ALARB - Latin American Arbitration Association - Member of Council (2023–present), Vice President (2015–2023), Secretary (2010–2014).
- Arbitration Channel (Canal de Arbitragem) — Member of the Academic Council (2022–present).
- Arbitration Center of the Lima Chamber of Commerce (CCL) — Member of the Council (2024–present).
- Delos Dispute Resolution (Paris) — Member of the Advisory Board (2023–present).
- Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF) Member (2023–present).
- Equal Representation in Arbitration (ERA) Pledge — Member of the Global Steering Committee (2018–present).
- IBA - International Bar Association— Member of the Steering Committee of the Latin American Arbitration Working Group (2022–present).
- ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR — Member (2022–present).
- ICC Institute of World Business Law — Member (2022–present).
- Women Way in Arbitration (WWA LATAM) — Member of the Steering Committee (2022–present).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Universidad Latina de Panamá — Lecturer, master's degree in Commercial Law, Module on 'Conflict Resolution Techniques' (2011).
- Guest Lecturer at the University of Heidelberg (Germany, 2004–2005), Universidad Autónoma de México, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (Mexico, 2002) and Universidad del País Vasco (Spain, 1999).
- Speaker at numerous seminars, conferences, and colloquia worldwide, including in Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas (2000–present).

PUBLICATIONS

- ***"Compétence respective de l'arbitre et du juge pour l'apprécier"***, presented at the Colloquium organized by the French Supreme Court; abstract published in the Revue de l'Arbitrage of the Comité Français de l'Arbitrage, 2003, No. 4.

- ***"The Constitution of the Arbitral Tribunal: Independence and Impartiality"***, published in 'El Contrato de Arbitraje', Legis, Colombia, October 2005.

- ***"The Parties' Intention and the New York Convention: Main Issues and Debates Leading to Its Adoption"***, published in 'El Arbitraje Comercial Internacional', Abeledo Perrot, Buenos Aires, October 2008.

- ***"Articles II and III of the New York Convention and the Experience of Arbitral Institutions: The ICC Experience"***, published in 'Revista de Arbitragem e Mediação', Year 5, No.18, July–September 2008, Revista dos Tribunais, Brazil.

- ***"Reflections on the Principle of Kompetenz-Kompetenz and Its Acceptance in Latin America"***, published in the tribute book honoring Dr. Felipe Osterling Parodi, Palestra Editores S.A.C., Lima, Peru, December 2008.

- ***"Arbitration in Latin America: Recent Experience of the ICC International Court of Arbitration"***, published in 'El Arbitraje en Perú y el Mundo', pages 687–694, Ediciones Magna, Instituto Peruano de Arbitraje, Peru, 2008.

- ***"International Commercial Arbitration in Panama: Legal and Jurisprudential Framework"***, 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, pages 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, pages 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 Chapter, pages 72–74, ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin 2020, Issue 3, ICC, Paris.

- ***"The Melody of Arbitration in Latin America"***, published in 'Arbitration and Beyond... une forme de vie', Liber Amicorum for Yves Derains, Editions A. Pedone, pages 79–95, Paris, 2021.