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WORK EXPERIENCE

Evolance Arbitration, *Founder and Partner*, Mexico & the Netherlands. April 2026 - present

- I advise law firms, companies, and institutions on commercial and investment arbitration, from strategy and research to proceedings and enforcement.

Legaltree, *External Consultant*, Netherlands. October 2024 - March 2026

- Research, and argument drafting regarding *ad hoc* topics concerning public and private international law and investment arbitration.

Santamarina y Steta, *Associate*, Mexico City, Mexico. December 2020 - August 2024

- Counsel in more than 10 coworking/leasing arbitrations.
- Sole arbitrator in lease dispute.
- Research and advising on investment arbitration, enforcement against States, conflict rules, etc.
- Judicial proceedings in connection with arbitration (injunctions, enforcement of awards, etc.).
- Representation of the Mexican subsidiary against the parent company of a major franchise group in the food and supplements industry. Arbitration based in the U.S., worth over USD 100 million. Acting as co-counsel with U.S. Firm.
- Representation of U.S. parent company in a trademark dispute, with value in excess of USD 625 million.
- Representation of a foreign government in various Mexican insolvency proceedings for recovery of debts in excess of USD 100 million.
- Advising a foreign government regarding the procedure for the enforcement of foreign judgments in Mexico and similar issues on public and private international law.
- Representation of foreign financial institution in debt recovery, through simultaneous lawsuits and subsequent negotiation, of a loan in excess of USD 30 million.
- Representation of Mexican bank in different lawsuits relating to financing agreements, for amounts exceeding USD 20 million.
- Pro bono representation of the family of a victim of human rights violations in moral damages claim.
- Engaged directly with clients. Participated in business development and the training of interns and junior lawyers.

Quiroz y Bolio, *Intern, Associate*, Mexico City, Mexico. January 2017 - December 2020

- Representation of an energy company in a tax and customs dispute concerning the tariff classification of imported hydrocarbons.
- Representation of companies and individuals in civil and commercial litigation, including enforcement proceedings for promissory notes, mortgage foreclosures, lease disputes, and claims against banks for unauthorized transfers.
- Advising a Mexican company in the negotiation and closing of a transaction for the acquirement of industrial land to build a production facility in the stationery sector.

Bufete Sánchez-Navarro, *Intern*, Mexico City, Mexico. January - April 2016

- Labor consultancy. Reviewing employment contracts and drafting English-Spanish translations.

EDUCATION

Leiden University, the Netherlands. 2024 - 2025

- International Dispute Resolution and Arbitration (Advanced LL.M.). *Cum Laude*.
- Thesis on investment arbitration: “*Denial of Justice Under NAFTA: Continuity or Change Through the Lens of Lion v Mexico?*” ([here](#)).
- Lecturers: Brooks Daly; Jacomijn van Haersolte-van Hof; Eric De Brabandere; Brian McGarry; Farouk El-Hosseny; Daniel Peat; Anna-Alexandra Marhold.

- Courses on Public International Law; Arbitration in PIL; Investment Law and Arbitration; Commercial Arbitration; Negotiation and Mediation; Trade Law.

Universidad Panamericana, Mexico.

2022

- Postgraduate Degree on Civil and Commercial Litigation. GPA: 9.7/10 (Top of Class).

Universidad Panamericana, Mexico.

2015 - 2020

- Bachelor of Law equivalent. GPA: 8.8/10.
- Thesis on commercial arbitration: “*Party Autonomy in International Arbitration. Scope and Limits under International and Mexican Law*” ([here](#)).
- William C. Vis Moot. 16th finals.

Certifications & Training

- Académie Internationale du Droit de l’Arbitrage. Paris. 2026
- International Chamber of Commerce Dispute Resolution Universities Programme. Online. 2025
- Legal Writing Workshop, by Universidad Panamericana. Mexico City. 2022
- Workshop on Precedent Consultation Systems, by Mexican Supreme Court. 2022. Mexico City. 2022
- Seminar on the new Arbitration Rules of the International Chamber of Commerce. Online. 2021

PAPERS

- Recent Developments Regarding the Impact of EU Law on International Investment Law and Arbitration in Europe and Beyond (second author, with Prof. Nikos Lavranos) ([here](#)).
- New IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration (EN [here](#); ES [here](#)).
- Expedited Commercial Proceeding to Enforce a Promissory Note. Comparative Analysis of Rules of Procedure under Commercial Code and Code of Civil Procedures for Mexico City ([here](#)).
- Memory/Report of Table 2, “The Arbitral Tribunal”, within the 2023 Arbitration Colloquium by Arbitration Commission of the Mexican Bar Association (co-author with Anna Garcia Morineau).
- Considerations on the Procedure for the Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in Mexico.
- Cross-border Insolvency in matters of Bankruptcy Procedures.

SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

- Panelist in World Lawyer Forum 21th Conference, “Alternative Dispute Resolution - A New Era of Digital Mediation & Online Arbitration” ([here](#)).
- Q&A in ‘From Free Trade To Economic Security, a Paradigm Shift’ with Deputy Director-General at DG Trade and Economic Security, European Union ([here](#)).
- Mexico Arbitration Week 2024. Panel 3: “General Law on Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms” ([here](#) and [here](#)).
- Participation in lecture “Case Conference” at Moot Mexico 2024 ([here](#)).
- Santamarina y Steta podcast (“Evolución Legal”) on episodes regarding dispute resolution ([here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)).
- Invited speaker at special class on dispute resolution at Universidad Iberoamericana ([here](#)).
- Participation in conference organized by Arbitration Commission of the Mexican Bar Association ([here](#)).
- Moderator at seminar “Dialogues about Arbitration and the Judicature - Recognition and enforcement of Arbitral Awards” ([here](#) and [here](#)).

ACADEMIC

- European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration (EFILA), assistant to the Secretariat. 2024-2025.
- Universidad Panamericana. Mexico. 2021 - 2024. Adjunct professor on two courses: Alternative Dispute Resolution (AdR), and International Private Law.
- William C. Vis Moot. Former *mootie* and then coach for Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM).

RECOGNITIONS

Best Lawyers



Since 2024, onwards. Two categories: (i) Arbitration and Mediation; and (ii) Commercial Litigation.