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## SUMMARY

**Independent international arbitrator, specialist in public international law, with extensive dispute resolution experience in arbitration, conciliation and negotiation acquired through senior positions such as General Counsel of UNESCO, Director of the General Legal Division of the United Nations (UN) Office of Legal Affairs and Registrar of the UN Administrative Tribunal.**

- Directed the conduct of all litigation worldwide (commercial, employment or criminal) brought against the UN or UNESCO and selected outside counsel for these matters
- Appointed by the Government of Argentina, with effect from 1 July 2017, to World Trade Organization (WTO) Dispute Settlement Body "Indicative Roster of Panelists"
- Observer to the UNCITRAL Working Groups II and III on international arbitration and ISDS Reform
- Argentine Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration
- Member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law
- Trilingual (English/Spanish/French) and dual-citizen (Argentina/Spain)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Inter American Development Bank (IDB)

- Appointed to the position of Judge of the Administrative Tribunal of the IDB

**Washington, D.C.**

*June 2020 – present*

### The World Bank Group

- Appointed Member of the World Bank Group Sanctions Board

**Washington, D.C.**

*2019 - present*

### European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

- Appointed to the position of Judge of the Administrative Tribunal of the EBRD

**London**

*2018 - present*

### World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) - Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC)

- *Member and Chairman (2019) IAOC*, an external expert advisory body that assists Member States with oversight of WIPO's current operations

**Geneva**

*2017 - present*

### Independent Arbitrator

- Arbitrator in international commercial disputes, including disputes against Sovereigns or their instrumentalities

**Paris; New York; Madrid**

*2015 - present*

### UN Board of Inquiry

*Board Member*

- One of five individuals appointed by the UN Secretary-General to investigate and report on specific incidents that occurred on UN property during the 2014 conflict in Gaza

**New York**

*Nov. 2014 – Apr 2015*

### United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

*General Counsel*

- Provided legal advice to UNESCO, its Member States and its governing bodies on all issues arising from UNESCO's activities, particularly with respect to the interpretation and implementation of international treaties relating to education, science, culture and sport
- Managed and resolved disputes involving UNESCO through negotiation, mediation and arbitration in the sales, supply of goods and services, construction and employment fields. Advised the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation

**Paris**

*2009 - 2014*

### United Nations

*Director, Office of Legal Affairs, General Legal Division*

*Deputy Director, Office of Legal Affairs, General Legal Division*

- Managed and resolved a wide variety of commercial and construction disputes involving the UN through arbitration, conciliation and negotiation
- Negotiated major contracts between the UN and private contractors for the supply of goods and services to the UN, including in the context of its peacekeeping operations (fuel, air transport, logistical support, housing, etc.)
- Represented the UN in disputes related to the prosecution of fraud and the recovery of assets, which included supervising the conduct of internal investigations
- Represented the UN in multiple jurisdictions to assert its privileges and immunities in the context of litigation instituted against the UN in national courts
- Prepared the UN Secretary-General's proposal of 7 December 2007 to the Security Council for a dispute resolution mechanism to resolve mass claims resulting from the "Oil-for-Food Program", a multi-billion-dollar humanitarian program to ease the sanctions imposed on Iraq
- As member of the UN Justice Council in 2008, advised the General Assembly of the UN on the establishment of a two-tier UN Internal Justice system, which included arbitration

**New York**

*2005-2009*

*1999-2005*

### United Nations Administrative Tribunal (UNAT)

*Registrar*

- Managed the Registry and was responsible for issuing more than 50 judgement per year
- Provided substantive and administrative support to the UNAT judges in the adjudication of more than 500 cases

**New York**

*1985 - 1999*

### United Nations

*Legal Officer, General Legal Division of the Office of Legal Affairs*

**New York**

*1978 - 1985*

### UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

*Legal Officer, Office of Legal Affairs*

**New York**

*1976 - 1978*

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## BAR ADMISSIONS & EDUCATION

Buenos Aires Bar, Argentina, 1974

New York State Bar, USA, 1979

**Columbia University School of Law. Visiting Scholar.** New York, 2003

Undertook research on the use of public international law in investment arbitration, under the direction of Professors José Alvarez and Petros C. Mavroidis

**Columbia University School of Law. LL.M.** New York, 1976

**University of Buenos Aires, Faculty of Law. 5-year law degree.** Argentina, 1974

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## MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- Member of the Advisory Committee of the Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid (*July 2018-present*)
- Member of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) International Panel (2019 – present)
- Member of the Corte de la Cámara de Comercio de Lima (CCL) Panel
- Member of the AmCham Panel of arbitrators, Lima
- Member of Delegations (UN Office of Legal Affairs, UNESCO and CISG Council) at the UNCITRAL Working Groups II and III (Arbitration/Dispute Resolution/Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform) in New York and Vienna (*2008-present*)
- Consultant for UNCITRAL, including on matters pertaining to current and future work
- Member of the IBA Sub-Committee on Investment Arbitration (*since 2016*)
- Argentine Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration (*2010 - present*)
- Member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law (*2011 - present*)
- Director, Columbia Law School Alumni Association (*2002 - 2012*)
- Director, American Foreign Law Association (*1976 - 2010*)
- Member, New York City Bar Association, Committee on International Commercial Dispute Resolution (*2003 - 2009*)
- Member, New York City Bar Association, Committee on Foreign and Comparative Law (*1999 - 2001*)
- Member, New York City Bar Association, Committee on International Law (*1996 -1998*)
- Vice-Chair, Program Committee of the International Law Weekend (*1994 - 2001*)

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## AWARDS

**Mayre Rasmussen Award for the Advancement of Women in International Law** (International Law Section of the American Bar Association, April 2013).

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## CONFERENCES & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Speaker at numerous international arbitration conferences, the most recent being: Institute for Transnational Arbitration Annual Workshop (Dallas, June 2015); International Chamber of Commerce (Miami, November 2015); Centre for International Legal Studies Arbitration Symposium (Salzburg, June 2016, 2018); Joint UNCITRAL-Ljubljana Arbitration Centre Conference on Dispute Settlement (Ljubljana, April 2017); V Seminar on ISDS Reform, Peruvian Institute of Arbitration (Lima, October 2017); Union Internationale des Avocats: Keynote Speech for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the New York Convention (Bilbao, April 2018); Internationale Seminar on International Commerce Investment & Arbitration (Montevideo, Uruguay, March 2019); Webinar on legal and contractual remedies involving force majeure and excessively onerous contract clauses: a practical vision from arbitration specialists (ICC, June 2020); Webinar on Covid-19 and standards of investment protection (ICC, July 2020)
- Chair and co-arbitrator at numerous Vis Moot sessions, Vienna
- **Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris Law School (Sciences Po).** Lecturer: *Law and Practice of International Organizations* (Fall 2017)
- **Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.** Lecturer: *Law and Practice of International Organizations* (November 2017 - present)

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *UNESCO's Role in the Resolution of Disputes Relating to the Recovery of Cultural Goods*, with Asoid Garcia-Márquez and Athina Fouchard, *Transnational Dispute Management Review, Special Issue on Art and Heritage Disputes*, Vol. 10, Issue 5 (October 2013)
- *UNESCO and Global Administrative Law*, in Bories, C (ed.), *A Global Administrative Law? Actes du Colloque*, 16 et 17 juin 2011, *Cahiers Internationaux* No. 28, p. 317 (Pedone, 2012)
- *Testing the Procedural Limits of the ICSID Annulment Regime in Cases against Argentina*, with Yulia Andreeva, *Yearbook of International Investment Law and Policy*, p. 291 (Oxford University Press, 2010)
- *New Developments in the "Argentine Crisis" Jurisprudence: ICSID Annulment Standards in Arbitral Practice*, with Yulia Andreeva, 39 *International Legal News* No. 2 (2010)
- *There is Nothing More Permanent Than Temporary - A Critical Look at ICSID Article 52(5) on Stay of Enforcement in Cases against Argentina*, with Yulia Andreeva, 15 *Arbitration News*, No. 1 (2010)
- *Promoting the Rule of Law Within the United Nations*, 43 *The International Lawyer*, No. 1, p. 51 (2009)
- *Independence of the Tribunals*, in Papanicolau K & Hishaki, M, *Int. Administrative Tribunals in a changing world. 2008*