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Bianca McDonnell is an Australian and Irish national that is trained as a lawyer in Australia and is specialised in public international law and international arbitration.

Experience in Arbitration

In 2017 Bianca McDonnell joined *Armesto & Asociados* to work in a team with founding partner Juan Fernández-Armesto. Bianca participates in arbitration proceedings, including international, *ad hoc* and administered arbitrations involving commercial and investment disputes.

Most of the cases are administered by the ICC and ICSID. As for the *ad hoc* arbitrations, most are subject to the UNCITRAL Rules.

Before joining *Armesto & Asociados*, Bianca obtained her *Master of Laws (LL.M)* in *International Legal Studies* with a *Certificate in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution* at *Georgetown University Law Center*. She graduated with Distinction, was a Dean's List Honoree and attained a GPA of 3.97/4.00. During the second semester she completed an externship at *Three Crowns LLP's* Washington D.C. office. Bianca represented *Georgetown University Law Center* at the *Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot* in Vienna and the *Florida International University Miami Vis Pre-Moot*. Bianca is a coach of the Sri Lankan Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology Vis Moot team.

Professional Memberships

- American Bar Association Section of International Law; American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution
- Young Arbitrators Forum of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC YAF)
- Australian Red Cross Society of Women Leaders

Professional Experience

Bianca completed an externship at *Three Crowns LLP's* Washington D.C. office for a period of four months. In 2015 Bianca completed a six month internship for Judge



Carmel Agius, President of the United Nations *International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia*. During her law degree in 2015, Bianca gained experience assisting lawyers at *Sparke Helmore Lawyers* and *Clear View Lawyers*. She additionally completed a three month internship at *Human Rights Watch* in Sydney. In 2013 Bianca spent a year working as a law clerk for the criminal barrister Tania Evers, at *Frederick Jordan Chambers* in Sydney.

Education

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Bianca graduated with First Class Honours from her Bachelor of Laws at the *University of Technology, Sydney*. Bianca received a High Distinction for her research honours thesis on: '*Establishing the Individual Criminal Responsibility for International Crimes Perpetrated by Members of ISIL in Syria and Iraq.*' During her fourth year, Bianca completed an exchange program in Milan at the *Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore*. Bianca was a student representative judge of the *Student Misconduct and Appeals Committee*.

Bianca completed her *Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice* and is eligible for admission to the *New South Wales Legal Professions Admission Board*.

Awards

- Dean's List, Master of Laws, Georgetown University Law Center
- Best Claimant's Brief, *Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot*
- Cali Award for Best Exam - International Arbitration, Georgetown University Law Center
- Award of Excellence, *UTS King & Wood Mallesons Moot*
- Best Delegate, *Asia Pacific Model United Nations Conference*

Languages

- English (mother tongue)
- French (working level)
- Spanish (intermediate)
- Italian (beginner)