

ARMESTO & ASOCIADOS

ÁRBITROS

BIANCA MCDONNELL

Bianca McDonnell is an Australian lawyer specialised in international arbitration and public international law.

SUMMARY

Bianca McDonnell joined Armesto & Asociados in 2017 to work in a team with founding partner Juan Fernández-Armesto. Bianca participates in investment and international commercial arbitration proceedings, on cases administrated by ICSID or the ICC, and *ad hoc* proceedings under the UNCITRAL Rules.

Bianca graduated from Georgetown Law's Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Legal Studies with a Certificate in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution on the Dean's Merit List and with Distinction. She is admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales and is awaiting admission to the New York State Bar.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

In addition to working at Armesto & Asociados, Bianca trains the Sri Lankan Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration moot teams on behalf of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Commercial Law Development Program. In 2017 Bianca completed an externship at Three Crowns LLP's Washington D.C. office. In 2016 she worked as a clerk for Judge Carmel Agius, President of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

Whilst completing her law degree in Sydney, Bianca worked for barrister Tania Evers at Frederick Jordan Chambers, gained experience at various law firms, and completed an internship at Human Rights Watch.

EDUCATION

Bianca graduated at the top of her class at Georgetown, attaining a GPA of 3.97/4.00. She was the Co-President and Founder of the United Nations Association – Georgetown Law, and was a LL.M. Editor of the Georgetown Journal of International Law. Bianca represented Georgetown at the Vis Moot Competition in Vienna, and went on to act as arbitrator in Hong Kong in 2018.

Bianca graduated with First Class Honours from her Bachelor of Laws at the University of Technology, Sydney. She 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.' She was appointed as judge of the Student Misconduct and Appeals Committee, volunteered with Anti-Slavery Australia, and participated in various moot court competitions. Bianca additionally completed an exchange program at the *Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore* in Milan.



AWARDS

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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ICCA and Young ICCA (International Council for Commercial Arbitration)
- CEA and CEA-40 (*Club Español del Arbitraje*)
- ICC YAF (Young Arbitrators Forum of the International Chamber of Commerce)
- American Bar Association Section of International Law; American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution
- Australian Red Cross Society of Women Leaders

LANGUAGES

- English (mother tongue); advanced Spanish and French.

LIST OF ARBITRATIONS IN WHICH BIANCA HAS PARTICIPATED

1. **DP World Limited vs. Kingdom of Belgium**, (Juan Fernández-Armesto, B. Stern and S. Alexandrov), Assistant to the President, ICSID Case No. ARB/17/21, investment arbitration under BIT, English language (2017).
2. **Oil Refinery vs. Engineering and Construction Company**, (Juan Fernández-Armesto, A. Jana and Sir V. Ramsey), Administrative Secretary, ICC, engineering, procurement and construction agreement, law of the State of New York and law of a South American country, English language (2016).
3. **Russian Company vs. Eastern European State**, (Juan Fernández-Armesto, B. Stern and S. Alexandrov), Administrative Secretary, UNCITRAL, investment arbitration under multilateral treaty, English language. Counsel to Claimant: Baker & McKenzie; Counsel to Respondent: White & Case (2018).
4. **Edenred S.A. vs. Hungary**, (Juan Fernández-Armesto, C. von Wobeser, F. Orrego Vicuña (replaced by P.-Y. Tschanz and), Assistant to the Tribunal, ICSID, revision of investment arbitration award rendered in 2016, English language. Counsel to Applicant: Horváth & Partners DLA Piper; Counsel to Respondent: Hogan Lovells (2018).