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ÁRBITROS

KRYSTLE M. BAPTISTA SERNA

Krystle M. Baptista Serna is of counsel at Armesto & Asociados. She is an arbitrator and lawyer specialized in litigation and arbitration.

Experience in Arbitration

Krystle M. Baptista joined Armesto & Asociados in 2014, after four years as a lawyer in Cuatrecasas Gonçalves Pereira in Madrid and Barcelona. In 2019 she became of counsel in Armesto & Asociados. Krystle takes part in commercial and investment arbitration proceedings under the main international rules (ICC, ICSID, LCIA, CIAC- IACAC, UNCITRAL, etc.).

Professional Memberships

- Member of the New York State Bar Association.
- Member of the Madrid Bar Association.
- Member of the IBA Arb40 Subcommittee.
- Associate of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution Young & International (ICDR Y&I) of the American Arbitration Association.
- Member of Young ICSID.
- Member of Young Arbitrators Forum of the International Chamber of Commerce (YAF ICC).
- Member of London Court of International Arbitration's (LCIA) Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG).
- Member of Club Español del Arbitraje, and member of its Under-40 Section (CEA-40), which she co-chaired in 2014-2016.

Professional Experience

Between 2009 and 2013, Krystle worked as a lawyer at the law firm Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira, in Madrid and Barcelona. She was part of the elite program for the promotion of young international lawyers (PPAI) and, as such, she gained relevant experience in corporate law, tax law, white-collar crime litigation, and international and domestic litigation and arbitration. In 2012 and 2013, she belonged to the Arbitration, Civil and Commercial Litigation Practice Group acting as counsel in various commercial arbitrations and, civil and commercial disputes.

Prior to obtaining her law degree, Krystle was an intern at the law firm Uría Menéndez in Brussels, Belgium, ACM Corporation in Changzhou, China, and the law firm Macleod Dixon (currently Norton Rose Fulbright) in Caracas, Venezuela.



Teaching Experience

Since 2014, Krystle combines her work as an arbitration practitioner with academic work as an associate professor at IE Law School, where she teaches International Arbitration to master students. She also teaches at the Master for Access to the Legal Profession of the University of Navarra.

Education

Krystle holds a Law Degree (2009) from the Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona, Spain, where she graduated as the top student of her class. She also obtained the Anglo-American Law Diploma, the International Business Law Diploma and the Global Law Diploma.

Krystle participated in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. In her last year of law school, Krystle participated in an exchange program and spent the fall semester at Chicago-Kent College of Law in Chicago (USA).

During the academic year 2011-2012, Krystle obtained a master's degree (LLM) at New York University (NYU) in New York City, USA. During the LLM program, Krystle specialized in International Legal Studies.

While at NYU, Krystle was the recipient of the Half –Tuition Dean's Award as well as a full scholarship from the Fundación Caja Madrid.

Krystle was the Spanish National Administrator of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in 2011 and 2013.

Awards and Scholarships

- FTI Award for best reasoned quantum in the Young Arbitrators Match, Paris Very Young Arbitration Practitioners – PVYAP, 2014.
- NYU Law School Half –Tuition Dean's Award, 2011.
- Fundación Caja Madrid Full Scholarship, 2011.
- Madrid Court of Arbitration (CAM) Scholarship: Advanced Program on Arbitration Practice (IE Law School), 2010.
- Thomson - Aranzadi "Best Transcript" Award (3rd Place), February 2010.

Nationalities

- Venezuelan and Spanish national.



Languages

- Spanish (mother tongue).
- English (bilingual).
- French (intermediate).
- Chinese (basic).
- Portuguese (basic).

Selected Speaking Engagements

- “The NY Convention and Investment Arbitration”, 60 Years of the New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards: Key issues and future challenges, Seville (2018).
- “Empathy and Efficiency: when arbitrators and lawyers get in each other’s shoes to benefit the proceedings”, 2018 Arbitration Open, Madrid (2018).
- “IBA Arb40-YIAG Symposium”, 21st Annual IBA Arbitration Day, Buenos Aires (2018).
- “A Training Session on the IBA Arb40’s Toolkit for Arbitral Award Writing”, CEA-40 and IBA Arb-40 Committee, Madrid (2017).
- “Don’t yell, I am not deaf! Communication difficulties when solicitor and arbitrator do not share the same mother tongue”, II Madrid Vis Pre-Moot conference, Madrid (2017).
- “Recent trends in practical issues of Investment Arbitration”, FIAMC Pre-moot conference, Moscow (2017).
- “Guerrilla tactics in International Arbitration in Latam”, CEA-40 and ICC-YAF, Panama City (2016).
- “Settlement of Investment Disputes: At a cross-roads?”, CEA-40 Special event featuring: Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler, Madrid (2016).
- “New ICC policies to promote transparency and efficiency”, ICC YAF meets CEA-40, Madrid (2016).
- “Claims under the ECT against Spain and Italy”, Arbit meets CEA-40, Rome (2015).
- “Investment Arbitration: hot procedural issues”, IX CEA-40 Annual Meeting in Madrid, CEA-40 (2015).
- “Document Production”, III International Arbitration Congress in Barcelona, ICAB (2014).