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ÁRBITROS

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Mélanie Riofrio Piché is a Canadian-Ecuadorean national. She is an arbitrator and a lawyer specialized in international arbitration.

Experience in Arbitration

In 2012 Mélanie joined Armesto & Asociados to work in a team with founding partner Juan Fernández-Arместo in Madrid.

Mélanie acts as arbitrator in national and international proceedings.

She also participates in commercial and investment proceedings. *A list with a detailed description of each case is attached.*

Professional Memberships

- ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (ICC YAF) Representative for Europe (2017-2019)
- Chair of the International Arbitration Seminars & Courses (IASC)
- Member of Foro de abogados de la República del Ecuador
- Member of Spanish Arbitration Association (*Club Español del Arbitraje*)
- Member of Young ICSID
- Member of the task force on the revision of the ICC Rules as Appointing Authority in UNCITRAL and other Ad Hoc Proceedings
- Member of the drafting committee of the task force in charge of Arbitral Institutions for the Code of best practices in arbitration of the Spanish Club of Arbitration (CEA)

Professional Experience

Before joining Armesto & Asociados, Mélanie worked at Serrano Puig Abogados in Quito, Ecuador, Peñaherrera, Ponce & Salvador in Quito, Ecuador, and Fasken Martineau Dumoulin in Montreal, Canada. She also did an internship at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in The Hague and at the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris.

Academic Experience

Mélanie teaches at IE Business School and she is the Chair of the International Arbitration Seminars & Courses (IASC).

Education

Mélanie holds a Law Degree from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador. She obtained a master's degree (LL.M) in *Droit des Affaires et Commerce International* at Université de Montréal and she holds a *Certificat en Droit Français et Européen des affaires* at Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas.

Languages: French, Spanish, English and basic knowledge of Italian and Portuguese.



List of arbitrations in which Mélanie Riofrio Piché has participated

As Arbitrator

- **Spanish Company vs. Spanish financial institution**, President of Arbitral Tribunal (co-arbitrators: Miguel Ángel Serrano and Francisco Roldán), Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid, financial derivatives contract, Spanish law and language (2019).
- **European Company vs. Asian Company**, Sole Arbitrator, ICC, distribution agreement, Spanish Law, English language (2018).
- **Spanish Company vs. Spanish financial institution**, Sole Arbitrator, Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid, financial derivatives contract, Spanish law and language (2018).

As Secretary of Assistant to the Tribunal

- **US Construction Company vs. Central American Office of an International Organisation**, Administrative Secretary, Uncitral, construction contract, *lex mercatoria*, Spanish language (2019).
- **International Construction Company vs. Central American Public Agency**, Administrative Secretary, ICC, construction contract, Panamanian Law, Spanish language (2018).
- **Mexican Construction Company vs. Mexican Petrochemical Company**, Administrative Secretary, ICC, construction contract, Mexican law, Spanish language (2018).
- **Pawlowski AG And Project Sever S.R.O. vs. Czech Republic**, Administrative Secretary, ICSID Case No. ARB/17/11, investment arbitration under BIT, English language (2017).
- **Chilean Company vs. Chilean and Italian Companies**, Administrative Secretary, ICC, construction contract, Chilean law, Spanish language (2017).
- **French Distillery vs. Spanish Distillery**, Administrative Secretary, Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid, *ex aequo et bono*, Spanish language (2016).
- **International Construction Company vs. Central American Public Agency**, Administrative Secretary, ICC, construction contract, Panamanian Law, Spanish language (2015).
- **Álvarez y Marín Corporación S.A. and others vs. Republic of Panama**, Assistant to the Tribunal, ICSID Case No. ARB/15/14, investment arbitration under BIT, Spanish language (2015).



- **Peruvian Company vs. Peruvian And Colombian Companies**, Administrative Secretary, ICC, turnkey construction contract, Peruvian law, Spanish language (2015).
- **European Companies vs. European State Owned Entities And European Companies**, Administrative Secretary, UNCITRAL Rules, share purchase agreement in the aluminium sector, English language (2014).
- **Spanish Company vs. Portuguese Company**, Administrative Secretary, Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid, sale in the solar energy sector, Spanish law and language (2014).
- **Tenaris S.A. And Talta – Trading E Marketing Sociedade Unipessoal Lda. vs. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela**, Assistant to the Tribunal, ICSID Case No. ARB/12/23, investment arbitration under BIT, English and Spanish languages, (2013).
- **Foreign Investor vs. Public Entity of a Central American Republic**, Administrative Secretary, ICC, joint venture in the electricity market, Spanish language (2013).
- **Two United Arab Emirates Companies vs. United Arab Emirates Company**, Administrative Secretary, DIAC, construction and development agreements, Dubai and UAE laws, English language (2012).