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Experience

Snider Dispute Resolution PLLC | Independent Counsel & Arbitrator

New York, NY and Mexico City, Mexico

August 2024–Present

Serve as independent counsel and arbitrator, as well as tribunal secretary, in international and US commercial and investment arbitrations. Provide strategic pre-dispute advice in the investment and contracting phase, including with respect to investment structuring and drafting arbitration clauses, as well as claim analysis. Particular expertise in disputes involving states and state-owned entities, sanctions and corruption issues, and parallel proceedings.

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP | Senior Associate

New York, NY and Madrid, Spain

October 2014–July 2023

Acted for claimants and respondents in more than 25 commercial and investment disputes under the ICC, UNCITRAL, ICDR/AAA and ICSID rules, managing legal strategy, teams and client relationships. Also provided strategic advice to clients in relation to US sanctions, with experience acting in global investigations and cross-border litigation. Transferred from New York to Madrid in 2022 to lead Freshfields' international arbitration team in Madrid and facilitate cross-office, cross-practice collaboration and build business development strategy. Significant pro bono experience including matters relating to US immigration law, military justice, anti-corruption and public international law.

Anheuser-Busch InBev | Global Legal & Compliance (Client Secondment)

New York, NY

August 2017–February 2018

Advised Legal and Global Compliance Directors and Latin America and India teams in English and Spanish. Handled a variety of disputes and compliance-related matters, including anti-bribery/anti-corruption investigations, human rights reviews, policy development and implementation, and the development of a data analytics platform to manage compliance risk. Responsible for managing external counsel relationships.

U.N. International Law Commission | Legal Assistant to Eduardo Valencia Ospina (ILC Member from Colombia)

Geneva, Switzerland

January 2012–August 2012

Assisted the Special Rapporteur on the protection of persons in the event of disasters in drafting and research.

Representative matters

- Representing ConocoPhillips in two joined ICC arbitrations against PDVSA governed by Venezuelan law, concerning PDVSA's breach of contract. The ICC tribunal awarded ConocoPhillips US\$2 billion in damages.
- Advising a Latin American conglomerate in an ICC claim against a state-owned entity for contractual breaches relating to a joint venture in the petrochemicals industry.
- Representing ConocoPhillips in an ICSID arbitration under the Netherlands-Venezuela BIT and subsequent annulment proceedings, arising out of one of the largest expropriations in history. In March 2019, the Tribunal issued an US\$8.7 billion award—the largest ever ICSID award—following a complex damages phase.

- Advising a US telecommunications company in an ICDR arbitration arising out of a joint venture in the Dominican Republic.
- Representing South32 in an ICSID arbitration under the United Kingdom-Colombia BIT in respect of Colombia's measures attempting to extract additional royalties from the Cerro Matoso mining project.
- Advising an international oil major in an ICC claim against PDVSA relating to a joint venture offshore oil project.
- Representing Latin American Regional Aviation Holding S. de R.L. (LARAH) in its claim against Uruguay under the Panama-Uruguay BIT, relating to its investment in Uruguay's former flag carrier airline, Pluna Líneas Aéreas (Pluna), and the forced sale thereof in 2012.
- Advising a leading US electronics company in its defense against a AAA claim relating to US intellectual property law.
- Representing an international mining company in an ICC claim relating to a large mining project in Colombia.
- Advising a Spanish renewable energy company in relation to contractual and tort claims in US federal courts arising out of a solar energy project in Latin America.
- Representing Occidental Petroleum in an UNCITRAL arbitration against Venezuela following Venezuela's improper interference with hydrocarbon investments.
- Advising an energy and natural resources investor in an investment dispute under the UNCITRAL rules arising out of a government concession in Uruguay.

Education

New York University School of Law, New York, NY

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2014

Other honors: Journal of International Law & Politics, Articles Editor; Frank J. Guarini Leaders in Government Scholar; International Law & Human Rights Fellow; McKay Scholar

Cornell University College of Arts & Sciences, Ithaca, NY

Bachelor of Arts in Government, *cum laude* with *Distinction in All Subjects*, May 2009

Minors: International Relations, Spanish, Latin American Studies

Visiting Student Programme (Politics), St. Edmund Hall, University of Oxford (2007–2008)

Professional affiliations & activities

- Admitted to practice law in New York State
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Member: ABA International Arbitration Subcommittee (Vice Chair), ICC/USCIB, ArbitralWomen, International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR) Y-ADR Steering Committee (2021–2023), Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (arbitrator)
- International Arbitration Seminars and Courses (IASC), Lecturer

Nationality & languages

- US national
- English (native); Spanish (professional, CEFR C2 equivalent)