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Abayomi is a scholar of the International Bar Association and a graduate of Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ogun State, Nigeria. Having been called to the Nigerian Bar, Abayomi has garnered about 10 years experience in dispute resolution and has advised the Nigerian Government on several market defining projects in Nigeria. Abayomi had his LLM in International Commercial Law from the University College London, United Kingdom and is currently a PhD Student at the Faculty of Law, Queen's University, Ontario, Canada. His current research is on the assessment of third party funding in International Commercial and Investment Arbitration. Abayomi is an associate of the Government Business and Dispute Resolution Practice of Olaniwun Ajayi LP (a tier-1 commercial law firm in Nigeria) and has completed work placement at Baker & McKenzie LLP (London office) and 4-5 Gray's Inn, London, United Kingdom. He has experience in all forms of dispute resolution, particularly international commercial arbitration, as well as commercial and criminal litigation. Abayomi is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK), Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association, Young International Arbitration Group of the LCIA and a neutral on the panel of neutrals in the Abuja Multi-Door Court House, Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, Nigeria. He is the President of the Association of Young Arbitrators (AYA) and has attended courses at the Harvard Negotiation Institute (Boston, United States) and the International Court of Arbitration in Paris.



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Aliz Káposznyák

Aliz Káposznyák is a PhD candidate at the Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) in Budapest (Hungary). She currently holds the position of research fellow at the chair of her supervisor Professor István Varga. In her research, Aliz focuses on investor-State dispute settlement mechanisms, with special regard to recognition and enforcement issues. She was a visiting researcher at the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law. Aliz participated in the codification work of the new Hungarian Code of Civil Procedure between 2014 and 2016 and is one of the co-authors of the leading commentary on the new Code. Since 2014 she has been working as an associate at KNP LAW Nagy Koppany Varga and Partners Law Firm in Budapest. Aliz received her JD from ELTE Law School and her LLM in International Dispute Settlement from the Europa-Institut in Saarbrücken (Germany).



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Álvaro López de Argumedo

Álvaro López de Argumedo joined Uría Menéndez in 1992 and has been a partner since 2003. He is the coordinator of the Firm's Litigation and Arbitration Department. He focuses his practice on domestic and international arbitration, international civil litigation and mediation. He has considerable experience in the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards, as well as in interim measures in judicial and arbitration proceedings. He has taken part in over 50 international and domestic arbitration proceedings before the main arbitral institutions (ICC, LCIA and CAM among others), particularly in matters relating to construction, energy distribution and M&A, as well as in judicial proceedings regarding those sectors. He is a member of both the Governing Board and the Mediation Commission of the Club Español del Arbitraje (CEA), Officer of the IBA's Arbitration Committee (and President of its Soft Law Commission) and member of the UIA's International Arbitration Committee. Representation of two Spanish and Argentinian joint ventures in the energy and construction sectors, in an ICC international arbitration relating to the expansion of a gas plant in Argentina (EUR 400M) • Representation of a foreign royal family in a claim to recover their properties in Spain (EUR 233M) • Representation in several international arbitrations of a power company in its claim for a substantial amount of gas and the corresponding damages (EUR 200M) • Representation of a bank in a class action arising in relation to swap contracts (EUR 150M) • Representation of a Spanish company in a request for interim measures in an ICC arbitration against a sovereign fund of the Republic of Uzbekistan (EUR 34M).



Ana Armesto

Collaborative Lawyer, Mediator, Arbitrator President of FEDECOB-Federación de Derecho y Práctica Colaborativa (Spanish Collaborative Law Federation) and coach, Ana Armesto is a lawyer specialized in commercial, M&A, international investment, joint ventures, project management and Corporate Governance matters for more than 30 years. She has developed his professional career as Partner in Arthur Andersen (now Deloitte) and Garrigues Abogados. Ana has over 20 years of experience in mediation, negotiation and facilitation, and as a trainer in these matters. Ana has significant experience Arbitrator in corporate, commercial, financial and construction matters for more than two decades. ICC Advanced PIDA training on International Commercial Arbitration. Founder member of the CEA, she is also member of its Mediation Commission, and member of the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF) as well. As practitioner of Collaborative Law and especially committed to its development, Ana belongs to the Association of Collaborative Law of Euskadi (ADCE) and she has been member of the Standards Committee of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP). Nowadays, Ana is the President of FEDECOB and is also "Certified executive coach" awarded by the "International Coach Federation" and "Certified Team Coach". Member of the board of directors of different entities, Ana is a Certified Director by ICA, the Spanish organization of directors, having been member of their Board of Director. Ana usually participates as a professional (arbitrator, mediator and judge) in different MOOTs and international competitions and in the ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition. Regular speaker at seminars, conferences and congress, Ana is a professor in different university masters, and trainer in negotiation skills, conflict management, ADR's, mediation, Collaborative Law, and compliance.



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Ángel Mª Ballesteros Barros

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Anna Joubin-Bret

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Antonio Sanchez-Pedreño Kennaird

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Carlos de los Santos is the Head of the Litigation and Arbitration Department at Garrigues, where he has pursued his entire professional career. He practices law in the fields of civil and corporate/commercial law and domestic and international arbitration. He has taken part in domestic arbitration proceedings before the leading Spanish courts of arbitration, as well as international arbitrations at a range of venues, including Madrid, New York, Paris, Zurich, Copenhagen, London and Buenos Aires and under many different legislations. Elsewhere, he has advised on issues concerning bilateral investment treaties in relation to businesses investing in diverse countries. Carlos de los Santos has been singled out for inclusion in the leading directories, such as Chambers & Partners (Europe and Global), BestLawyers and Legal 500 as a 'Leading individual' in the litigation and arbitration practice, which also rank Garrigues among Spain's leading firms in this area. Carlos de los Santos is a regular speaker at seminars on procedural law and arbitration. Carlos has also lectured at the Instituto de Empresa (IE Law School) on the Arbitration Practice Course, and on a course in energy law on the Master's Degree in Energy Law at Club Español de la Energía. He is Vice President of the Spanish Arbitration Club (CEA) and a member of the Madrid Bar Association, the Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association, as well as the Secretary General of the International Law Association (ILA Spanish Branch). He has contributed to various collective works, notably including: 'Party Tactics with Regard to Payment of Advances: A Case Study', ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin, Issue 2, 2017 and 'Enciclopedia Jurídica del Arbitraje en Español', Estudio Mario Castillo Freyre Library, Jorge Luis (Dir.) (et al.), Palestra, 2016, amongst the most recent.



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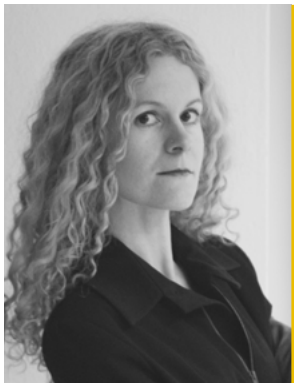
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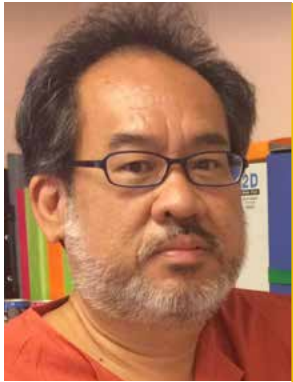
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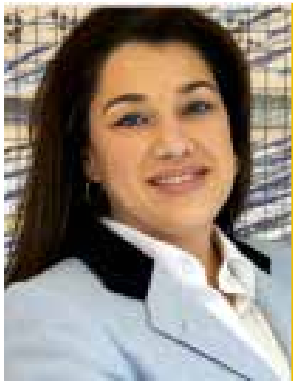
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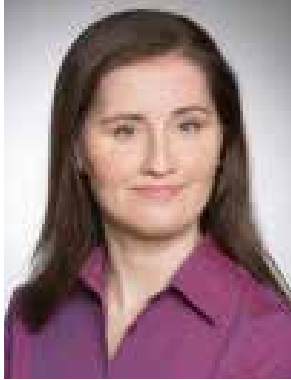
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