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Attorney at Law with orientation in International Commercial Law graduated with honors (Magna Cum Laude, first of his generation), LL.M. in International Law from the University of Heidelberg (Germany), and Master in International Law, Investment, Trade, and Arbitration by the University of Chile, graduated with maximum qualification (Sehr gut - very good). With professional and pedagogical experience developed in different areas of law. Representative of Honduras in the World Forum on Human Rights "LabCitoen" with a focus on the environment developed in Paris, France in July 2015 in the framework of the COP21. Certificate of Specialization in International Commercial and Investment Arbitration from the University of Geneva and University of Buenos Aires. Certificate in Contract Drafting (French) from the University of Geneva. Certified in Quantification and Structuring of Damages in International Arbitration by the International Chamber of Commerce. An active member of the Honduran Bar Association and other international associations. Arbitrator and Secretary of the Arbitral Tribunal of the Conciliation and Arbitration Center of Tegucigalpa's Chamber of Commerce and Industries. **Fluent in English and French, basic knowledge of German.**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

• ARBITRATOR AND SECRETARY OF ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL • MARCH 2021

Arbitrator and Secretary of Arbitral Tribunals constituted under the Rules of the Conciliation and Arbitration Center of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Tegucigalpa.

• ASSOCIATE – Lexincorp Central American Law Firm • FEBRUARY 2020 – CURRENT POSITION

Associate Attorney in the areas of domestic and international arbitration, foreign investment, international commercial law, construction law, public and private international law, international investment law, international contracts, and corporate and commercial law. He has experience in civil, commercial, labor, and administrative matters at the domestic level.

He has focused his experience on the management, administration, interpretation, and application of construction, infrastructure, public works, and concession contracts, among others. Likewise, he advises State entities and Construction Companies in the prevention and management of contractual risks in construction, infrastructure, and energy matters, as well as in the accompaniment of the resolution of disputes in Dispute Adjudication Boards or domestic and international Arbitration, under different rules (ICC, UNCITRAL, ICSID, LCIA, among others). Some of the projects in which he participates as an advisor:

- *An Airport Infrastructure Project: Administration of the Concession Contract and other contracts deriving therefrom, with subcontractors.*
- *Legal advice in airport concession reversion process.*

- *Legal expertise in the contractual administration of contractors and subcontractors in airport management.*
- *Legal support for eight road repair, rehabilitation, and construction projects.*
- *Legal advice on the modification of 40 works and construction contracts (FIDIC), in reference to term extensions, higher costs, and force majeure events, among other aspects.*
- *Structuring of Dispute Adjudication Boards and arbitration proceedings in various construction and infrastructure projects.*

He has advised State entities in the interpretation and application of Investment Treaties, for the prevention of acts that may be attributable to the State under Public International Law, as well as the interpretation and application of substantive and procedural standards contained in such Treaties. Likewise, he advised in the negotiation of a Free Trade Agreement, concerning the National Treatment and Reservation Clauses.

In the multiple domestic and international arbitrations in which it has participated, the laws of the Republic of Honduras have been applied, foreign laws have been applied or the applicable law has been determined under the conflict of laws rule of private international law.

● EXPERT COLLABORATOR – UNIVERSITY, THE NETHERLANDS ● MARCH 2021 – SEPTEMBER 2021

Appointed as expert collaborator for the jurisdiction of Honduras in the research project "Tracing Inherent Powers", which seeks to understand the configuration of the General Principles of Law as a source of Public International Law through the practice established in the different State and International Courts.

● TRAINEESHIP - ATTORNEY – Araya y Cía. Abogados (Santiago de Chile) ● SEPTEMBER 2018 – NOVEMBER 2018

Trainee lawyer in International Trade, dealing with international commercial arbitration and review of international contracts. On the other hand, Araya & Cía. Abogados promoted the creation of the Safe Trade Network for Produce (a conciliation and arbitration center for the agribusiness industry) in which he worked in the introduction of changes and reforms in the Statute, Internal Rules, and Arbitration Rules of STN for Produce, as well as in the design of strategies for the recruitment of users and collaboration with other centers in the USA and France.

● ATTORNEY – Figueroa & Asociados Law Firm ● NOVEMBER 2015 – APRIL 2018

Litigation before the Courts of the Republic. Legal advice in civil, commercial, labor, and administrative matters.

● CONSULTANT – United States Agency for International Development USAID and Universidad Tecnológica Centro Americana UNITEC ● NOVEMBER 2013 – MARCH 2014

Consulting work as a Human Rights and Information Literature Teacher in the Proyecto Metas organized by UNITEC and USAID to train people with low economic resources and incomplete or low level of schooling.

● STUDENT ASSISTANT – Universidad Tecnológica Centro Americana UNITEC ● OCTOBER 2010 – DICEMBER 2011

For his outstanding grades, he was selected as a student assistant to work in the admissions area of the University.

• **TUTOR – Universidad Tecnológica Centro Americana UNITEC • JANUARY 2011 – OCTOBER 2014**

Tutor of various subjects in Law and languages.

• **STUDENT INTERNSHIP • Central Bank of Honduras • JUNE 2009 – OCTOBER 2009**

There he was able to take charge of the Clearing House, thus working directly with all the Banks that make up the Honduran Financial System. He also worked in the export area directly with the Bank's Management.

HIGHER EDUCATION

LL.M. in International Law, Investment, Trade, and Arbitration

(honors "Sehr gut - very good")

Double Degree: Master of Law in International Law (LL.M. int.) and master's in International law, Investment, Trade and Arbitration • 2019

UNIVERSITY OF HEIDELBERG AND UNIVERSITY OF CHILE • Heidelberg, Germany – Santiago, Chile

B.A. IN-LAW (Magna Cum Laude Honors) • 2015

CEUTEC/UNITEC • La Ceiba, Atlántida • Law Degree

DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATIONS

DISPUTES BOARDS EN LATINO AMÉRICA • MayoEd, Perú • 2022

ASPECTOS LEGALES EN CONTROVERSIAS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN • MayoEd, Perú • 2022

CUANTIFICACIÓN Y ESTRUCTURACIÓN DE DAÑOS EN ARBITRAJE INTERNACIONAL •

International Chamber of Commerce, Costa Rica • 2021

RÉDACTION DES CONTRATS • Université de Genève • 2021

LATIN AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION COURSE • Geneva Center for International Dispute Settlement (Université de Genève) and University of Buenos Aires • 2020

CERTIFICADO DE FORMACIÓN DE ÁRBITRO • Conciliation and Arbitration Center of the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Tegucigalpa • 2020

CERTIFICADO DE FORMACIÓN DE SECRETARIO DE TRIBUNAL ARBITRAL • Conciliation and Arbitration Center of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Tegucigalpa • 2020

CERTIFICAT « LABCITOYEN » EN COMPÉTENCES PROFESSIONNELLES DANS L'ART DE L'ORATOIRE, L'ARGUMENTATION ET LE DÉBAT (Certificate « LabCitoyen » in professional skills in the art of oratory, argumentation and debate) • Institut Français, Consulat Général de France à Rio de Janeiro et la Fédération Francophone des Debates • Río de Janeiro 2019

DIPLOMA IN GERMAN LANGUAGE • A1.3 "very good" • University of Heidelberg (Heidelberg Center Latino America) • Santiago de Chile 2019

INTERNATIONAL LAW IN ACTION: THE ARBITRATION OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES • University of Leiden • 2018

DIPLOMA EN DEFENSA INTERNACIONAL DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS • Latin America Center for Human Rights and the University of Zaragoza • 2016

GESTIÓN DEL TALENTO HUMANO • Human and Business School Desafío and Universidad Tecnológica of El Salvador • 2014

DIPLOMA OF STUDY IN FRENCH LANGUAGE - B1 • Ministry of National Education, Higher Education and Research of the French Republic and the Centre International Educational Studies (CIEP) 2013

ORGANIZATIONS

- Member of the Honduran Bar Association
- Member of Honduran Young Arbitrators, La Ceiba Chapter Director
 - Member of the European Society of International Law
 - Member of the Spanish Arbitration Club
 - Member of Energy-Related Arbitration Practitioners
- Member of the Young International Arbitration Group - London Court of International Arbitration
 - Member of Young ITA
- Member of Young ICCA Arbitrators – International Council for Commercial Arbitration
 - Member of ICDR Young Group
 - Member of Young ICSID
 - Member of Young OGEMID
- Member of the Latin American Association of Construction Law (ALDEC) - Arbitration Group and Young ALDEC

PUBLICATIONS, RESEARCH PAPERS, AND COLLABORATIONS

- Amendments to the Rules of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), April 2022.
- Case Commentary: Judgment of the Second Civil Court of Appeals of the Department of Francisco Morazán, November 21, 2019, Exp. 1-A-2019 - Cable Color S.A. de C.V. v. Americana de Producciones S.A. (AMPRO), to be published in Revista de Arbitraje Comercial y de Inversiones, Thomson Reuters, Spain.
- Case Analysis: Interocean Oil Development and Interocean Oil Exploration v. the Federal Republic of Nigeria, (ICSID Case No. ARB/13/2020) to be published in Revista de Direito Internacional, Brazil.
- Why, how, and when? General Ideas on the Arbitrator's Duty of Disclosure, Lexincorp.com, January 2022.
- "Procedure for the Recognition and Enforcement of International Awards," Lexincorp.com, July 2021.
- "It's not just a matter of principle: The use and application of general principles of law as part of the Honduran legal system on the merits of a dispute", Lexincorp.com, April 2021.
- "Mediation and the relevance of the Singapore Convention," Lexincorp.com, March 2021.
- "Online arbitration: a new reality in Honduras" / "Arbitraje en línea: una nueva realidad en Honduras", Lexincorp.com, January 2021.
- "Soft Law Instruments in International Arbitration: their use and a comparative view based on the Code of Best Practices of the Spanish Arbitration Club", Co-author, October 2020 Spain Arbitration Review, Spanish Arbitration Club.
- "Regulations on the use of technology and telework", Lexincorp.com, August 2020.

- Author of the Hypothetical Case for the second edition of the Honduran University Arbitration Competition - Honduran Young Arbitrators.
- "Contractual breaches as consequences of COVID-19 and the relevance of Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods", Lexincorp.com, April 2020.
- "Domestic and international treatment of COVID-19 infected contracts: La force majeure", Lexincorp.com. March 2020
- "The protection and rights of investments and/or investors in Honduras and dispute resolution", Lexincorp.com, February 2020.
- Co-author of Hypothetical Case of the first University Arbitration Competition of Honduras - Honduran Young Arbitrators and Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Tegucigalpa.
- GRADUATE THESIS: "Decentralization of the State: Central Bank of Honduras under the new scheme of Sectoral Cabinets" Grade: 96/100.
- POSTGRADUATE THESIS: "The Relevance of World Trade Organization Law in Investment Arbitration": Grade 1/1, "Sehr gut", maximum grade.
 - Collaboration in writing and translation of articles in Spanish digital newspaper elmanifiesto.com.
- "Human Rights in A So-Called "Bloody" Region: What Can We Do?", Citizens Rights Watch Newsletter Jan-April 2016.
- "Climate change and climate migration: are the human rights being abused?", - Citizens Rights Watch Newsletter January-April 2018

CONFERENCES AS A PANELIST OR SPEAKER

- Conference "International Investment Arbitration", Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras - Valle de Sula, January 31, 2022.
- Seminar "The Promotion and Protection of Investments: From Substantive Rights to International Investment Arbitration", Conciliation and Arbitration Center of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Tegucigalpa, November 18 and 19, 2021.
- Conversatory "Let the Lawyer tell you", Universidad Tecnológica Centro Americana, June 12, 2021.
- Seminar "Review of Investment Arbitration Awards", Universidad Autónoma de Chile and Universidad Finis Terrae, June 8, 2021.
- "Alternative Dispute Resolution: its benefits and challenges", Universidad Tecnológica Centro Americana, Centro Universitario Tecnológico, March 18, 2021.
- "Arbitrability and Public Order. Enforcement and Recognition of Awards annulled at the seat", Seminar on International Commercial and Investment Arbitration, Universidad de la República, Uruguay, March 12, 2021, ● "Arbitrability and Public Order.
 - "Precautionary and provisional measures in arbitration", International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Mexico, March 3, 2021.
 - "Transparency as a Pillar of Legitimacy of the Investor-State Dispute Resolution Mechanism", UNCITRAL - UNAH - Lexincorp, November 24, 2020.
- "A Career in International Arbitration: What, How and When", Spanish Arbitration Club, October 19, 2020

- "Introduction to International Investment Law and Arbitration", Honduran Young Arbitrators, October 17, 2020.
- "State Measures in the Health Emergency and its Impact on Foreign Investments and International Investment Arbitration", Spanish Arbitration Club, September 24, 2020.
- "International Investment Law and Arbitration", Conference in live broadcast for members of the Honduran Bar Association, September 23, 2020.
- "The Use and Application of Soft law in International Arbitration," International Chamber of Commerce - Mexico and Universidad De La Salle, Bajío, September 22, 2020.
- "Umbrella Clauses in the APPRIs of Honduras and the Law on Promotion and Protection of Investments", Conference together with Squire Patton Boggs to the Secretary of State in the Offices of Infrastructure and Public Services INSEP, August 2020.
- "International Commercial and Investment Arbitration: generalities and characteristics", master's in business management and Foreign Trade, Universidad Tecnológica de Honduras UTH, July 2020.
- "Introduction to Public International Law and Economic International Law", Honduran Young Arbitrators, July 2020.
- "The Legal Effects on the Construction Sector post COVID-19", Honduran Chamber of the Construction Industry, June 2020.
- "Force Majeure and Arbitration as a Method of Dispute Resolution", Conciliation and Arbitration Center of the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Tegucigalpa, April 2020.
- "Legal Aspects before the COVID-19 in the Construction Industry", College of Civil Engineers of Honduras, April 2020.
- "Legal Aspects before COVID-19 in the Energy Industry", Honduran Association of Renewable Energy, April 2020.

REFERENCES

- Michail Risvas, MPhil, MJur, DPhil (Oxford), Professor of Public International Law, IE University, mrisvas@faculty.ie.edu (Academic reference).
- Dr. José Antonio Moreno Rodríguez (Harvard), Professor of Principles of International Contracts and Arbitration, the University of Heidelberg (among others), jmoreno@altra.com.py (Academic Reference)
- Dra. Adriana S. Dreyzin Klor, Professor of International Law, International Legal Consultant, and International Arbitrator, adridreyzin@gmail.com, (Academic Reference)
- LL.M., M.Sc. Gabriela Figueroa Herrera, Professor of the Faculty of Law, Universidad Tecnológica Centro Americana UNITEC and Founding Partner of Law Firm Figueroa and Associates, gfiguroah2016@gmail.com (Professional and Academic Reference)
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