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Clàudia is a senior associate in the public international law and arbitration team.

Clàudia Baró Huelmo specialises in public international law, international arbitration and international criminal law. She has acted as counsel for States and corporate entities in a number of international arbitration proceedings with experience in disputes in financial services, mining, recycling, construction, banking, and energy sectors.

She has advised European, Caribbean and American States as well as international organisations in public international law matters such as State succession, immunities, territorial and maritime boundaries, business and human rights, and settlement of international disputes.

Clàudia is currently serving as a member of the board of the Association for the Promotion of Arbitration. She is also a delegate of the Tribunal Arbitral de Barcelona. Before joining the firm, Clàudia worked for a leading international arbitration firm in Geneva (2017-2019) and a public international boutique law firm in London (2016 - 2017). Prior to that, she taught public international law courses at the Autonomous University of Barcelona and worked in a Spanish law firm specialising in banking litigation (2015 - 2016).

Clàudia holds an LLM (2015, with distinction) in Public International Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). She graduated with a Spanish law degree from the Autonomous University of Barcelona in 2014 where she has awarded the Premio Extraordinario de Licenciatura. She was also an exchange student at the University of California, Berkeley (2012 - 2013).

Track record

LCIA arbitration

Representing an African State entity in the second phase of LCIA proceedings on quantum for breaches of a share purchase agreement.

ICSID arbitration

Representing Qatar National Bank in ICSID arbitration proceedings against South Sudan and the Bank of South Sudan in a dispute concerning an investment loan agreement.

Enforcement of arbitral awards

Representing a Chinese company in enforcement proceedings of an arbitral award before English courts.

Protection of international investments

Advising an Italian company on issuing ICSID arbitration proceedings against an African State in a dispute concerning the construction of a sports complex.

UNCITRAL arbitration

Representing an Eastern European State in an ad hoc investor treaty arbitration under UNCITRAL rules initiated by US investors in a dispute concerning renewable energy.

ICSID arbitration

Representing Gesenu in ICSID arbitration proceedings against the Arab Republic of Egypt in a dispute concerning a waste management project.

Public international law

Advising a Middle Eastern State on general issues relating to public international law and international litigation, including contentious proceedings before the International Court of Justice, international institutional law and World Trade Organisation law.

United Nations law

Advising a Caribbean government on issues concerning good governance under Article 73 of the United Nations Charter and the obligations of the administering power.

Law of international organisations

Advising a Caribbean government on associate membership and observer status in international organisations.

State succession

Advising an African State on matters relating to Statehood, State succession and remedial secession.

Human rights

Advising a foundation on matters concerning the interpretation and scope of an arbitral clause which did not preclude access to Dutch courts to seek redress for issues of fraud committed by a Brazilian company.

Protection of foreign investments

Advising foreign investors on restructuring options to maximise investment protection.

International criminal law

Collaborating with an international criminal law non-governmental organisation on issues concerning investigation of crimes against humanity by the International Criminal Court.

Human rights

Collaborating with a human rights non-governmental organisation on submissions to the Human Rights Committee on issues relating to reproductive rights in Ecuador and Honduras.

UNCITRAL arbitration

Representing a Chinese company in an ad hoc investor treaty arbitration concerning a free trade zone against an African State.

ICSID arbitration

Representing a German investor in ICSID arbitration proceedings against the Kingdom of Morocco.

Public international law

Advising a Middle Eastern State on general issues relating to public international law and international litigation.

ICSID arbitration

Defended an Eastern European State in investment treaty arbitration proceedings under ICSID Rules in a mining dispute.

SCAI arbitration

Represented a multinational toiletries corporation against a Swiss entity in arbitration proceedings under the SCAI rules over manufacturing defects.

Annulment of arbitral awards

Acted for several Ukrainian companies before the Swiss Federal Supreme Court in annulment proceedings of arbitral awards against the Russian Federation in matters relating to State succession in Crimea.

Protection of foreign investments

Advised an international mining company on potential investment treaty arbitration proceedings against an Eastern European State arising from the non-issuance of environmental permits.

ICSID arbitration

Represented a European country in ICSID arbitration proceedings relating to financial services and the validity of intra-EU bilateral investment treaties.

Territorial dispute

Advised a Central American State on initiating contentious proceedings before the ICJ on a territorial and maritime dispute.

Protection of foreign investments

Acted for another Caribbean State in its negotiations with a foreign investor with regards to the terms of a promotion and marketing contract.

Banking litigation

Represented one of Spain's biggest banks in a series of judicial proceedings against it relating to mortgage-backed credits and loans as well as the commercialisation of complex financial products.

- *Arbitraje de inversiones y derechos humanos* – Estudio Mario Castillo Freyre – 02.2023
- *Tips and tricks: how to succeed in oral advocacy* – Delos Remote Oral Advocacy Program – 01.2023
- *Geopolitics and international law* - Haute école de gestion de Genève - 10.2022
- *Ukraine and international law: a case study* - University of Girona - 10.2022
- *The intervention of local courts in the arbitral process: anti-arbitration injunctions* - Swiss Chapter of the Spanish Arbitration Club - 09.2022
- *Cuestiones prácticas y de actualidad en el arbitraje de inversiones* - Estudio Mario Castillo Freyre - 08.2022
- *El Tribunal Arbitral ante la prueba obtenida ilegalmente* - Club Español del Arbitraje - 06.2022
- *El ordenamiento aplicable en el arbitraje internacional* - Estudio Mario Castillo Freyre - 05.2022
- *Business and human rights* - Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners - 05.2022
- *Careers in international law* - University of Liverpool - 04.2022
- *La práctica del derecho internacional público* - University of Valencia - 02.2022
- *Arbitraje de inversiones y cambio climático: en busca de un equilibrio entre obligaciones* - Fundación para la Investigación sobre el Derecho y la Empresa (FIDE) - 12.2021
- *Arbitration and Brexit* - Association for the Promotion of Arbitration - 05.2021
- *El día a día en la práctica del arbitraje de inversiones* - Universidad CEU Cardenal Herrera - 05.2021
- *What are the limits international law imposes upon States?* - University of Salamanca - 04.2021
- *Careers in international law* - University of Salamanca - 04.2021
- *International law in a changing world: can we keep up?* - University of Salamanca - 04.2021
- *Women in international law* - Tennessee World Affairs Council - 03.2021
- *Tips and tricks: how to succeed in oral advocacy* - Delos Remote Oral Advocacy Program - 03.2021
- *Arbitraje internacional en una economía globalizada* - Association for the Promotion of Arbitration - 02.2021
- *The paranoia of due process rights* - Association for the Promotion of Arbitration - 03.2019

External publications

"La responsabilidad internacional del Estado en arbitraje de inversiones" in *Manual de Derecho de las Inversiones Internacionales y Arbitraje*, Biblioteca de Arbitraje del Estudio Mario Castillo Freyre

"Third-party funding" in *The Guide to M&A Arbitration* (4th edition) (2023) *Global Arbitration Review*

"Internal law and investment treaty arbitration"(2022) *ICSID Review - Foreign Investment Law Journal*

"Climate change and investment treaty arbitration: a balancing act for States" (2021), *Jus Mundi Blog*

Interview in *Hablando con ellas. Conversaciones con veinticuatro mujeres protagonistas del arbitraje (a propósito del talento femenino)* (2021) Biblioteca de Arbitraje del Estudio Mario Castillo Freyre

"Third-party funding" in *The Guide to M&A Arbitration* (3rd edition) (2020) *Global Arbitration Review*

"The paranoia surrounding the protection of due process rights: an easy-to-abuse exception for annulling arbitral awards or refusing to enforce them? A Spanish perspective" in *Arbitraje internacional en una economía globalizada. Reflexiones en homenaje a D. Ramon Mullerat* (2020) *Economist & Jurist – Difusión Jurídica*

"Public international law: an introduction to London" (2020) *Chambers and Partners UK*

Entries on "sucesión de Estados", "arbitraje de inversiones" and "orden público internacional" in *Diccionario Digital de Derecho Internacional Privado* (2020) Biblioteca de Arbitraje del Estudio Mario Castillo Freyre

"There and back again: ¿de vuelta a la litigación para disputas transfronterizas?" (2018) *Spain Arbitration Review*, Vol. 32, pp. 9-21

"Is Kazakhstan a State Successor to the USSR? A Perspective from Investment Treaty Arbitration" (2018) *Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) Bulletin*, Vol. 36, No. 2, pp. 295-313

Admissions

2014: Spain (Abogada)

2021: England and Wales (Solicitor-Advocate)

Education

London School of Economics and Political Science, LLM (Distinction) Public International Law (2015)
Autonomous University of Barcelona, LLB (Premio Extraordinario de Licenciatura) (2014)

Languages

Catalan
English
French
Spanish

Memberships

Delegate of the Tribunal Arbitral de Barcelona
Associació pel Foment de l'Arbitratge
Club Español de Arbitraje
Swiss Arbitration Association
Arbitral Women
Young International Council for Commercial Arbitration
Rising Arbitrators Initiative

Key dates

Year joined: 2019

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