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English | Spanish



About Carlos

Carlos Guzmán Plascencia is of counsel in the International Dispute Resolution Practice. His practice focuses on representing states and state owned entities in investor state disputes and commercial arbitrations, with a particular emphasis on disputes in the sectors of construction and infrastructure, telecommunications, and energy.

Carlos has been involved in arbitration proceedings under the rules of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), and the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA).

Before joining the firm, Carlos was an associate in the International Arbitration group of a major international law firm.

Experience

- Advise Turkmenistan in a US\$1.5 billion ICSID(AF) dispute brought by Mobile TeleSystems (MTS) concerning the operation of telecommunication licenses in Turkmenistan.
- Advise Turkmenistan in *Dirk Herzig as Insolvency Administrator over the Assets of Unionmatex Industrieanlagen GmbH v. Turkmenistan*, ICSID Case No. ARB/18/35, concerning the construction of grain production facilities and bakeries.
- Advised Kuwait in a US\$240 million, ICSID dispute brought by Rizzani de Eccher, OHL and Trevi, concerning the construction of a major road in that country.
- Advised a government client in its defense against a US\$200 million LCIA, commercial arbitration concerning a contract for the construction of a gas pipeline in a Latin American country.
- Advised Libya in an €80 million dispute under ICSID Additional Facility rules, concerning diverse contracts for the construction of roads and infrastructure.
- Advised Indonesia in opposing a request to annul the award issued in *Churchill Mining Plc and Planet Mining Pty Ltd v. Republic of Indonesia*, ICSID Case Nos. ARB/12/40 and 12/14.

- Advised Venezuela in *Universal Compression International Holdings, S.L.U. v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*, ICSID Case No. ARB/10/9, regarding the nationalisation of gas compression plants in that country.
- Advised Venezuela in *Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Europe v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*, ICSID Case No. ARB/12/13, regarding the nationalisation of a proppant plant.
- Advised Venezuela in *Opic Karimum Corporation v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*, ICSID Case No. ARB/10/14, concerning the nationalisation of a petrochemical plant.
- Advised Venezuela in *Tidewater Investment SRL and Tidewater Caribe, C.A. v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*, ICSID Case No. ARB/10/5, concerning the nationalisation of an oil-related services company in that country.

Credentials

Education

- New York University School of Law, LL.M., 2016
- Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economicas A.C., LL.B., 2011

Admissions

- New York, 2018
- Mexico, 2011

Memberships & Affiliations

- LCIA's Young International Arbitration Group
- Young ICCA
- Young ICSID
- American Bar Association

Recognitions

- Recognized by *Legal 500 United States* 2022, 2024 and 2025 as a leading associate in Dispute Resolution and International Arbitration

Expertise

Services

- International Dispute Resolution

Industries

- Construction & Engineering

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One of the world's strongest integrated law firms, providing insight at the point where law, business and government meet. We deliver commercially focused business solutions by combining our legal, lobbying and political capabilities and invaluable connections on the ground to a diverse mix of clients, from long-established leading corporations to emerging businesses, startup visionaries and sovereign nations. More than 1,500 lawyers in over 40 offices across four continents provide unrivaled access to expertise.