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About Carolina

Carolina Soto Hernández focuses her practice on civil and commercial litigation and dispute resolution.

Carolina is a partner at the firm and leads the International Dispute Resolution Practice in the firm's Dominican Republic office. She graduated *cum laude* in law from the *Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo*. She holds a master's degree in law (LLM) from the University of Illinois (US) and a postgraduate degree in Spanish law from the *Universidad de Alcala* (Spain). Carolina is also a member of the Bar Association of the Dominican Republic and the *Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Madrid*. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Court of Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution of the Chamber of Commerce and Production of Santo Domingo, of the Legal Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce, where she leads the Subcommittee on Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution, and of the Board of Directors of the French-Dominican Chamber of Commerce.

Since 2018, Carolina has been a judicial interpreter and official translator of the Dominican Republic for English.

She has been recognized in several directories, including *Mercado Magazine's* ranking of young Dominican talent "40 under 40" and *Top Latino Lawyer*; and constantly in *Chambers Global*, *Chambers Latin America* and *Legal 500*.

Carolina is a professor for the Commercial Arbitration and Alternative Conflict Resolution courses at the *Universidad Pontificia Católica Madre y Maestra* (PUCMM) (Santo Domingo and Santiago Campuses).

Experience

- Obtaining an *exequatur* for recognition and enforcement in the Dominican Republic of several foreign arbitral awards, including partial and final awards rendered by arbitral panels, constituted according to the rules of the ICDR (AAA), JAMS and LMAA.
- Acting as Dominican team leader on behalf of the second largest telecommunications carrier in the Dominican Republic, and the only Dominican company ever listed in the New York Stock Exchange, in coordinating the discovery process resulting from motions filed in a Chapter 11 reorganization.
- Representing the Czech Republic in an international arbitration under the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) Convention involving a claim in excess of US$50 million brought under the Bilateral Investment Treaty between Israel and the Czech Republic.
- Leading issues related to the litigation of various acquisitions of companies in various industries including electricity, consumer products and mining.
- Preparing defense arguments for potential arbitration under Chapter X of DR-CAFTA.
- Advising a major sports association in review of the arbitration clauses of contracts with players and staff.
- Representing foreign banks with collection claims and enforcement of guarantees in the Dominican Republic.
- Representing clients in various litigation matters related to possible arbitration under ICDR arbitration rules, including the validity of AAA arbitration under Dominican law and matters related to public policy.
- Providing legal representation of multinational clients in lawsuits based on Dominican agency law.
- Leading voluntary recall process of electronic equipment in the Dominican Republic, Caribbean and Latin America.
- Drafting dispute resolution clauses under national and international arbitration rules.
- Advising multinational companies on intellectual property criminal complaints regarding trademark, trade dress and copyright violations.
- Assisting clients with antibribery and money-laundering regulations including the preparation of company policies.
- Providing legal representation on behalf of an international financial institution against debtors and former shareholders, before regulatory authorities.
- Counseling a major bank in a criminal complaint against a former executive resulting from fraud against the bank and its clients.

Credentials

Education

- University of Alcala de Henares, Post Graduate Degree in Spanish Law for Foreign Lawyers, 2012
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, LL.M., 2007
- Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo, LL.B., *cum laude*, 2002

Admissions

- Spain, 2012
- Dominican Republic, 2003

Memberships & Affiliations

- Member, Legal Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce (Dominican Republic)
- Member, Board of Directors of the Court of Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution, Chamber of Commerce of Santo Domingo
- Member, Board of Directors of the French-Dominican Chamber of Commerce

Recognitions

- Recognized in *Chambers Global* 2026 for Dispute Resolution
- Recognized in *Chambers Global* 2025 for Dispute Resolution and as a Foreign Expert in Dispute Resolution
- Recognized in the *Revista Mercado* 40 Under 40 2016, the Dominican Republic's young talent ranking
- Recognized by *Chambers Latin America* for dispute resolution

Expertise

Services

- Financial Services
- International Dispute Resolution

Industries

- Aviation

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