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NATIONALITY Costa Rican national

PROFESSIONAL

- Admitted to State of New York Bar
- Member Costa Rican Bar Association

2022 – to date **DJ ARBITRAJE**
San José, Costa Rica

2016 – 2022 **INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT**
San José, Costa Rica

- Of counsel, DJ Arbitraje
- Assisted international arbitrator Rodrigo Oreamuno Blanco on international investment cases where he sat as arbitrator
- Acted as co-counsel, advisor, legal expert, arbitrator and tribunal secretary in a variety of arbitrations

2016 – 2022 **INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION (CICA-AMCHAM)**
San José, Costa Rica. Executive Director

- Managed the mediation and arbitration cases filed before CICA
- Acted as arbitral secretary in commercial cases involving a wide range of industries and legal issues
- Liaised with government officials and different organizations from the private sector to advance the use of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and access to justice

2014 - 2016 **COSTA RICAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE**
San José, Costa Rica. Advisor

- Collaborated on investment cases filed before ICSID against Costa Rica, as well as arbitration cases under CAFTA-DR against other States
- Participated in treaty negotiations of provisions on institutional and dispute resolution matters and helped coordinate the OECD's Public Governance Review

2013 – 2014 **FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER US LLP**
Washington, DC. Foreign Associate

- Collaborated on investment arbitration cases filed before ICSID

2011 – 2012 **SFERA LEGAL**
San José, Costa Rica. Associate Attorney.
Worked on foreign investment, corporate, commercial, real estate and litigation/arbitration matters

ACADEMIA

2020 – to date **LEAD UNIVERSITY**
San José, Costa Rica
Professor of the "Arbitration" course of the Corporate Law Master's Degree

2017 – to date **ULACIT UNIVERSITY**
Academic Director of "*Especialización en Arbitraje CICA-ULACIT*" and professor of "International Investment Arbitration"; professor of "Arbitration" of the in JD Program

EDUCATION

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2012-2013 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

New York, NY

- LL.M. with honors (Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar)
- Columbia International Arbitration Association, Board Representative, Arbitration Day Chair. Member of Columbia Society of International Law and Columbia Latin American Business and Law Association

2005 - UNIVERSIDAD DE COSTA RICA

2011 San José, Costa Rica

- Law Degree (thesis with distinction)
- Participation in the *FDI International Arbitration Moot*, Suffolk University

PUBLICATIONS

- “Alejandro Díaz Gaspar v. Costa Rica: FET in the Spotlight”, in *Kluwer Arbitration Blog*, August 17, 2022.
- “Annulment of Arbitral Awards in Costa Rica”, in *Logos*, Volume 3, Number 2, July-December 2022.
- “Costa Rican Supreme Court Enforces against Non-Signatory”, in *Kluwer Arbitration Blog*, May 8, 2021.
- “Robot arbitrators? Stranger than Fiction”, in “Arbitration and Technology”, Chipana and Duarte (eds.), 2021.
- “Foreign Investment and Investment Arbitration in Costa Rica”, in “Foreign Investment and Investment Arbitration in Latin America”, C. Esplugues Mota (ed.), Editorial Tirant Lo Blanch, Valencia, 2019.
- “David Aven et al versus Costa Rica”, *Latin American Commercial and Investment Arbitration Bulletin*, Year IV | Number 44, 18 October 2018.
- “Pura Vida: From Costa Rica to the World”, with co-author F. Castro, *Markets and Trends Magazine*, August 2018.
- “CAFTA-DR: The Experience under Chapter 10”, *Transnational Dispute Management* 5 (2016), *Latin America*, Volume 13, Issue #05, November 2016.
- “Transparency and Chapter 10 of CAFTA-DR”, with co-authors A. González and A. Arce, *ACODI, Costa Rican Magazine of International Law*, V Edition, II Semester 2016.
- “The Possibility of Costa Rican Nonprofit Organizations of Gaining Access to the Dispute Resolution Mechanisms of International Investment Law”, University of Costa Rica, 2011.

ASSOCIATIONS

- Representative for Costa Rica: ALARB – *Siguiente Generación* (2021-to date)
- Ambassador - Racial Equality for Arbitration Lawyers (REAL) (2021-to date)
- Chapter Lead - Legal Hackers Costa Rica
- Young ITA Mentorship Program Chair, Institute for Transnational Arbitration (2019-to date)
- Co-representative for Costa Rica, Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge (2018-to date)
- Reporter for Costa Rica, *International Arbitration Bulletin* (2018-to date)
- Regional Chair for Mexico and Central America, Institute for Transnational Arbitration (2017-2019)
- Contributing Member, Fundación Paniamor (2018-to date)
- Member, Board of Directors, Costa Rican International Law Association (2009-2012)
- Member, Board of Directors, Costa Rican Demographic Association (2009-2012)
- Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA) Advisory Board
- Costa Rican International Law Association
- ICC Young Arbitrators Forum
- ICDR Young & International

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LANGUAGES Bilingual Spanish and English; intermediate French