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**NATIONALITY** Costa Rican national

**PROFESSIONAL** • Admitted to Costa Rican Bar Association, Reporter

2021 - Present **DJ ARBITRAJE**  
San José, Costa Rica. Associate  
International commercial arbitration and mediation

2019 - 2020 **BLP LEGAL**  
San José, Costa Rica. Paralegal  
Worked in Public Law, Constitutional Law, Public Procurement & Regulation Practice, including government affairs, litigation, public bidding and contracting, public contracts, public policy and strategy, public procurement, and telecom

2018 - 2019 **COLBS ESTUDIO LEGAL**  
San José, Costa Rica. Paralegal  
Research, legal advice and case management of commercial arbitration cases, civil litigation, consumer law, labor law, notarial law and data protection

2015 - 2018 **DJ ARBITRAJE**  
San José, Costa Rica. Paralegal  
International commercial arbitration cases and research

2015 – 2016 **COMISIÓN NACIONAL PARA EL MEJORAMIENTO DE LA ADMINISTRACIÓN DE JUSTICIA (CONAMAJ)  
PODER JUDICIAL DE COSTA RICA**  
Paralegal

**EDUCATION**

2018 **INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION (CICA-AMCHAM)**  
San José, Costa Rica  
Certified as mediator and negotiator (150 hrs)

2013 - 2019 **UNIVERSIDAD DE COSTA RICA, FACULTY OF LAW**  
San José, Costa Rica  
• Juris Doctor (Research thesis awarded distinction and *summa cum laude* graduation)  
• Research Assistant of the Legal Research Institute of the Faculty of Law (2015-2017)

**PUBLICATIONS** • “Term of public contracts during COVID-19” (Spanish) with A. Sittenfeld, in newspaper *El Financiero*, 28 September 2020.  
• “The legal rate as a reference interest rate in commercial loan contracts: legal analysis of its application and legal alternatives in light of the probable disappearance of the LIBOR rate in 2021” (Spanish) with A. Álvarez, February 2020.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** • Cambridge Outstanding Achiever Award, Top in the World. Cambridge University, 2009. Highest mark in the world for Cambridge IGCSE First Language Spanish November 2009

**ASSOCIATIONS** • Costa Rican Young Arbitrators, active member and former member of the Board of Directors (2016-2020)  
• ICC Young Arbitrators Forum  
• Young ICCA (International Council for Commercial Arbitration)  
• Young ITA (Institute for Transnational Arbitration)

**LANGUAGES** Bilingual Spanish and English; basic French