## PILAR COLOMES IESS

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**EDUCATION** 

Columbia Law School, New York, NY

May 2017

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

Carlos III University, Madrid, Spain

(both received) September 2010

Law Degree; Journalism Degree

**EXPERIENCE** 

GNCI Law April 2024 – Today

Founding Partner

Eversheds-Sutherland, Madrid, España

September 2020 – April

2024

Counsel, International Arbitration

**Universidad Pontificia de Comillas** 

September 2020 – September 2021

Adjunct Professor, Public International Law (Bachelor in Law Degree)

Kirkland & Ellis LLP, New York, New York

September 2017 – July 2020

Attorney, International Arbitration

Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, Madrid, Spain; London

May 2012 - July 2016

Associate, International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution

**Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague** 

September 2010 - October 2011

Assistant Legal Counsel

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Spanish (native), English (full proficiency), French.

**Bar Admissions**: Spain (2010); New York (2020).

**Advanced Practice Course for Arbitrators** (Started April 2025)

CIAM-CIAR and the Spanish and Ibero-American Arbitration Club (CEIA).

#### **Publications:**

- Co-author "Arbitration: Spain Chapter", in Law Over Borders: Arbitration, The Global Legal Post, Comparative Guide Series, 2025.
- Expansión Jurídico: "La revolución comercial ESG". (July 2023)
- Cinco Días: "El papel de las empresas transnacionales en el conflicto ruso-ucraniano"

- (June 2022)
- El Confidencial: "La tierra es redonda, y los arbitrajes intra-EU se mueven" (June 2022)
- Expansión Jurídico: "El futuro del arbitraje es verde". (December 2021)
- El Economista: "Arbitraje Internacional y Audiencias en Remoto: ¿Crisis o Futuro?". (January 2020)
- Practical Law, "ICSID tribunal rejects application to disqualify expert and to exclude his report" (September 2012)
- Case Report: *Prof. Christian Doutremepuich and Mr. Antoine Doutremepuich v. the Republic of Mauritius* (PCA Case No. 2018-37), Award 23 August 2019; Queen Mary University of London, International Arbitration Case Law. (December 2019)

### **Conferences/Seminars**:

- Lecturer Executive Program in Business Law Practice, Complutense University of Madrid, March 2025.
- Lecturer, "Investment Arbitration" for the course of International Commercial Arbitration, Harvard Law School, Boston, Massachusetts (January 2025)
- Panelist, "Mediation in Investment Arbitration", CEIA Seminar, Madrid, Spain (November 14, 2024)
- Panelist "What a lawyer should do to adapt to new legal scenarios"? International Bar Association, Mexico City, Mexico (September 2024)
- Panelist "Disputas en materia de energía: ¿Cuáles son las tendencias en Eurasia y América Latina", CEIA Seminar, Geneva, Switzerland (September, 2024)
- Panelist, "International Arbitration, Technology and ESG"; Moldova Arbitration Days, Moldova (May 2024)
- Panelist, "Arbitration in the Era of Climate Change", World Law Congress, New York. (July 2023)
- Panelist, "International Arbitration and SG Disputes", Spanish Club of Arbitration, Barcelona. (June 2023)
- Moderator, "International Construction and Infrastructure International Arbitration: The Effects of Supply Chain Disruptions and Global Rise in Interest Rates", World Arbitration Update. (June 2023)
- Panelist, "Arbitration and Human Rights: investment arbitration as an implicit mechanism to enforce international environmental law standards", Open de Arbitraje International. (May 2022)
- Arbitration and Remote Hearings: Crisis or Future?", Open de Arbitraje, European Arbitration Association, Madrid, Spain. (October 2021)
- Panelist, "Force majeure COVID-19 in gas supply contracts: international legal recognition and differences with *rebus sic stantibus*, interim measures and emergency arbitration", Eversheds Sutherland, Madrid, Spain (October 2020).
- Panelist, "International Arbitration and Remote Hearings: Crisis or Future?", Open de Arbitraje, European Arbitration Association, Madrid, Spain. (October 2020)
- Panelist, "What is UNCITRAL Group II working on? Perspectives from New York", Chaffetz Lindsey (organized by the Spanish Arbitration Club and the Madrid Court of Arbitration), New York. (February 2020)
- Panelist, "International UFM Moot Court Forum": La Potestad Regulatoria del Estado v.

- *Derecho Internacional de Inversión*; Universidad Francisco Marroquín, Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala. (October 2019)
- Panelist, "Young Perspectives in International Arbitration: Global Developments in Commercial and Investment Contexts":
  - The Achmea Decision; New York University School of Law, New York. (March 2018)
- Panelist, "Introduction to International Arbitration", Universidad Villanueva, Madrid, Spain. (May 2015; April 2016)

### REPRESENTATIVE TRANSACTIONS

## ARBITRATOR/CASE ADMINISTRATION

Assistance in the administration of an UNCITRAL investment arbitration brought by a USA investor under the Ecuador-USA Bilateral Investment Treaty in relation to Ecuadorian measures in the oil sector. (2011-2012)

#### **COUNSEL**

## **Investment arbitrations**

Representation of a Spanish investor in an ICSID annulment proceeding pertaining a construction and infrastructure investment in the Middle East. (currently)

Representation of the Republic of Panamá in an ICSID investment arbitration under the USA-Panamá BIT. The case was settled. (2023-2024)

Representation of a Latin American State in the enforcement of an ICSID award within an EU State. (2023)

Representation of a British investor in the first stages of investment arbitration against an EU State arisen out of the State's regulatory changes in the PV sector. (2022-2023)

Representation of a group of Mexican shareholders and bondholders in an investment arbitration under the UNCITRAL and ICSID Arbitration Rules arising out of the deprivation of their rights and interests in Spain's fifth largest bank as a consequence of its resolution and sale through the Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM). The arbitration involved parallel proceedings before the Court of Justice of the European Union and discovery proceedings before the Southern District Court of New York. The two arbitrations were consolidated. (2017-2019)

Successfully represented the Kingdom of Spain in a major investment arbitration run under the Arbitration Rules of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce for claims brought by multiple investors under the Energy Charter Treaty in relation to Spanish Photovoltaic sector. (2012-2016)

Represented the Kingdom of Spain in a major investment arbitration run under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules for claims brought by multiple investors under the Energy Charter Treaty in relation to Spanish photovoltaic sector. (2012- 2016)

#### **Commercial Arbitrations**

Representation of a Spanish construction company in an ICC arbitration subject to Spanish related to breaches of an EPC contract. (currently)

Successful representation of a Spanish manufacturing company in a multi-party and multi-contract

Paris-seated ICC arbitration arisen out of the breach of two contract for the sale of goods subject to Spanish and Moroccan Law. The arbitration involved complex issues of joinder and conflict of laws. (2023-2024)

Representation of a financial services company in various commercial arbitrations before the Madrid Court of Arbitration arisen out of breaches shareholder agreements and other related disputes with funds and financial advisors. (2023-2024)

Represented a Spanish company in an international commercial arbitration run under the Madrid Court of Arbitration Rules for claims regarding alleged breaches of contract and of Spanish Agency Law. (2014-2015)

## **Transnational Litigation**

Representation of a Spanish company in enforcement proceedings in Morocco against a Moroccan counterparty. (currently)

Successfully represented a Spanish company in cross-border litigation in the United States District Court, Western District of Arkansas, against an individual in connection with alleged breaches of contract under theories of implied-in-fact and implied-in-law contract law. Together with local counsel in Arkansas we obtained the dismissal of the case on the basis of lack of jurisdiction of the United States courts on the basis of US federal law. (2022-2023)

Advised and represented a Colombian company in bringing claims relating to breaches of a contract for the manufacture and sale of industrial components subject to the Vienna Convention CISG before the courts of New Jersey. The dispute involved complex conflict of laws and forum issues, as well as related issues subject to New Jersey law. (2020-2024)

Interim representation of the Kingdom of Spain in proceedings challenging the recognition and registration of an arbitral award before the High Court of Commerce and Property in England and Wales. (2022)

# **Domestic Litigation**

Represented a number of international banks in more than 25 different civil and commercial litigation cases and appeared before Spanish courts in all stages of the proceedings (evidentiary, trial, Appellate and Supreme Court; motions, enforcement, and interim measures, among others). (2012-2016)