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Agustin is a partner in the Madrid office. He has been trained in the civil law and common law traditions and has extensive experience of both international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations under the rules of the major arbitral institutions and ad hoc across a variety of jurisdictions, with a particular focus on Latin America, covering a broad range of sectors including infrastructure, energy, oil & gas, public contracts, and regulated industries. Agustin also has extensive experience advising international clients in connection with local administrative and court proceedings, settlement negotiations and contract renegotiations in the context of major disputes in Latin America. Agustin also sits as arbitrator.

He has been ranked as a “Future Leader” for arbitration by *Lexology Index*.

Selected Experience

- Representing the Republic of Chile in its investment arbitration with a Colombian construction and power distribution company under the Chile-Colombia Free Trade Agreement.
- Representing Sacyr in its investment treaty arbitration against the Republic of Panama arising from the Expansion of the Panama Canal.
- Representing a Latin-American oil & gas and petrochemical company in its UNCITRAL investment treaty dispute and ensuing settlement negotiations with Ecuador.
- Advising the Inter-American Investment Corporation in matters of public international law.
- Advising an oil & gas major in its multimillion-dollar royalties dispute in Colombia.
- Advising a major Latin-American insurance company in enforcement proceedings and settlement negotiations.
- Advising an Omani investor in its potential treaty dispute with a European country.
- Representing a consortium of international oil & gas companies in an arbitration against a Latin American State, and in the ensuing settlement negotiations and agreement, arising out of tax liabilities imposed on the consortium in breach of legal and tax stability clauses included in the relevant investment agreements.
- Representing Pakistan in its disputes with India under the Indus Waters Treaty.

Admissions

- Buenos Aires
- Approved to be licensed as a Special Legal Consultant in the District of Columbia

Languages

- English
- Spanish

Education

- LLB, LL.M., University of Chicago Law School

- J.D., University of Buenos Aires

Publications and Speaking Engagements

Publications

- Article, “Arbitraje de Inversión en América Latina: Nacimiento, desarrollo ¿y después?” (“Investment Arbitration in Latin America: Genesis, Development, and Then?”) *Arbitrio* journal, published by the Bogota Chamber of Commerce (October 2022)

Speaking Engagements

- Guest speaker, “Sound dispute resolution mechanisms to secure financing of power generation and transmission projects.” (International Seminar on Energy, Infrastructure and Sustainable Mobility) (October 2023)
- Virtual presentation, “Investment Arbitration and ICSID: perspectives after the recent ratification of Ecuador” (October 2023)
- Panellist, “A Journey through arbitration on Monday 11 September 2023 in Quito, Ecuador” (4th ICC Ecuador ADR Week) (September 2023)
- Panellist, “One Contract, two roads: The clash between commercial and investment arbitration?” (XI International Arbitration Conference) (May 2023)
- Panellist, “Building a Career in International Arbitration and Surviving in the Attempt” (ICC Argentine Arbitration Day) (February 2023)
- Panellist, “Preliminary Hearings: the uses and misuses of checklists”, (New Challenges for the AAA-ICDR Symposium) (January 2023)
- Panellist, “Nuevas tendencias del arbitraje de inversión en Latinoamérica” (“New investment arbitration trends in Latin America”), (International Conference on Public Contracts) (November 2022)
- Webinar moderator, “Damages in International Arbitration: Arbitration in Investment Disputes”, (October 2022)
- Panellist, “La otra cara del arbitraje de inversión en Latinoamérica: de receptores a emisores de inversión extranjera” (“The other side of investment arbitration in Latin America: from recipients to foreign investment issuers”) (V Congress of National and International Arbitration: An Arbitration Center for the Americas) (September 2022)
- Panellist, “Expedited Arbitration – Perspectives of the New UNCITRAL Rules for Expedited Arbitration”, UNCITRAL LAC Ecuador Day (November 2021)
- Panellist, “Public order and social interest in investment arbitration” (Peruvian Institute of Arbitration (IPA)’s International Investment Arbitration Seminar) (September 2021)
- Panellist, ““Developments in International Commercial Litigation and Investment Treaty Arbitration”, (Information Management Network’s (IMN) third annual Financing, Structuring & Investing in Litigation Finance Conference) (September 2021)