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Experience

Ana Paula, senior associate of the Litigation Department, has more than ten years of experience in advising the main multinational and national businesses operating in the country. She is highly regarded for her experience in handling complex negotiations, lawsuits and domestic and international arbitrations related to civil and commercial matters and has vast experience in disputes related to product liability and alleged consumer law violations. Her practice also includes advising on civil and commercial contracts and transactions, as well as pre-dispute advise. She is highly regarded by her negotiation skills.

She has been recognized by international publications such as "Chambers & Partners" and "Legal 500" for her performance in litigation and arbitration. She has been shortlisted in Euromoney Legal Media Group Rising Star Awards 2019 as "Best rising star litigator in Latin America".

She also advises on international law matters of which she has been an assistant professor of Private International Law at the "Universidad de la Republica" for more than 8 years and is a current member of the American Association of Private International Law (ASADIP).

Ana Paula completed a Master's Degree in Civil Law, with emphasis in Contractual Law, at the Catholic University of Uruguay (she is currently preparing her final thesis). Also, she completed a postgraduate course at the "Universidad of Montevideo" of Civil Procedure.

She actively participates in the Knowledge Management Committee and Diversity Committee at the Firm, which provides a platform for women attorneys at all phases of their careers to engage in professional training, mentoring and business development. She also participates in issues related to gender diversity and entrepreneurship being member of the Organization of Businesswomen of Uruguay (OMEU), in which she participated as a mentor and speaker in the mentoring programs, basically to empower women entrepreneurs in their projects and to support and improve them to take active role in their organizations.

She leads and participates in diverse pro-bono projects, being since 2013 President of the Financial Board of the National Association for the Welfare of the Elderly ("Movimiento Nacional por el Bienestar del Anciano"), that promotes and organizes initiatives that aim to help the disadvantaged elderly in Uruguay. During 2017, she led a project for NGO Fair Trials International in cooperation with Trust Law (the Thomson Reuters Foundation's global pro booa legal programme), with the participation of a Fair Trials representative. Such project required the Firm to issue a comprehensive report about its local legal system to help people understand and defend their rights to avoid unfair trials and unfair results. This project was shortlisted for the Collaboration Award at the "TrustLaw Awards 2018".

She coaches and mentors younger associates at the Firm, playing a significant role in their development within the Litigation Department.

Work highlights

Actively advises CODERE MEXICO, a renowned multinational in the private gaming sector, and has represented CODERE in an extremely challenging multi-million arbitration brought by a minority shareholder before the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

Under her leadership a very significant suit was dismissed by the Supreme Court of Justice against Quest Capital Advisers Agente de Valores (a stock broker) and Andorra Banc Agricol Reig S.A., brought by an investor claiming millions of dollars' compensation driven from the alleged wrongful sale of Argentinean Defaulted Bonds.

Successfully advised Tanosis S.A. in several extrajudicial and judicial multi-million claims brought by several alleged timeshare resort holder rights of the former "Las Dunas Hotel Club" located in Punta del Este, who alleged the deprivation of their rights to use the property.

Leads the litigation team that effectively assists BASF (its local branch and the international company) in a contractual dispute brought by a regional distributor that claimed millions of dollars and could have had a huge impact on the company.

Played a major role in achieving dismissal of several cases amounting millions of dollars brought against Desarrollo y Gestión S.A. (a private equity firm), by several investors claiming damages allegedly produced by the transfer and demolition of an emblematic resort of Punta del Este.

Effectively assisted an American investor in an extremely complex negotiation with their partners, reaching an agreement to sale an important resort located in Uruguay, preventing them from a judicial multimillion claim.

Actively leads the team that advises Petroleum Geo- Services In and GX Technology Corporation, international companies that provide seismic services, in a multimillion claim brought by thirty fishery companies, against the National Administration of Fuels, Alcohol and Portland ("ANCAP") and the Uruguayan State, claiming damages allegedly produced by their negligence as per admitting the development of seismic prospecting activity in Uruguay without proper due diligence, control and mitigation measures.

Among the many well-known companies that regularly benefit from Ana Paula's advice are General Motors and Roche International.

Publications

"Exequatur in Uruguay: Analysis of case law regarding recognition of international rulings", published at Revista Uruguaya de Derecho Procesal, diciembre 2019

"Modern commercial contracts: execution of invoices for sale of goods", published at Busqueda Newspaper, September 2018.

"Uruguayan rules on legislative and judicial competence", published at Corporate Disputes E- Magazine (it is a British e-magazine dedicated to the latest developments in corporate and commercial international disputes), October-December, 2017.

"WhatsApp messages as judicial evidence", published at Busqueda Newspaper, June 2017.

"Recent Case Law tendencies about jurisdiction matters in claims against international organizations", published at CADE Journal, Professionals and Companies, Volume 37, 2016.

Conferences

She has participated as a speaker in the First International Law Congress of Civil Patrimonial Law, "Analysis of pre death moral damages according to Uruguayan recent case-law", held at the Catholic University of Arequipa, Peru on October, 2016.

Professional experience abroad

She has attended the 39th External Program of the Hague Academy of International Law, being held in Buenos Aires,, Argentina, 2012.

She attended the School of April, organized by Urfa Menendez Spanish Law **Firm**, in 2015.

Languages

Spanish, English, Portuguese