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Experience

Martin Balmaceda, lawyer, works mainly in the field of civil and commercial law. He has provided legal counsel on the day-to-day operations of Banque Heritage Uruguay, Axion Energy (ex ESSO Standard Oil), Medtronic, Interagrovia S.A. (official distributor of John Deere in Uruguay), Louis Dreyfus Company, and other prominent clients. Martin has represented clients in complex judicial claims and arbitration, covering issues such as breach of contracts, manufacturer liability, shareholders' agreements, distributor agreements, and bankruptcy proceedings.

Master of Laws (LL.M., Dean's List) from Georgetown University, Washington D.C., during which he worked for the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID, World Bank Group). He was part of the selective International Arbitration Scholars program, directed by prominent arbitrator Ms. Anne Marie Whitesell.

Martin subsequently worked for the international arbitration department of Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP (Washington, D.C. offices)

Martin holds a Postgraduate Degree in Procedural Law from the University of the Republic (Uruguay), a diploma as a Professor in Procedural Law and regularly serves as an assistant professor at the University of the Republic (Uruguay).

Martin has been a speaker at conferences on civil and criminal procedure in Uruguay and internationally. He is a member of the Georgetown International Arbitration Society, the Uruguayan Procedural Law Institute, and the Uruguayan Procedural Law Association.

Work highlights

- Advised Codere México in a judicial procedures and international arbitration under ICC rules regarding the concession of the Hotel Casino Carrasco (a member of Sofitel Hotels). The amount of the claim was USD 23,9 million.
- Advised as local counsel in international arbitration under ICSID rules brought by Philip Morris against the Republic of Uruguay.
- Advised Banque Heritage Uruguay S.A., in criminal and civil actions brought against a former account manager of the Bank who perpetrated a fraud against the Bank, and was convicted of the crimes of falsifying documents and fraud. Martin also advised Banque Heritage in the reimbursement of funds to clients of the Bank. The amount arose to USD 20 million.
- Advised more than 600 soccer players of the first and second division of the Uruguayan soccer league, in a case filed against the Uruguayan Soccer Association (AUF) and Tenfield S.A. The value of the claim is more than USD 25 million.
- Advised Interagrovia SA (official distributor for John Deere) in the negotiation and constitution of the "Interagrovia Financial Trust", with IDB Invest and República AFISA. IDB signed a commitment for up to USD 30 million to be destined to the Financial Trust.

Publications

He has published articles in specialized journals and collective works, and has participated in research projects, including the following:

"Enforcement of Interim Measures Rendered by Arbitral Tribunals in International Commercial Arbitration" (Georgetown University, International Arbitration Scholars program under the direction of Anne Marie Whitesell, 2024)

"Self-protecting measures: procedural instrument in Laws Nos. 17,514 and 19,580" (in Studies of Procedural Law and Litigation, 2022).

"Law No. 20,038 (Regulation of "electronic" and "digitalized" checks) Procedural aspects. Some problems raised" (in CADE Journal – Professionals and Businesses, 2022)

Professional Experience Abroad

- Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP, international arbitration department (Washington, D.C., 2024-2025)
- ICSID, World Bank Group (Washington, D.C., 2024)
- Guggenheim Scholar, Law Library of Congress (Washington D.C., 2024/2025).

Languages

Spanish, English.