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Nationalities: Venezuelan, Belgian

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lawyer at the Brussels Bar, Belgium

Belgian lawyer, Sept. 2015 – present

European lawyer, Jan. 2012 – Aug. 2015

- International commercial and investment arbitration
- Mediation
- Legal Expert in a global research project on access to justice for Micro, Small and Medium sized Enterprises (MSMEs)
- Project leader of the Preliminary Draft of The Stockholm Convention on the use of Blockchain to boost Climate Action

Legal advisor, Brussels, Belgium

Sole practitioner

Jul. 2007 – Dec. 2011

- Advised on an array of international development projects and partnership agreements under the framework programs of the European Commission
- Participated twice as Guest Lecturer at the International Master in European Studies organized by the Belgian Italian Chamber of Commerce in co-operation with the Institute of European Studies of the University of Louvain
- Nominated twice as host entrepreneur by the European Commission within the frame of the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs Programme

Cabinet d'avocats Laffineur, Brussels, Belgium

Legal advisor

Oct. 2006 – Sept. 2007

- Conducted a comparative study of the commercial legislation of the Republic of Benin and WTO regulations

Litisent, Caracas, Venezuela

Associate

Aug. 2002 – Nov. 2003

- Tax litigation

ADMISSION/REGISTRATION/MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of the Secretariat of the European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration (EFILA) since 2019
- Member of the Panel of International Arbitrators of Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB) International since 2018

- Member of the Panel of International Arbitrators and Mediators of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC) since 2016
- Member of HK45 of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) since 2016
- Secretary of the Belgian Chapter of the Spanish Club of Arbitration (CEA) since 2015
- Admitted to the Brussels Bar since 2015
- Accredited mediator at the Belgian Federal Mediation Commission since 2014
- Member of the Belgian Centre of Arbitration (CEPANI) since 2014
- Admitted to the Barcelona Bar (Non-practising) since 2011
- Admitted to the Caracas Bar in Venezuela since 2002

Former member of the following arbitration groups of practitioners under 40

- Young Singapore International Arbitration Centre (YSIAC)
- Association Suisse de l'Arbitrage (ASA Below40)
- International Council for Commercial Arbitration (Young ICCA)
- Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit (DIS40)
- Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG) of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- Young Arbitrators Forum of the Belgian Centre of Arbitration (Cepani40)
- Young & International Associate of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR)
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Young Arbitrators Forum

EDUCATION & RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS

Ordre des Barreaux francophones et germanophone de Belgique

Recognition of the Spanish qualifications at Law as equivalent to Belgian University Diploma (2014)

Ministerio de Educación, Spain

Recognition of the Venezuelan qualifications at Law as equivalent to Spanish University Diploma (2011)

Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

Diplôme d'études spécialisées en droit international et européen (2005 – 2006)

Universidad Católica Andrés Bello UCAB, Caracas, Venezuela

Abogado (1996 – 2001)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Accreditation thesis prepared or published under Jose Rafael Mata Dona's Co-supervision

- Análisis comparativo del arbitraje comercial frente al sistema judicial ordinario según los principios de celeridad y economía procesal, Jorge Alberto Linares Calvo y Luisa Fernanda Plaza Erminy, Facultad de Estudios jurídicos y Políticos, Escuela de Derecho, Universidad Metropolitana, Caracas, Venezuela (2017)

Participation in legal competitions

- As arbitrator at the Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot, Stockholm, Sweden (2018)
- As arbitrator and Memorial Judge at Moot Madrid, Spain (2017)

- As Memorial Judge at the Hong Kong Vis East Moot, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (2016, 2017)
- As arbitrator and Memorial Judge at the Düsseldorf Willem C. Vis Pre-Moot, Germany (2015-2017)
- As arbitrator at the Brussels Willem C. Vis Pre-Moot, Belgium (2015-2017)
- As Memorial Judge at the Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot, Buenos Aires, Argentina (2016)
- As arbitrator and Memorial Judge at the Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot, London, United Kingdom (2015)
- As arbitrator at the joint Belgium and Luxembourg Moot court on Interim Measures in International Commercial Arbitration, Young ICCA, Brussels (2015)

Institutional Rules: SCC, VIAC, UNCITRAL, CAM-CCBC and LCIA

PUBLICATIONS/SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT/AWARDS

- Co-editor of a book on International Arbitration and EU Law to be published by Edward Elgar Publishing Limited in 2020.
- Co-Chair at the IV Annual Conference of the CEA Belgian Chapter, Arbitration and ADR in big construction projects of strategic infrastructure, Brussels (Feb 2019)
- Stockholm Convention on the Use of Blockchain to Boost Climate Action (2019) 36 *Journal of International Arbitration*, Issue 1, pp. 161–170.
- Preliminary draft of the Stockholm Convention on the use of Blockchain to boost Climate Action, available at stockholmtreatylab.org/the-ideas/
- Non official version of the CEPANI Arbitration Rules in Spanish, available at www.cepani.be
- Discussant at a Conference on how to triumph in the future: issues, concerns and smart initiatives, organized by the CEA, the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce and Allen & Overy, Spain (Sept. 2018)
- Speaker at the Conference on Environmental Dispute Resolution and Small States organized by the Centre for Small States of Queen Mary University of London and WilmerHale, London, United Kingdom (Sept. 2018)
- Co-Chair at the III Annual Conference of the CEA Belgian Chapter, The present and near future of new technologies in arbitration, Brussels (Feb. 2018)
- LAGAR II, S.A. v TALA S.A. Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid, Case No. 4156/2016, Award of August 3, 2017, IX edition of Moot Madrid, International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition

For a full list of more than 70 other activities in Arbitration, please visit joserafaelmatadona.com

INTERNSHIPS ET AL.

- Polytechna, Language professor, Prague, Czech Republic (Dec. 2003 – Aug. 2005)
- Palacios Ortega y Asociados, Caracas, Venezuela (Dec. 2001 – Jul. 2002)
- Travieso Evans Arria Rengel & Paz, Caracas, Venezuela (Jun. 2000 – Oct. 2001)
- Salgueiro y Asociados, Caracas, Venezuela (May 1999 – Jul. 2000)

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native speaker), English (working proficiency), French (working proficiency), Czech (fluency)