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Services

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Lucía Elizalde focuses her practice on international arbitration and litigation, with an emphasis on cases related to business law, corporate law and M&A in several Latin American countries.

Ms. Elizalde previously served as General Secretary and General Counsel in a multilateral financial organization that manages more than US\$ 6.7 billion of sovereign funds (Fondo Latinoamericano de Reservas – FLAR). Additionally, she was senior associate at leading law firms in Colombia and Uruguay and was appointed negotiator and mediator by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of Uruguay.

She is an associate lecturer on arbitration and litigation at law schools in Colombia and Uruguay, has written a number of academic papers that have been published in established law journals and has participated as speaker in specialized conferences.

EXPERIENCE

- **Three international banks** against a South American State in an international commercial arbitration arising from the 2002 Uruguayan banking crisis
- **A major Uruguayan supermarket chain** against local tax authorities in the country's largest tax litigation

- **An international organization** on the granting of loan facilities to member countries for a total amount of US\$ 2.4 billion
- **A syndicate of international banks** on a US\$ 350 million loan granted to an Argentinean business group to acquire the Uruguayan holding companies of a multinational fast-food chain, as part of a US\$ 700 million deal across 18 jurisdictions in Latin America
- **An international bank** on a US\$ 67 million loan granted to an Argentinean forest company to acquire 80% stake in a Uruguayan company that produces paper
- **A syndicate of international banks** on the restructuring of a credit facility granted to a Spanish cellulose production group, for an initial amount of US\$ 1.500 million
- **An international organization** on the granting of a loan facility of up to US\$ 4 million to one of the five largest rice producers in Latin America
- **An oil and gas company** on the US\$ 3.8 billion acquisition of the Bolivian branch of an international oil and gas exploration and production company
- The **Uruguayan Government** on the negotiations with employers' chambers and workers' unions to reach agreements on minimum wages and minimum working conditions.

EDUCATION

- Universidad de la República, Doctora en Derecho y Ciencias Sociales, 2002, Honours
- Universidad Francisco de Vitoria, Máster en Derecho de los Negocios, 2004
- King's College London, LL.M., International Business Law, 2008

ADMISSIONS

- Colombia
- Uruguay

LANGUAGES

- Spanish
- English

MEMBERSHIPS

- Instituto Iberoamericano de Derecho Procesal
- Instituto Uruguayo de Derecho Procesal

RANKINGS AND RECOGNITION

- Recognized by the publication *Latin Lawyer* for her participation in the negotiations leading to the agreement reached by emergency services companies to provide their services countrywide, 2009
- Appointed **Chevening Scholar** by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom, 2007
- Recognized by the publication *Latin Lawyer* for her participation in the structuring of a US \$ 350 million international syndicated loan granted to an Argentinean business group to acquire the Uruguayan holding companies of a multinational fast-food chain, 2007
- Recognized by the publication *Latin Lawyer* for her participation in the structuring of a US \$ 67 million loan granted to an Argentinean forest company to acquire 80% stake in a Uruguayan company that produces paper, 2007
- Appointed **Fundación Carolina Scholar** by Fundación Carolina of Spain, 2003

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **Confidentiality and Privilege... and Latin America** — International Arbitration Summit, London (November 7, 2018)