

## Clàudia Baró Huelmo

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Clàudia is an associate in the Litigation and Arbitration team.

Clàudia Baró Huelmo specialises in public international law, international arbitration and international criminal law. She has acted as counsel for States and corporate entities in a number of international arbitration proceedings, mainly conducted under the auspices of the ICSID Convention and Arbitration Rules, and the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, with experience in disputes in the financial services, mining, recycling, construction, banking, and energy sectors.

She has advised European, Caribbean and American States as well as international organisations in public international law matters such as State succession, immunities, territorial and maritime boundaries, business and human rights, and settlement of international disputes.

Clàudia is currently serving as a member of the board of the Association for the Promotion of Arbitration and previously served as Secretary of the Swiss Chapter of the Club Español de Arbitraje. Before joining the firm, Clàudia worked for a leading international arbitration firm in Geneva (2017-2019) and a public international boutique law firm in London (2016 – 2017). Prior to that, she taught public international law courses at the Autonomous University of Barcelona and worked in a Spanish law firm specialising in banking litigation (2015 – 2016).

Clàudia holds an LLM (2015, with distinction) in Public International Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). During her time at the LSE, she was also the team captain of the winning team of the United Kingdom Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition. She graduated with a Spanish law degree from the Autonomous University of Barcelona in 2014 where she has awarded the Premio Extraordinario de Licenciatura. She was also an exchange student at the University of California, Berkeley (2012 – 2013).

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### TRACK RECORD

Representing Qatar National Bank in ICSID arbitration proceedings against the South Sudan and the Bank of South Sudan in a dispute concerning an investment loan agreement.

Representing a Chinese company in enforcement proceedings of an arbitral award before English courts.

Advising an Italian company on issuing ICSID arbitration proceedings against an African State in a dispute concerning the construction of a sports complex.

Representing an Eastern European State in an ad hoc investor treaty arbitration under UNCITRAL rules initiated by US investors in a dispute concerning renewable energy

Representing Gesenu in ICSID arbitration proceedings against the Arab Republic of Egypt in a dispute concerning a waste management project.

Representing a Botswana State entity in the second phase of LCIA proceedings on quantum for breaches of a share purchase agreement.

Advising a Middle Eastern State on general issues relating to public international law and international litigation, including: contentious proceedings before the International Court of Justice; international institutional law; World Trade Organisation law.

Advising a Caribbean government on issues concerning good governance under Article 73 of the United Nations Charter and the obligations of the administering power.

Advising a Caribbean government on associate membership and observer status in international organisations.

Advising an African State on matters relating to Statehood, State succession and remedial secession.

Advising a foundation on matters concerning the interpretation and scope of an arbitral clause which did not preclude access to Dutch courts to seek redress for issues of fraud committed by a Brazilian company.

Advising foreign investors on restructuring options to maximise investment protection.

Collaborating with an international criminal law non-governmental organisation on issues concerning investigation of crimes against humanity by the International Criminal Court.

Collaborating with a human rights non-governmental organisation on submissions to the Human Rights Committee on issues relating to reproductive rights in Ecuador.

Representing a Chinese company in an ad hoc investor treaty arbitration against an African State.

Representing Scholz in ICSID arbitration proceedings against the Kingdom of Morocco.

Advising a Middle Eastern State on general issues relating to public international law and international litigation.

Defended an Eastern European State in investment treaty arbitration proceedings under ICSID Rules in a mining dispute valued at USD 4.4 billion.

Represented a multinational toiletries corporation against a Swiss entity in arbitration proceedings under the SCAI rules over manufacturing defects valued at USD 11 million.

Acted for several Ukrainian companies before the Swiss Federal Supreme Court in annulment proceedings of arbitral awards against the Russian Federation in matters relating to State succession in Crimea.

Advised an international mining company on potential investment treaty arbitration proceedings against an Eastern European State arising from the non-issuance of environmental permits.

Represented a European country in ICSID arbitration proceedings relating to financial services and the validity of intra-EU bilateral investment treaties.

Advised a Central American State on initiating contentious proceedings before the ICJ on a territorial and maritime dispute.

Acted for another Caribbean State in its negotiations with a foreign investor with regards to the terms of a promotion and marketing contract.

Represented one of Spain's biggest banks in a series of judicial proceedings against it relating to mortgage-backed credits and loans as well as the commercialisation of complex financial products.

## **ADMISSIONS**

■ 2014: Spain (Abogada)

■ 2021: England and Wales (Solicitor)

## PUBLICATIONS

"La responsabilidad internacional del Estado en arbitraje de inversiones" in Manual de Derecho de las Inversiones Internacionales y Arbitraje (ed. Jorge Luis Collantes) (2022) Biblioteca de Arbitraje del Estudio Mario Castillo Freyre

"Climate change and investment treaty arbitration: a balancing act for States" (with Robert Kovacs) (2021), available at: <https://blog.jusmundi.com/climate-change-and-investment-treaty-arbitration-a-balancing-act-for-states/>

Interview in Hablando con ellas. Conversaciones con veinticuatro mujeres protagonistas del arbitraje (a propósito del talento femenino) (ed. Jorge Luis Collantes) (2021) Biblioteca de Arbitraje del Estudio Mario Castillo Freyre

"Third-party funding" (with H Haeri and G Gasparotti) in The Guide to M&A Arbitration (3rd edition) (2020) Global Arbitration Review

"The paranoia surrounding the protection of due process rights: an easy-to-abuse exception for annulling arbitral awards or refusing to enforce them? A Spanish perspective" in Arbitraje internacional en una economía globalizada. Reflexiones en homenaje a D. Ramon Mullerat (coord. Alfonso Hernández-Moreno and Christian Herrera Petrus) (2020) Economist & Jurist – Difusión Jurídica

"Public international law: an introduction to London" (with H Haeri and R Kovacs) (2020) Chambers and Partners UK, available at: <https://chambers.com/content/item/3780>

Entries on "sucesión de Estados", "arbitraje de inversiones" and "orden público internacional" in the Diccionario Digital de Derecho Internacional Privado (ed. Jorge Luis Collantes) (2020) Biblioteca de Arbitraje del Estudio Mario Castillo Freyre

"There and back again: ¿de vuelta a la litigación para disputas transfronterizas?" (2018) in: Spain Arbitration Review, Vol. 32, pp. 9-21

"Is Kazakhstan a State Successor to the USSR? A Perspective from Investment Treaty Arbitration" (2018) in: Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) Bulletin, Vol. 36, No. 2, pp. 295-313

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Club Español de Arbitraje - Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA and ASA Below 40) - Arbitral Women - Young International Council for Commercial Arbitration (Young ICCA) - Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG) – Barcelona Bar Association

## TALKS

Arbitraje de inversiones y cambio climático: en busca de un equilibrio entre obligaciones - Fundación para la Investigación sobre el Derecho y la Empresa (FIDE) - 12.2021

Arbitration and Brexit – Association for the Promotion of Arbitration - 05.2021

El día a día en la práctica del arbitraje de inversiones – Universidad CEU Cardenal Herrera - 05.2021

What are the limits international law imposes upon States? – University of Salamanca - 04.2021

Careers in international law – University of Salamanca - 04.2021

International law in a changing world: can we keep up? – University of Salamanca - 04.2021

Women in international law – Tennessee World Affairs Council - 03.2021

Tips and tricks: how to succeed in oral advocacy – Delos Remote Oral Advocacy Program - 03.2021

Arbitraje internacional en una economía globalizada – Association for the Promotion of Arbitration - 02.2021

**EDUCATION**

London School of Economics and Political Science, LLM (Distinction) Public International Law (2015)  
Autonomous University of Barcelona, LLB (Premio Extraordinario de Licenciatura) (2014)

**LANGUAGES**

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ENGLISH  
FRENCH  
SPANISH

**DATES**

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