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Profile

Luis Fernando Rodríguez works as a **lawyer** and **arbitrator** in investment and commercial arbitrations. He is the managing partner of **Wonders & Co SLP**, a law firm fully specialized in the resolution of international disputes.

Luis Fernando acts in arbitrations under the main rules (**ICC, ICSID, UNCITRAL**, etc.) at the principal arbitration seats (Paris, London, The Hague, Washington, etc.) in **disputes involving companies or States** from Latin America, Europe, Africa, and Asia. He has direct expertise in disputes concerning **engineering** projects and complex cross-border transactions in the sectors of telecommunications, healthcare, automotive, gambling, mining, **financial services, energy, and construction**.

His experience covers disputes governed by **international law** as well as by **legal systems of more than 25 countries**, including Albania, Algeria, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Dubai, Ecuador, England, Japan, Mauritius, Mexico, Mozambique, Panama, Peru, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, The Netherlands, United States, and Venezuela.

Until 2020 Luis Fernando worked at the international arbitration boutique **Armesto & Asociados**, providing legal and secretarial support to arbitral tribunals. Prior to that, Luis Fernando worked at **Baker Botts (UK) LLP** in **London**, as a member of the legal teams representing clients in disputes involving companies and state-owned entities in the construction, energy, and pharma sectors. He also spent two years in **California**, working on federal and state litigation at Rodriguez & Associates, a **leading law firm of trial attorneys**.

A **Stanford University** graduate (LL.M.), Luis Fernando completed his Ph.D. studies from 2008 to 2012, while working as a researcher at **Harvard, Oxford**, and other world-class universities. He is the author of several books and chapters on ADR mechanisms. He currently teaches comparative contract law and international arbitration at three universities and is a frequent speaker on these topics.

Luis Fernando is founder and **President of the Rafael del Pino Club of Arbitrators**.

Counsel & Consultant

1. Represented a Spanish industrial parts manufacturer against a Swiss company in a dispute concerning a business transfer agreement • **ICC arbitration** • Applicable law: Spanish law • Seat: Madrid (Spain) • Language: English • 2024 • Amount in dispute: € 6.5 million
2. Represented a Hungarian engineering company against a Spanish company in a dispute involving a solar photovoltaic power plant in Spain • **ICC arbitration** • Applicable law: Spanish law • Seat: Madrid (Spain) • Language: English • 2023
3. Represented a Hungarian corporation against a Spanish subcontractor in a dispute about electrical works in an EPC contract • **ICC arbitration** • Applicable law: Spanish law • Seat: Madrid (Spain) • Language: Spanish • 2023 • Amount in dispute: US\$ 1.2 million
4. Represented a Japanese engineering company against a multinational in a dispute concerning an EPC contract for a solar photovoltaic power plant in Japan • **ICC arbitration** • Applicable law: Japanese law • Seat: Tokyo (Japan) • Language: English • 2022 • Amount in dispute: US\$ 19.5 million
5. Represented heirs in a dispute involving a private loan • **Ad hoc arbitration** • Decided in equity • Seat: Madrid (Spain) • Language: Spanish • 2022
6. Represented a US investor in an investment arbitration against a Central-American republic in connection with a water treatment project • **ICSID Case No. ARB/22/05 (Samson Wu v. Republic of Panama)** • Applicable law: bilateral investment treaty • Language: Spanish • 2022 • Amount in dispute: US\$ 10 million
7. Represented three Spanish companies in the healthcare sector against a Chinese pharma company in a dispute concerning a technology purchase and technical assistance contract • **CIETAC arbitration** • Applicable law: Chinese law • Seat: Beijing (China) • Language: English • 2021 • Amount in dispute: € 8.5 million

8. Assisted a Spanish holding company in a shareholder dispute against an Algerian publicly-owned company • **ICC arbitration** • Applicable law: Algerian law • Seat: Paris (France) • Language: French • 2021 • Amount in dispute: US\$ 187 million
9. Represented a Spanish engineering company against a Middle-East publicly-owned company in a dispute concerning a turnkey contract for the construction of a power station • **DIAC arbitration** • Applicable law: Dubai law • Seat: Dubai (United Arab Emirates) • Language: English • 2020
10. Assisted a Spanish engineering company in an investment arbitration against a Central-American republic in connection with a contract for the sale and maintenance of equipment for the petrochemical industry • **ICSID arbitration** • Applicable law: bilateral investment treaty • Language: Spanish • 2019 • Amount in dispute: US\$ 52.8 million
11. Assisted a Mexican photovoltaic utility-scale developer company against the Mexican engineering subsidiary of Spanish multinational in a dispute concerning an EPC contract for the development of a solar photovoltaic power plant in Mexico • **ICC arbitration** • Applicable law: New York law • Seat: Madrid (Spain) • Language: English • 2019 • Amount in dispute: US\$ 36 million
12. Assisted a Spanish construction company against a Central-American government in a dispute concerning the development of a large-scale sewage system • Institutional arbitration • Applicable law: Panama law • Seat: Panama • Language: Spanish • 2019 • Amount in dispute: US\$ 76.5 million
13. Represented a Spanish construction company against the Spanish subsidiary of a hospitality multinational enterprise in a dispute concerning the construction of a hotel • **CIMA arbitration** • Applicable law: Spanish law • Seat: Madrid (Spain) • Language: Spanish • 2019 • Amount in dispute: € 183,000

Arbitrator

14. **Co-Arbitrator (2023)** | Distribution company (Dominican Republic) v. Manufacturer of healthcare products (Colombia) • Economic sector: healthcare • Applicable law: Colombian law • Seat: Bogota (Colombia) • Rules of the **Cámara de Comercio de Medellín para Antioquía**
15. **President of the Arbitral Tribunal (2023)** | Commercial agency company (Jordan) v. Aeronautical engineering company (Spain) • Economic sector: aeronautics industry • Rules of the **Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid** • Amount in dispute: € 2.45 million

16. **Sole Arbitrator (2023)** | Consulting firm (Spain) v. Holding company (Spain) • Economic sector: real estate • Rules of the **Asociación Europea de Arbitraje**
17. **Sole Arbitrator (2022)** | Vehicle manufacturer (Spain) v. Industrial parts manufacturer (Spain) • Economic sector: industrial component supplies • Rules of the **International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)**
18. **Sole Arbitrator (2022)** | Industrial insurance multinational (Spain) v. Primary-sector company (Spain) • Economic sector: insurance • Rules of the **Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid** • Amount in dispute: € 1.3 million
19. **Sole Arbitrator (2022)** | Wine producer (Spain) v. Insurance company (Spain) • Economic sector: insurance • Rules of the **Corte Española de Arbitraje**
20. **Emergency Arbitrator (2021)** | Multinational hospitality company (Spain) v. Real estate company (Spain) • Economic sector: hotel industry • Rules of the **Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid** • Decided in equity • Amount in dispute: € 2.5 million
21. **President of the Arbitral Tribunal (2020)** | Company (Spain) v. Financial entity (Spain) • Economic sector: banking services • Rules of the **Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid** • Decided in equity
22. **President of the Arbitral Tribunal (2020)** | Company (Spain) v. Banking institution (Spain) • Economic sector: financial services • Rules of the **Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid**
23. **Sole Arbitrator (2018)** | Real-estate company (Spain) v. Hospitality company (Spain) • Economic sector: hospitality industry • Rules of the **Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid**

Secretary to Arbitral Tribunals

24. **Commercial arbitration (2023)** | Accounting and consulting firm (Germany) v. Accounting and consulting firm (United Kingdom) • Economic sector: advisory & consultancy services • Rules of London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) • Applicable law: English law • Language: English • Amount in dispute: € 492 million
25. **Commercial arbitration (2022)** | IT consulting firm (USA) v. State-owned entity (Sint Maarten) • Economic sector: IT consultancy • Rules of AAA's International Centre for Dispute Resolution (AAA-ICDR) • Applicable law: Florida law • Language: English
26. **Commercial arbitration (2022)** | Company (Chile) v. Multinational corporation's subsidiary (Chile) • Economic sector: insurance industry • Rules of International Arbitration of the Arbitration and Mediation Center of the **Cámara de Comercio de Santiago**

- Applicable law: Chilean law • Language: English and Spanish • Amount in dispute: US\$ 490,000
- 27. **Investment arbitration (2018)** | ICSID Case ARB(AF)/18/6 • Dick Fernando Abanto Ishivata v. Republic of Venezuela • Economic sector: telecommunications • **ICSID Additional Facility Rules** • Applicable law: Peru-Venezuela BIT • Language: Spanish • Amount in dispute: US\$ 102 million
- 28. **Commercial arbitration (2018)** | Spanish manufacturer (Spain) v. Multinational corporation (The Netherlands) • Economic sector: automotive industry • Rules of the **Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid** • Applicable law: Spanish law • Language: Spanish • Amount in dispute: € 73 million
- 29. **Commercial arbitration (2018)** | Company (Republic of Mauritius) v. 1. Company (British Virgin Islands) and 2. Company (Republic of Mauritius) • Economic sector: mining industry • **ICC Arbitration Rules** • Applicable law: law of African republic • Language: English
- 30. **Investment arbitration (2018)** | ICSID Case No. ARB/18/29 • The Carlyle Group v. Kingdom of Morocco • Economic sector: manufacture of refined petroleum products • **ICSID Arbitration Rules** • Applicable law: US-Morocco Free Trade Agreement • Language: English • Amount in dispute: US\$ 400 million
- 31. **Commercial arbitration (2017)** | Manufacturing industry (Spain) v. Metallurgical supplier (Switzerland) • Economic sector: metallurgical industry • Rules of the **Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid** • Applicable law: Spanish law • Language: English • Seat: Madrid • Amount in dispute: € 3.5 million
- 32. **Investment arbitration (2017)** | ICSID Case No. ARB/17/6 • Anglo-Adriatic Group Limited (British Virgin Islands) v. Republic of Albania • Economic sector: financial service activities • **ICSID Arbitration Rules** • Applicable law: Albanian law • Language: English • Amount in dispute: US\$ 224 million
- 33. **Commercial arbitration (2016)** | Latin American telecommunications provider v. National regulatory authority • Economic sector: telecommunications • Rules of the Centro Internacional de Arbitraje y Mediación de la Cámara de Comercio Ecuatoriano-Británica (**CIAM**) • Applicable law: Equatorian law • Language: Spanish • Amount in dispute: US\$ 58.5 million
- 34. **Investment arbitration (2016)** | UNCT/18/2 • Gramercy Funds Management LL (USA) and 2. Gramercy Peru Holdings LLC (USA) v. Republic of Peru • Economic sector: financial service activities • **UNCITRAL Rules** • Arbitral institution: **ICSID** •

Applicable law: US-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement • Seat: Paris (France) • Language: English and Spanish • Amount in dispute: US\$ 1.6 billion

35. **Investment arbitration (2016)** | PCA Case No. 2017-10 • Slot Group a.s. (Czech Republic) v. Republic of Poland • Economic sector: Gambling and betting activities • **UNCITRAL** Rules • Arbitral institution: **Permanent Court of Arbitration** • Applicable law: Czech Republic-Poland BIT • Language: English • Amount in dispute: € 10.5 million
36. **Investment arbitration (2015)** | PCA Case No. 2016-12 • 1. WCV World Capital Ventures Cyprus Ltd (Cyprus) and 2. Channel Crossing Ltd (Cyprus) v. The Czech Republic • Economic sector: Gambling and betting activities • **UNCITRAL** Rules • Arbitral institution: **Permanent Court of Arbitration** • Applicable law: Cyprus-Czech Republic BIT • Seat: The Hague (The Netherlands) • Language: English • Amount in dispute: € 140 million
37. **Investment arbitration (2015)** | ICSID Case No. ARB(AF)/15/2 • Lion Mexico Consolidated L.P. (Canada) v. Mexico • Economic sector: Real estate • **ICSID** Additional Facility Rules • Applicable law: NAFTA • Seat: Washington DC (USA) • Language: English and Spanish • Amount in dispute: US\$ 95 million

Current teaching

Investment arbitration | Universidad Carlos III de Madrid • LL.M. program

International commercial arbitration | Instituto de Empresa • LL.M. program

Comparative contract law | Instituto de Empresa • LL.B. program

Education

Ph.D. | Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia • *Summa cum laude* (by unanimity) • 2013

LL.M. | Stanford University • Stanford Law School • 2013

Visiting Fellow | **Hong Kong University** • Law & Technology Centre • 2012

Visiting Doctoral Student | **University of Oxford** • Oxford Internet Institute • 2011

Visiting Researcher | **Harvard Law School** • Institute for Global Law & Policy • 2010

LL.B. | Universidad Carlos III de Madrid • 2007

Affiliations

Member of the **Madrid Bar Association** (registration no. 87875)

Associate Editor of the quarterly journal published by **Club Español e Iberoamericano del Arbitraje**

Corresponding Fellow of the **Royal Academy of Jurisprudence and Legislation**

Secretary of the **Commission for the Promotion of Spain as Seat of International Arbitration** at Club Español e Iberoamericano del Arbitraje

International Chamber of Commerce's Young Arbitrators Forum (**ICC YAF**)

International Center of Dispute Resolution's Young & International (**ICDR Y&I**)

Young ICSID (International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes)

London Court of International Arbitration's (**LCIA**) Young International Arbitration Group

Working languages

Spanish

English

French