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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 30 countries**. 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** and Spain's **Delegate to the ICC Commission on Arbitration** and ADR.

Counsel & Consultant

1. Represented a Spanish industrial parts manufacturer against a Swiss holding in a dispute concerning a business transfer agreement • **ICC arbitration** • Applicable law: Spanish law • Seat: Madrid (Spain) • Language: English • 2024 • Amount in dispute: € 6.8 million
2. 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
3. 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
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\$ 32.5 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

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: € 2.5 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 (2024)** | Shareholder (USA) v. shareholders (Panama & Colombia) • Applicable law: Colombian law • Language: Spanish • Amount in dispute: US\$30 million
25. **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
26. **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
27. **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

28. **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
29. **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
30. **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
31. **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
32. **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
33. **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
34. **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
35. **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

36. **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
37. **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
38. **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

Spain's Delegate to the **ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR** (2024-2027)

Associate Editor of **Iurgium**, 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

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

Working languages

Spanish

English

French