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### **EDUCATION**

- **PhD** (2011-2014). Dr. Phil. Magna cum Laude. Bergische Universität Wuppertal, Germany. Topic: International Investment Framework (Bilateral Investment Treaties). Research areas: Political Science, International Law, International Investment Law, and International Relations.
- **Magister Juris** (2007-2008). University of Oxford, UK. Areas of Specialization: Contracts, Corporate Finance, Constitutional Theory, International Dispute Settlement.
- **International Practice Diploma** in *Merger & Acquisitions* (2006) and *International Arbitration* (2005). College of Law of England and Wales & International Bar Association.
- **Honours Law Degree-LLB** (1999-2004). National University of Asunción, Asunción, Paraguay. Admitted to practice by the Supreme Court of Justice of Paraguay since 2005.
- **International Baccalaureate** (1998). Valedictorian and best student of the National Program. St. Andrew's College. Asunción, Paraguay.

### **PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- **2016:** Oxford-Princeton Global Leader Fellow, Post-doctoral Research. University of Princeton, US (2016-2017); University of Oxford, UK (2017-2018). Research projects on: State Strategies facing International Investment Treaties; Analytical Concepts of Structural Power in IR; Asymmetric Negotiations.
- **2016:** Passed Examination on 'Professional Conduct, Ethics and Responsibility' of the National Conference of Bar Examiners in the United States (Multi-State Professional and Responsibility Examination (MPRE))
- **2016:** Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) Athlete Arbitration Training Programme. Lausanne, Switzerland. (August 28-Sep 3)
- **2013- 2014:** Junior Academic Visitor, Law Faculty, University of Oxford, UK. Areas of work: Law, International Law, International Arbitration, International Dispute Settlement, European Legislation.
- **2012-2013:** Visiting Scholar. Center for International Legal Education, School of Law. University of Pittsburgh, USA. Areas of work: International Law, US history on International Arbitration institutions, Bilateral Investment Treaties.
- **2003-2010:** Attorney at Law. Berkemeyer, Attorneys and Counselors. Asuncion, Paraguay. Associate. Corporate Law/General Practice.
- **Others:** Visiting researcher for projects on International Arbitration. United Nations Commission for International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), Vienna, Austria, 2016 and International Commercial Contracts. UNIDROIT, Rome-Italy, 2007; Mediation business services for companies in Germany and South America; Official certified translator Spanish-English.

### **LANGUAGES**

- **Spanish** (Native speaker)
- **English** (Fluent)
- **German** (Advanced)
- **Italian** (Intermediate)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Published Works:

- “*UNCITRAL and the Possibility of Returning to the Multilateral Regulation of Foreign Investments*”

Special Issue, UNCITRAL Report. Forthcoming 2017

- “*Power in the International Investment Framework*” Palgrave MacMillan Publishers. UK. 2016
- “*South American Countries’ Bilateral Investment Treaties: A Structuralist Perspective*”. Journal of International Dispute Settlement, Oxford University Press, UK, 2015.
- “*Contratos Internacionales para el Sector Privado*”. Editorial El Lector, Asunción, Paraguay, 2007.
- Doing Business 2007, 2009, 2010. World Bank Project. World Bank Publishing.
- Contribution to Sachs et al “Leveraging Paraguay’s Hydropower for Sustainable Economic Development” Columbia University Project. 2013. (Acknowledged institutionally as University of Oxford)

Working Papers

- Towards the Renegotiation of the Itaipu Treaty. GLF Working Paper
- Investment Disputes, Sovereignty Costs and the Strategies of States
- UNCITRAL and the Possibility of Returning to the Multilateral Regulation of Foreign Investments. Forthcoming