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ÁRBITROS

Mélanie Riofrio Piché

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Mélanie Riofrio Piché is a Canadian-Ecuadorean national. She is a lawyer specialized in international arbitration.

Experience in Arbitration

In 2012 Mélanie joined Armesto & Asociados to work in a team with founding partner Juan Fernández-Armesto. She participates in international arbitration proceedings including commercial and investment disputes governed by ICC, ICSID, VIAC and DIAC, as well as subject to the UNCITRAL Rules.

In 2012 she did an internship at the PCA in The Hague, the Netherlands, where she actively participated in cases involving States.

In 2011 she did an internship at the ICC in Paris, France, where she had the chance to contribute in commercial arbitral proceedings.

Professional Memberships

- ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (YAF) representative for Europe.
- *Foro de abogados de la República del Ecuador*.
- Spanish Arbitration Association (*Club Español del Arbitraje*).
- Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners (YCAP).
- Young ICSID.
- LCIA Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG).

Professional Experience

Before joining Armesto & Asociados, Mélanie worked at Serrano Puig Abogados in Quito, Ecuador, Peñaherrera, Ponce & Salvador in Quito, Ecuador, and Fasken Martineau Dumoulin in Montreal, Canada.

Academic Experience

Mélanie is an adjunct professor at ESADE Business and Law School and she is a co-chair of the International Arbitration Summer Course (IASC).

Education

Mélanie holds a Law Degree from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador. She obtained a master's degree (LL.M). in *Droit des Affaires et Commerce International* at Université de Montréal, Canada, and she holds a *Certificat en Droit Français et Européen* at Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, in Paris, France.



Mélanie won an Honourable Mention in the *Werner Melis Award* in the *Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition*.

She also received an award from the Research Center of Business Law and International Commerce at Université de Montréal for best essay on Arbitration: Canadian and International Perspectives.

Languages:

- French (mother tongue).
- Spanish (bilingual).
- English (bilingual).