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Craig Miles specializes in domestic and international arbitration of investment disputes and commercial matters. A partner in our International Arbitration practice, Craig represents clients before arbitral tribunals worldwide.

Craig represents foreign investors in disputes with host governments, primarily before the World Bank's International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), and private parties in commercial disputes before the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the American Arbitration Association (AAA), and other domestic and international arbitral institutions.

Craig has first- or second-chaired dozens of arbitration hearings involving disputes throughout North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East, with particularly strong experience in bilateral investment treaty (BIT) disputes in the oil and gas, mining and infrastructure sectors, as well as in Latin America. He is regularly called upon to handle the quantum aspects of clients' most significant disputes.

Among Craig's recent cases are some of the largest BIT awards and settlements ever obtained by foreign investors against the governments of Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Egypt, Romania and Venezuela, among others. He also acts as lead external counsel to the Arbitration Committee of the USA Rice Millers Association, a trade group that has administered dozens of arbitrations involving the rice industry worldwide.

In 2011, Craig was named to the *Global Arbitration Review's* "45 Under 45" list of the world's leading international arbitration practitioners under the age of 45. Also, he has been frequently recognized in *Chambers Global*, *Chambers USA*, *Chambers Latin America*, *Who's Who*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *The Legal 500* and *Latin Lawyer*.

Fluent in English and proficient in Spanish and French, Craig frequently speaks and writes on international arbitration issues.

Matters

Representing a global infrastructure developer in an ICSID arbitration against Peru and three related

commercial arbitrations arising from canceled concessions to build and operate fiber-optic networks in remote areas of the country.

Representing a group of Kuwaiti investors in an ICSID arbitration against Egypt in a dispute arising from a revoked concession to develop a new city outside of Cairo.

Representing **an international pharmaceutical company** in an ICC arbitration against another international pharmaceutical company in a dispute relating to the sale of certain Mexican subsidiaries.

Representing **Dutch investors** in obtaining an award (including moral damages) in an UNCITRAL BIT arbitration against a Southeast Asian State, in a dispute alleging unlawful confiscation of real estate and other assets without compensation. See press article here:
<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/vietnam/award-04122019161649.html>

Representing **a global mining company** in a BIT dispute against a South American State arising from the closure of a producing mine.

Representing **Salini Impregilo** (n/k/a WeBuild) in its ICSID claim against Argentina under the Italy-Argentina BIT, arising from the termination of a bridge and tollway concession. In February 2018, the Tribunal upheld its jurisdiction over the claim, and a hearing on the merits is pending. See Decision on Jurisdiction here: <https://www.italaw.com/sites/default/files/case-documents/italaw9546.pdf>

Representing **a major U.S. refining company** in an International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR) arbitration arising from the multi-billion dollar construction of a refinery expansion project on the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Representing **a U.S. integrated energy company** in obtaining a complete declaratory victory in an Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission (IACAC) arbitration against a South American State-owned oil company relating to the royalty-adjustment clauses in a concession agreement.

Representing **Bear Creek Mining Co.** in obtaining an ICSID award against Peru in an arbitration under the Canada-Peru FTA arising from Peru's revocation of one of the company's mining concessions. See Award here: <https://www.italaw.com/sites/default/files/case-documents/italaw9381.pdf>.

Representing **South American Silver Corp.** in obtaining an award in its UNCITRAL arbitration against Bolivia under the UK-Bolivia BIT arising from Bolivia's nationalization of the company's mining concession. See Award here: <https://www.italaw.com/sites/default/files/case-documents/italaw10361.pdf>

Representing **Burlington Resources Inc.** in obtaining an ICSID arbitration award against Ecuador under the U.S.-Ecuador BIT arising from Ecuador's nationalization of two of the company's producing blocks. See Award [here](#).

Representing **affiliates of Grupo Marsans** in their successful ICSID claim against Argentina under the Spain-Argentina BIT, arising from Argentina's nationalization of the clients' investments in the Argentine airlines *Aerolíneas Argentinas* and *Austral*. See Decision on Jurisdiction here. See Award here: <https://www.italaw.com/sites/default/files/case-documents/italaw9235.pdf>. See Decision on Annulment here: <https://www.italaw.com/sites/default/files/case-documents/italaw10552.pdf>

Representing **Murphy Oil** in obtaining an UNCITRAL award against Ecuador under the U.S.-

Ecuador BIT, arising from Ecuador's unilateral modification of the participation formula in an oil production contract. The Tribunal had previously upheld its jurisdiction over the claim in 2013. See Partial Final Award [here](#). See Partial Award on Jurisdiction [here](#).

Representing **affiliates of ExxonMobil** in obtaining a (non-published) award in 2016 against Argentina under the U.S.-Argentina BIT for imposing measures affecting the clients' investments in the oil & gas sector. The Tribunal previously issued a (non-published) Decision on Jurisdiction and Liability in 2013.

Representing **the principals of European Food and Drinks Group** in obtaining an ICSID award against Romania under the Sweden-Romania BIT, arising from Romania's revocation of certain customs-tax exemptions that underlay the investment in substantial food and beverage manufacturing facilities in an economically-disadvantaged region of northwestern Romania. See Award [here](#).

Representing **an affiliate of Exterran Holdings** in its ICSID claim against Venezuela under the Spain-Venezuela BIT, arising from Venezuela's nationalization of substantially all of the company's assets, operations and facilities in Venezuela. After the hearing on the merits took place in July 2012, the case settled for a reported US \$442 million. See press release [here](#).

Representing **El Paso** in obtaining an ICSID award against Argentina under the U.S.-Argentina BIT for imposing measures affecting the regulatory frameworks governing the electricity and oil & gas sectors. See Award [here](#). See Decision on Jurisdiction [here](#).

Representing **Impregilo S.p.A.** in obtaining an ICSID award against Argentina under the Italy-Argentina BIT, arising from the termination of a water concession in the Province of Buenos Aires. An ICSID annulment committee subsequently upheld the award in full. See Decision on Annulment [here](#). See Award [here](#).

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Houston

A.B., Cornell University

ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

Texas

ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association

Houston Bar Association

Houston Young Lawyers Association

LANGUAGES

Spanish

Recognition

Named to "45 Under 45" list

GLOBAL ARBITRATION REVIEW, 2011

International Commercial Arbitration

WHO'S WHO LEGAL, 2009–2021

International Arbitration: Latin America-wide

CHAMBERS LATIN AMERICA, 2011–2020

International Arbitration: Commercial and Governmental

BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA, 2010–2021 (LAWYER OF THE YEAR-HOUSTON-INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION-COMMERCIAL-2019)

International Arbitration: Latin America-wide

LEGAL 500 LATIN AMERICA, 2013–2020

International Arbitration: Latin America-wide

CHAMBERS GLOBAL, 2011–2020

International Arbitration: Nationwide

CHAMBERS USA, 2010–2020

International Arbitration

LATIN LAWYER 250, 2008–2020

GAR 100

GLOBAL ARBITRATION REVIEW, 2009–2020

International Arbitration: Global

CHAMBERS GLOBAL, 2007

Insights

ARTICLE

October 4, 2021 • Source: *Columbia FDI Perspectives*
In Defense of Quantum

CLIENT ALERT

March 30, 2021
AMLO Proposes New Legislation to Regulate the Oil & Gas Industry

NEWSLETTER

April 5, 2021
Predominant Issues – March 2021

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

December 7, 2021

Craig Miles, Lucila Hemmingsen to Speak at Juris' Ninth Annual Damages in International Arbitration Conference

October 11, 2021

Craig Miles to Speak at World Arbitration Update's Inaugural Conference

September 20, 2021

Craig Miles to Speak Virtually on ICC Institute Advanced Training on Assessment of Damages by Arbitrators

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News

RECOGNITION

February 18, 2022

Chambers Global 2022 Recognizes King & Spalding as a Leading International Law Firm

October 20, 2021

Legal 500 Latin America 2022 Ranks King & Spalding Among the Region's Top International Firms

October 19, 2021

Latin Lawyer 250 Again Recognizes King & Spalding Among the Region's Leading International Law Firms

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