

ABRIL ELVERDIN

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(U.S. permanent work authorization expected in February 2025)

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

LL.M. Candidate, May 2025

Focus: International Arbitration and Public International Law

Activities: *Harvard International Law Journal*, LL.M. Liaison (Board Position)

Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina

LL.B., Dec. 2021

Honors: Academic Excellence (recognition for highest-ranking students in the City of Buenos Aires)

Activities: Teaching Assistant International Investment Law (2024); Teaching Assistant Public International Law (2024); Teaching Assistant Criminal Law (2019)

Revista Latinoamericana de Derecho Internacional (2021)

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (2017-2021) (team won 2021)

Dillard Award for written submissions; coached team to Runner-Up in 2024)

Foreign Direct Investment Arbitration Competition (2020), Best Speaker and Winner of Pre-Moot

Universidad Torcuato di Tella Debate team, President (2017-2020)

Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), Paris, France

Exchange Program with a focus on international law and arbitration, Aug. 2019 – Dec. 2019

EXPERIENCE

Guglielmino Derecho Internacional (GDI), Buenos Aires, Argentina

Associate, Oct. 2020 – July 2024

Practiced at a firm dedicated exclusively to international law and international arbitration. Duties and responsibilities included:

- Case Management: Oversaw cases, ensured procedural compliance, and managed deadlines.
- Legal Research: Conducted comprehensive research and analyzed treaties, case law, and doctrine.
- Memorial Drafting: Crafted persuasive, well-structured memorials.
- Oral Advocacy: Delivered persuasive opening statements in ICSID and PCA hearings. Led team in hearing preparation, including moot sessions, witness and expert preparation, cross-examination preparation, and creating visual aids.
- Client Interaction: Maintained direct communication with client representatives.
- Team Leadership: Supervised junior associates and paralegals.

Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition Coach, Aug. 2021 – May 2024

Awards: 2024 - Runner-up Team out of 600 participating universities

2023 - 6th place in the international competition, and the best team in the Americas

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & LANGUAGES

Admitted to practice in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Will sit for the New York Bar Examination in July 2025
English and Spanish (Native, bilingual household); French (intermediate)

PERSONAL

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Interests: Photography, competitive debating (National Argentine Debate Team) and public speaking

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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- **Consorcio Cementero del Sur (SOBOCE) v. Bolivia (PCA/UNCITRAL)**

Matter involved a dispute between the Peruvian conglomerate Grupo Gloria and Bolivia regarding the claimants' stake in a local cement company, FANCESA. Responsible for comprehensive case management and conducting in-depth legal research. Drafted a section of the memorials and delivered a part of the opening statement in the hearing. Additionally, prepared expert witnesses and cross-interrogations. The case resulted in a positive outcome for the client.

- **Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA) v. Bolivia (ICSID)**

Matter involved a dispute between the Spanish bank Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. (BBVA) and Bolivia regarding BBVA's role as the administrator of Bolivia's privatized pension fund during its transition back to a public system. Responsible for comprehensive case management and conducting in-depth legal research. Drafted a section of the memorials and delivered a part of the opening statement in the hearing. Additionally, prepared expert witnesses and cross-interrogations.

- **Zurich Insurance Company v. Bolivia (PCA/UNCITRAL)**

Matter involved a dispute between the Swiss insurance company, Zurich Insurance Company (Zurich), and Bolivia regarding Zurich's role as the administrator of Bolivia's privatized pension fund during its transition back to a public system. Responsible for comprehensive case management and conducting in-depth legal research. Drafted a section of the memorials and delivered a part of the opening statement in the hearing. Additionally, prepared expert witnesses and cross-interrogations.

- **Diamante Trading c. Venezuela (PCA/UNCITRAL)**

Matter involved a dispute between a group of Spanish nationals from the Herrera family, along with Barbados-based Diamante Trading, and Venezuela regarding the government's alleged takeover of the local food distribution company Herrera CA. Responsible for comprehensive case management and conducting in-depth legal research. Drafted a section of the memorials and prepared expert witnesses as well as cross-interrogations. Visual aids and bundles for the hearing were also prepared.

- **Maeso Lando v. Venezuela (ICSID)**

Matter involved a dispute between Uruguayan national Gustavo Maeso Lando and Venezuela regarding the alleged revocation of an export license for Maeso's tobacco export business. Conducted in-depth legal research and drafted a section of the memorials. Prepared expert witnesses, cross-interrogations, visual aids, and bundles for the hearing.

- **Shell v. YPF (ICC)**

Matter involved a dispute between Shell Bolivia, the local subsidiary of the Dutch oil company, and Yacimientos Petrolíferos Fiscales Bolivianos (YPFB) regarding a distribution contract. Conducted in-depth legal research and drafted a section of the memorials. Prepared expert witnesses, cross-interrogations, visual aids, and bundles for the hearing.