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## **EDUCATION**

**Columbia Law School**, New York, NY

LL.M. expected May 2023

Activities: Columbia International Arbitration Association, LL.M. Board Representative  
Research Assistant for Professors George Bermann & Kabir Duggal

**Universidad de los Andes**, Bogotá, D.C., Colombia

Graduate Diploma in Energy Law and Sustainable Development, received September 2016

**Universidad del Rosario**, Bogotá, D.C., Colombia

Bachelor of Law, received March 2014

Honors: Obtained a scholarship to attend the Summer Program on International Business Law, organized by Harvard Law School and the European Centre of Studies and Corporate Training Garrigues; Represented the law school in the following moot court competitions: UNCITRAL & UC3M Moot Madrid on International Commercial Arbitration 2013 (quarterfinalist & awarded the Best Statement of Defense Prize); UBA & UR International Commercial Arbitration Competition 2013 (received the Outstanding Speaker Distinction in the oral rounds); UBA & UR International Commercial Arbitration Competition 2012 (finalist & awarded the Best Statement of Claim and Best Statement of Defense Prizes); ELSA Moot Court Competition on WTO Law 2012 (quarterfinalist team during the All-American round)

## **EXPERIENCE**

**Frontera Energy Colombia Corp.**, Bogotá, D.C., Colombia

*Senior Counsel*

December 2017 – August 2022

Developed litigation strategies and coordinated the Company's legal defense with outside counsel for more than 300 disputes valued at more than US\$ 1 billion. Advised C-level executives and management on legal, regulatory, and contractual issues arising from Colombian productive oilfields. Supervised, along with outside counsel, the management of legal issues arising from the Company's operations in Ecuador, Guyana, and Peru. Appointed as member of the Company's Diversity Committee.

**Superintendence of Public Utilities of the Republic of Colombia**, Bogotá, D.C., Colombia

*Legal Advisor*

November 2016 – December 2017

Counseled the Colombian Government on sanctioning proceedings against the largest thermoelectric generators and electricity distributors on the Caribbean coast of Colombia due to potential breaches of public utilities regulation. Drafted sanctioning resolutions imposed to public utilities. Conducted research on capacity markets, moral hazard, and energy in countries that face multi-year weather phenomena that endanger the reliability of their electric systems. Supervised actions to guarantee the right of public utility companies to a due process.

**Posse Herrera Ruiz**, Bogotá, D.C., Colombia

*Associate of the Dispute Resolution Practice*

May 2015 – November 2016

Advised national and international clients on arbitration, mining & environmental regulation, and contract law issues. Drafted briefs for both local litigation and domestic and international arbitration. Aided in the preparation of interventions of the law firm's partners in forums and conferences on international arbitration. Assisted in drafting arbitral awards in cases where the law firm's partners acted as arbitrators.

**Philippi, Prietocarrizosa, Ferrero DU & Uría**, Bogotá, D.C., Colombia

*Associate of the Dispute Resolution Practice*

June 2013 – May 2015

Prepared briefs and attended oral arguments for both arbitration and litigation cases. Elaborated Redfern schedule requests and assisted in projecting witnesses' and experts' questionnaires and statements. Researched legal precedents on construction, mining, and general commercial disputes. Drafted legal opinions assessing contingencies.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Languages:** Spanish (native)

**Bar Admissions:** Admitted to practice in the Republic of Colombia (2014)

**Volunteer Activity:** Legal advisor for the landmine clearance program of the Halo Trust in Colombia (2013)

**Interests:** Behavioral science, gastronomy and travel.

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**Representative Cases**

**Energy**

- Advised Frontera Energy Colombia Corp. in the termination of six take or pay oil transportation agreements in the Bicentenario – Caño Limón – Coveñas segment. Participated in the drafting of three lawsuits associated to the termination of these contracts and negotiated an ulterior settlement agreement resolving claims for circa US\$1 billion.
- Counseled Frontera Energy Colombia Corp. on eight disagreements with the National Hydrocarbon Agency of Colombia concerning the delimitation of exploitation areas and definition of commercial oil & gas fields. These disputes have a quantum over US\$100 million.
- Collected more than US\$1 million in favor of Frontera Energy Colombia Corp. from the National Hydrocarbon Agency of Colombia on court costs after a favorable ruling on a dispute over US\$ 200 million on royalties.
- Advised the Superintendence of Public Utilities of Colombia in the imposition of a US\$10 million fine to an electricity generator; this sanction had the highest historical amount set by the entity.
- Participated in the drafting of a Colombian Presidential Decree that regulated the criteria and methodology to calculate the fines to be imposed to natural gas suppliers.

**Engineering, Procurement and Construction**

- Counseled a subsidiary of Ecopetrol (Colombia's national oil company) in an international arbitration lawsuit filed against a leading Spanish engineering firm; dispute concerned an EPC agreement for a bioethanol production plant with claims over US\$60 million.
- Participated in the preparation of a lawsuit filed by a leading international infrastructure company against a contractor under an EPC agreement for several sections of a major highway in the Caribbean coast of Colombia; the claim resulted in a favorable arbitral award for more than US\$36 million.
- Contributed to Frontera Energy Colombia Corp. successful defense under two investigations initiated by the Contraloría General de la Nación concerning a series of water disposal facilities built with a shared value strategic approach. Cases involved a quantum over US\$20 million.
- Advised a Mexican construction consortium to manage a series of disputes arising from the construction of water treatment facilities for a public utility company of Medellín (Colombia).

**Mining**

- Prepared a lawsuit filed by the largest ferro-nickel producer in Colombia against the National Mining Agency; dispute concerned governmental decisions changing the formula to calculate royalties for the exploitation of ferro-nickel.
- Counseled AngloGold Ashanti Colombia on its defense under three lawsuits that sought the annulment of a series of Mining Concession Agreements in Cajamarca (Colombia) involving one of the largest gold deposits discovered in the world.

**Insurance**

- Assisted Mr. Daniel Posse (chair), Mrs. Camila de La Torre, and Mr. Arturo Solarte as the appointed arbitrators in an international dispute among a leading Colombian insurance company and a Panamanian re-insurance firm. The case involved claims concerning a re-insurance agreement over actuarial risks on pensions fund.