



KRYSTLE BAPTISTA
INTERNATIONAL LAW & ARBITRATION

With dual qualification in civil and common law, a brilliant academic record, experience in the best Iberian law firms and extensive experience handling complex international arbitrations, Krystle Baptista represents a new generation of arbitrators, specialized in the field from the outset of their careers.

Krystle is an independent arbitration practitioner, who currently sits as an arbitrator and consultant. She takes part in commercial and investment arbitration proceedings under the main international rules (ICC, ICSID, LCIA, CIAC-IACAC, UNCITRAL, etc.). In 2022, the EU Commission included her in the list of arbitrators and experts suitable for appointment in cases under EU bilateral agreements with third countries.

Krystle has served as counsel, tribunal secretary or arbitrator in cases arising from construction projects, shareholder agreements, joint venture agreements, real estate projects, gas pricing, financial services agreements and other contractual disputes, as well as in investment arbitrations.

Krystle constantly works on updating her legal knowledge and regularly speaks, writes and teaches on international arbitration. She works in English and Spanish and speaks French and Portuguese. And she is a dual national of Venezuela and Spain. Exceptionally, Krystle serves as a tribunal secretary in complex arbitrations.

QUALIFICATIONS

- LL.M. (International Legal Studies), NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York
- Law Degree, UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA LAW SCHOOL, Pamplona
- Exchange Student, CHICAGO KENT COLLEGE OF LAW, Chicago
- Diploma in Anglo-American Law, UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA LAW SCHOOL
- Diploma in International Business Law, UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA LAW SCHOOL
- Diploma in Global Law, UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA LAW SCHOOL

ADMITTED

- New York
- Spain

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- Principal, KB | INTERNATIONAL LAW & ARBITRATION, Madrid (2019 – present)
- Of counsel, ARMESTO & ASOCIADOS, Madrid (2019)
- Associate, ARMESTO & ASOCIADOS, Madrid (2014-2018)
- Associate, CUATRECASAS, GONÇALCES PEREIRA, Madrid - Barcelona (2009-2013)
- *Stagiaire*, URÍA MENÉNDEZ, Brussels, Belgium (2008)
- *Stagiaire*, ACM CORPORATION, Changzhou, China (2007)



- *Stagiaire*, MACLEOD DIXON, LLP, Caracas (2004-2005)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH

- Ph.D. Candidate (War Clauses in Investment Arbitration Agreements), Universidad de Zaragoza & Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Adjunct Professor, International Arbitration Advocacy, International Business Law Master – IE Law School (2014-2017).
- Coach, Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vienna) – IE Law School (2014-2017).
- Adjunct Professor, Arbitration, Master for Access to the Legal Profession – University of Navarra (2015- 2020).
- Adjunct Professor, Arbitration and Mediation, Masters for Access to the Legal Profession – IE Law School (2016-2018).
- Adjunct Professor, International Commercial Arbitration, Masters for Access to the Legal Profession – IE Law School (2020-present).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Member, New York State Bar Association
- Member, Madrid Bar Association
- Member, Young Arbitral Women Practitioners Steering Committee (2022-2024)
- Co-director, YICCA Mentoring Programme (2020-2022)
- Member, ERA Pledge Young Practitioners Subcommittee (2021-2022)
- Member, IBA Arb40 Steering Committee (2018-2022)
- Member, ICC YAF
- Associate, ICDR Y&I of the American Arbitration Association
- Member, Young ICSID
- Member, LCIA's YIAG
- Member and former co-chair, Spanish Arbitration Club Under 40 (CEA-40)
- National Administrator, Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (2010 -2011, 2013)

LANGUAGES

English Spanish French (Intermediate) Portuguese (Intermediate)



NATIONALITIES

- Spanish
- Venezuelan

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- LL.M. Scholarship recipient, NYU DEAN'S AWARD, New York
- LL.M. Scholarship recipient, FUNDACIÓN CAJA MADRID
- FTI Award for best reasoned quantum in the Young Arbitrators Match, Paris Very Young Arbitration Practitioners – PVYAP, 2014.
- Scholarship recipient, Madrid Court of Arbitration - Advanced Program on Arbitration Practice, IE Law School, 2010
- Best Transcript Award, Thomson - Aranzadi (3rd Place), February 2010

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE IN PRACTICE

AS ARBITRATOR

- Sole Arbitrator, Turkish Company v. Spanish Company, Madrid International Arbitration Center, manufacturing and supply contract, Spanish law, and language (2022).
- Co-arbitrator, natural person v. Peruvian businessmen association, Peruvian Amcham Arbitration Center, Peruvian law, Spanish language (2022).
- Sole arbitrator, Spanish Company v. Multinational Spanish Company, ICC, consulting services contract, Spanish law, and language (2022).
- Presiding Arbitrator, Spanish Company v. Spanish Financial Institution, Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid, financial derivatives contract, Spanish law and language (2020).
- Co-arbitrator, Spanish Company v. Spanish Company, Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid, franchise agreement, Spanish law and language (2020).
- Sole Arbitrator, Spanish Company v. Spanish Insurance Company, Corte Española de Arbitraje, credit insurance contract, Spanish law and language (2020).
- Sole Arbitrator, Spanish Natural Gas Supplier v. Swiss Commodities Trader, ICC, international sale and purchase contract, Spanish Law and language (2020).
- Sole Arbitrator, Spanish Lessor v. Spanish Lessee, Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid, commercial lease contract, Spanish law and language (2019).
- Sole Arbitrator, Spanish Company v. Spanish Company, Sole Arbitrator, Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid, breach of service contract, Spanish law and language (2017).



AS MEMBER OF A DISPUTE BOARD

- DB Member, International Consortium v. Latin American State-owned Company, USD 1.5 Billion construction project, ICC, FIDIC contract, Spanish language (2021).

AS TRIBUNAL SECRETARY

- French Company v. Global Law Firm, Administrative Secretary, PCR, legal services engagement contract, US law, English language (2022).
- American Company v. French Company, Administrative Secretary, ICC, supply and installation contract, English language (2019).
- Russian Company and Local Subsidiary v. Latin-American State-owned Corporation, Administrative Secretary, Cam-Santiago, English and Spanish language (2019).
- Gramercy Funds Management LLC and Gramercy Peru Holdings LLC v. Republic of Peru, Assistant to the Tribunal, UNCITRAL administered by ICSID, investment arbitration under TPA USA-Peru, English and Spanish languages (2018).
- Russian Company v. Eastern European State, Administrative Secretary, UNCITRAL, investment arbitration under multilateral treaty, English language (2018).
- Latin-American Electricity Company v. State-owned Electricity Corporation, Administrative Secretary, ICC, Spanish language (2018).
- International Construction Company v. Central American Public Agency, Administrative Secretary, ICC, construction contract, Spanish language (2018).
- Carlyle Group and others. v. Kingdom of Morocco, ICSID Case No. ARB/18/29, Assistant to the Tribunal, US-Morocco Free-Trade Agreement, English language (2019).
- Pawlowski AG and Project Sever S.R.O. v. Czech Republic, Administrative Secretary, ICSID Case No. ARB/17/11, investment arbitration under BIT, English language (2017).
- Virgin Islands Company v. Colombian Company, Administrative Secretary, ICC, shareholder's agreement, Colombian law, Spanish language (2017).
- Lebanese Bank v. Several Borrowers, Administrative Secretary, LCIA, loan agreement, English law and language (2017).
- Glencore International A.G. and C.I. Prodeco S.A. v. Republic of Colombia, ICSID Case No. ARB/16/6, Assistant to the Arbitral Tribunal, investment arbitration under BIT, English and Spanish language (2016).
- Turkish Company v. North African State, Administrative Secretary, ICC, investment arbitration under BIT, English language (2016).



- International Construction Company v. Central American Public Agency, Administrative Secretary, ICC, construction contract, Panamanian Law, Spanish language (2015).
- Mexican Consortium v. Mexican State-owned Corporation, Administrative Secretary, ICC, public service construction agreement, Mexican law, Spanish language (2015).
- Ecuadorian Sellers v. Buyer and Related Companies (Spanish and Ecuadorian), Administrative Secretary, ICC, share purchase agreement, Ecuadorian law, Spanish language (2015).
- Eastern European Company v. Eastern European Republic, Administrative Secretary, ICC, investment arbitration under BIT, English language (2014).
- International Oil Company v. South American National Oil Company, Administrative Secretary, IACAC- CIAC, gas pricing adjustment, Spanish language (2014).
- Edenred S.A. v. Hungary, ICSID Case No. ARB/13/21, Assistant to the Arbitral Tribunal, investment arbitration under BIT, English language (2014).
- Bolivian Company v. Mexican Company and its Mexican parent Company, Administrative Secretary, IACAC- CIAC, shareholders agreement, Bolivian law, Spanish language (2012).
- Occidental Petroleum Corporation and Occidental Exploration and Production Company v. Republic of Ecuador, ICSID Case No. ARB/06/11, Assistant to the Chairman of the Annulment Committee, English and Spanish language (2012).

AS COUNSEL

- Head legal counsel in international arbitration under Swiss Rules between a German and an Ecuadorian company for breach of international sales contract.
- Advised international clients on recognition and enforcement of foreign awards in Spain.
- Advised local firm in a potential Stockholm Chamber of Commerce arbitration for breach of a distribution agreement.
- Member of the team advising a Spanish Company in an ICC construction arbitration seated in Lisbon, against a Portuguese Company.
- Represented a Spanish Company in a local arbitration proceeding administered by the Madrid Arbitration Court.
- Drafted interim measures request against the enforcement of an ICSID award in Spain.
- Member of the team who represented a German Company in a construction arbitration administered by the Tribunal Arbitral de Barcelona, seated in Barcelona, against the Spanish contractor.



- Represented Spanish Company in a domestic arbitration derived from a share-purchase agreement, administered by the Corte Civil y Mercantil de Arbitraje (CIMA), seated in Madrid.
- Member of the team handling an ICC arbitration seated in Madrid between a Spanish-Polish consortium and a Spanish Company.