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Work Experience

- **MORENO BALDIVIESO LAW FIRM**

Associate in the areas of Corporate, M&A, Dispute Resolution - Since January 2022 to the date.

RELEVANT HIGHLIGHTS

- Directly participated and lead the drafting of legal documents regarding relevant M&A transactions (seller side) of importance for the Bolivian Market.
- Directly participated on the drafting of respondent's pleading for an ICC International Arbitration construction case, and the execution of the oral hearings.
- Directly participated on the drafting of claimant reports, pleading for an PCA case related to an investment dispute case.
- Active participation in the analysis of potential claims related to arbitration proceedings.
- Experience in analyzing potential claims for commercial arbitration and litigation cases, including cases involving State-owned companies and entities.
- Experience in innovative sophisticated commercial transactions including more than one jurisdiction, as well as complex contract analysis and drafting.
- Experience in constitution of commercial societies, and all the steps during the process of mergers and acquisitions.

Paralegal

Areas of practice: Corporate, M&A and Dispute Resolution - Since 2019 – December 2022

Review, analysis, and draft of legal reports on laws, regulations, and potential arbitration and litigation claims. Review and draft of complex commercial contracts. Legal research. Incorporation of Companies. Active participation in meetings with clients. Translation of legal documents. Constitution of commercial societies

- **CAINCO- CAMARA OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE**

Legal Intern in the Conciliation and Arbitration Center - Since June 2018 – December 2018

Support in domestic arbitration processes, mostly about construction disputes and breach of contracts.

- **WURTH BEDOYA COSTA DU RELS LAW FIRM**

Legal Assistant - Since June 2016 – October 2017

Legal Support in the management of corporate and commercial advisement.

Education

Universidad Austral, Postgraduate Degree in International Contracts and Litigation, 2020.

Universidad Privada de Santa Cruz de la Sierra (UPSA), Law Degree, 2016-2021.

BSc in Law (*Licenciatura en Derecho*)

- Overall grade average: 96/100.
- Undergraduate thesis awarded 100/100 distinguished with the highest honours.
- Active member of several clubs of the university such as the arbitration team and the DABE Club (related to Community service)

Extracurricular Academic Activities

International Moots.

1. **Arbitration Competition organized by the University of Buenos Aires and University del Rosario** – March 2018 to September 2018 (Bogota- Colombia)
 - Speaker in hearings and main drafter of the claimant and the respondent pleadings.
 - Lectured new members on international and national arbitration, contract law and the law of obligations, company law and legal drafting and advocacy techniques.
2. **Arbitration Competition organized by the University of Buenos Aires and University del Rosario** – April 2019 to October 2019 (Asunción- Paraguay)
 - Participation in hearings and as lead drafter of claimant and defendant pleadings.
3. **Arbitration Competition organized by the University of Buenos Aires and University del Rosario** – March 2020 to September 2020 (Online)
 - Speaker in hearings and main drafter of the claimant and the respondent pleadings.
 - Lectured new members on international and national arbitration, contract law and the law of obligations, company law and legal drafting and advocacy techniques.
 - Finalist in the Bolivia-Paraguay Pre Moot organized by the National Chamber of Commerce of Bolivia.
4. **Moot Madrid Moot Court Competition**- December 2018 to April 2019 (Madrid – Spain)
 - Founder of the first team in the history of Bolivia to participate.
 - Lead the team among the top 25%.
 - Speaker in hearings and main drafter of the claimant and the respondent pleadings.
 - Lectured new members on international and national arbitration, contract law and the law of obligations, company law and legal drafting and advocacy techniques.
5. **Moot Madrid Moot Court Competition**- November 2019 to March 2020 (Online)
 - Speaker in hearings and main drafter of the claimant and the respondent pleadings.
6. **Moot Madrid Moot Court Competition**- November 2020 to March 2021 (Online)

- Lectured new members on international and national arbitration, contract law and the law of obligations, company law and legal drafting and advocacy techniques.
- Coach of the team.
- Prize for best respondent pleading.

7. Moot Madrid Moot Court Competition- November 2021 to March 2022 (Madrid - Spain)

- Lectured new members on international and national arbitration, contract law and the law of obligations, company law and legal drafting and advocacy techniques.
- Official coach of the team.
- Arbitrator in two pleadings.

National Moots.

1. Fifth National Commercial Arbitration Competition – February 2018 – July 2019

Organised by the Centre for Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration - CAINCO

- Speaker in hearings and main drafter of the claimant and the respondent pleadings.
- Lectured new members on international and national arbitration, contract law and the law of obligations, company law and legal drafting and advocacy techniques.
- Second place in scoring.
- Award to the best claim memorial

4. Fourth National Commercial Arbitration Competition – February 2018 – June 2018

Organised by the Centre for Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration - CAINCO

- Participation in hearings and as lead drafter of claimant and defendant pleadings.
- Lectured new members on international and national arbitration, contract law and the law of obligations, company law and legal drafting and advocacy techniques.
- Mention to second best speaker.

Research, Articles and Publications

• **Thesis.**

The application of the New York Convention for the Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in the Bolivian Jurisdiction. Awarded the highest possible grade (100/100 distinguished with highest honours).

• **Essays.**

"Corruption of an Intermediary as an 'Escape Device' of the Bad Faith Investor - Procedural Incidences", Revista Arbitraje Alumni-First Edition, No. 1.

"The lifting of the corporate veil under current Bolivian law", Empresa & Desarrollo, 01/19.

"New trend in Arbitration – A Bolivian Perspective" Global Arbitration Review, On coming.

Independent Studies and Relevant Aspects

Commercial and Investment Arbitration Course, University of Geneva (2020).

Born's International Arbitration Lectures - Wolters Kluwer – March - June 2020

The content included at least 100 hours of lectures on International, Investment and State-State Arbitration.

International Law Course - Université catholique Louvain – August 2020

Course in International Public Law. Worth five credits towards the Master's in International Law at UC Louvain. The final exams included the writing of two 1050-word essays graded by UC Louvain.

Course of training in Arbitration Secretariat (CAINCO 2018)

Founder of Bolivia Very Young Arbitration Practitioners (BOLIVYAP) and member of the executive committee. (2020)

First Association related to young practitioners in the field of arbitration in Bolivia.

Conferences

Hot Topic : Third Party Funding

Online Arbitration : Lessons learned

The manager's intervention in corporate arbitration

Languages

Spanish (Native)

English: Advanced Level- TOEFL IBT 102/120 (2020).

Italian: Intermediate Level- B2 (2021)

Community Service

Active member of the foundations:

Gota Roja (2015- Present)

Casa de la Mujer (2019- Present).

Emotional and educational support to children under 12 years old at the San Lorenzo Orphanage (2013-2019).

Memberships

Arbitraje Alumni

Bolivyap

WWA (Women Way in Arbitration)

Young ICCA