

Alvaro Galindo

Dean, Law School University of the Americas
Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University Law Center
Adjunct Professor, American University Washington College of Law
+1 571 645 2990 / +593 959 874550
alvaro.galindo@georgetown.edu

Mr. Alvaro Galindo is an independent arbitrator and international counsel advising on complex arbitration matters, particularly those involving Latin American jurisdictions. Currently, he is the Dean of the Law School at Universidad de las Americas. His practice focuses on disputes between sovereign states and state-owned entities and private companies. He is recognized by The Legal 500 Latin America and was noted in this publication as “outstandingly intelligent” and for his “incomparable capacity for coordinating, planning, strategic assessment, and for his diplomatic approach”. He has acted, both as counsel and arbitrator, in more than fifty international commercial and investment arbitral proceedings.

He was a member of the international arbitration practice at Dechert LLP (Washington, D.C.). He served as Director of the International Affairs and Arbitration Unit for the Republic of Ecuador’s Attorney General Office. He acted as a legal consultant for the World Bank Group’s International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), and as regional director for the Latin American Development Corporation, where he coordinated the committee in charge of drafting the Arbitration Law of Ecuador, currently in force.

Mr. Galindo has significant teaching experience in areas of international investment, dispute resolution and arbitration law, having previously served as Director of Graduate Programs and Vice Dean of the University of San Francisco de Quito School of Law. He has authored numerous publications and articles related to arbitration and international investment law.

Currently, he is a Law Professor at Georgetown University Law Center, with a course on Current Topics in International Investment Arbitration and Law Professor of Practical Aspects of Arbitration at American University Washington College of Law. He has been a repeated speaker at the Columbia University’s Center for Sustainable Investment workshop on the Investment Treaties and Arbitration Executive Training for government officials.

Mr. Galindo has represented sovereign states in different international and regional forums, among others, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, UNCTAD and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Working Group on Arbitration, UNCITRAL. In addition, Mr. Galindo participated as a member of the Legal Advisory Task Force (LATF), set up by the Energy Charter Secretariat to assist in the drafting of the Model Agreement

for cross-border oil and gas. Mr. Galindo is a Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and is an active arbitrator in various arbitration centers in Latin America. In September 2021, once Ecuador rejoined the ICSID Convention, he was appointed as arbitrator under the ICSID Convention by the Republic of Ecuador. Until Ecuador's denunciation of the ICSID Convention (2009), he was appointed by Ecuador as conciliator under the ICSID Convention.

Mr. Galindo is a Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) Drafting Committee in charge of developing additional procedural mechanisms for the PCA's Arbitration Rules of 2012. He was a Member of the Court of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) until February 2020, and a Member of the Drafting Committee of the PCA's 2012 Arbitration Rules; He volunteers his time as Emeritus Member of Georgetown University's Latin American and Caribbean Law Alumni Advisory Board and for other social causes.

Mr. Galindo is licensed to practice law in Ecuador and is registered as Special Legal Consultant in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Galindo is bilingual in English and Spanish.