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Juan Felipe Merizalde's practice focuses on international commercial arbitration and investment arbitration, particularly disputes involving Latin American parties. He has considerable experience as counsel and arbitrator in over 60 cases before the most renowned institutions, including the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), and the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) at The Hague.

Prior to starting his own firm where he acts as counsel and independent arbitrator, Juan Felipe worked for 12 years at Dechert LLP in its Paris and Washington D.C. offices, where he gained vast experience with one of the most renowned Latin American practices in the world. He also clerked at the ICC International Court of Arbitration.

Juan Felipe is currently the Co-Chair of the International Bar Association's under-40 Arbitration Subcommittee (IBA Arb 40). He is also an active member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR (Task Forces on "Accuracy of Fact Witness Memory in International Arbitration" and "Addressing Issues of Corruption in International Arbitration"); the Commission on Arbitration & ADR of ICC Colombia; Advisory Board of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA); the Latin American Arbitration Association (ALArb); among other highly regarded international arbitration institutions.

Juan Felipe has been ranked by Who's Who Legal since 2015 as one of the Future Leaders of international arbitration. Chambers Latin America identified him as an "Associate to Watch" and describes him as "*one of the best in the region*" and "*highly recommended for his expertise in the field, particularly for his 'impressive cross examination skills'.*" In 2022, Juan Felipe was ranked in Who's Who Legal – Arbitration and a peer described him by saying "*He is one of the stars in arbitration. He has great experience and knowledge of international arbitration. Juan Felipe is a very experienced and skilled arbitrator with a great background in high-level cases. He is extremely knowledgeable and astute with amazing experience*".

Juan Felipe obtained a double law degree from the Université Panthéon Assas (in Paris) and the Universidad del Rosario (in Bogota). He also obtained a Masters in Private Law from Panthéon Assas and an LL.M. in International Business Regulation, Litigation and Arbitration from New York University.

He is admitted to practice in New York, the District of Columbia (Special Legal Consultant) and Colombia. Juan Felipe also passed the Paris Bar Exam (art. 100).