

Leyre Suárez Davalos

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Overview

Leyre is the Director of the Dispute Resolution team, and specializes in complex litigation in administrative, commercial, labor and civil liability matters. and domestic and international arbitration.

In the field of arbitration, Leyre has advise numerous clients in domestic arbitration proceeding in the mining, oil, construction and entertainment sectors. In international arbitration, she has experience as local counsel in commercial and investment arbitration under ICC, UNCITRAL and ICSID rules.

Leyre is admitted to practice in Ecuador and the State of New York and has been recognized by major legal directories as a Dispute Resolution Associate to Watch.

Experience

- **Sevmorgeo JSC:** Advising on a US\$21 million breach of a procurement contract against a state-owned company.
- **Confidential client:** Advising on over 40 cases of moral damages initiated by ex-employees, matter value US\$7 million.
- **KLM:** Advising on a civil liability case initiated by a passenger that was found with drugs in his luggage, matter value US\$2 million.
- **Quifatex:** Advising the client on a in breach of contract case against a state-owned entity in a pharmaceutical matter, US\$2.6 million.
- **Goodyear de Colombia S.A.:** Advising the client on a annulment action against a decision that awarded US\$4.5 million for breach of contract.

Recognition

- *Chambers and Partners, Global and Latin America, Associate to Watch in Dispute Resolution 2018-2021*

- New York University School of Law Dean's Graduate Award, 2015.
- Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Summa cum laude, 2012

Insights

- Co-author, "La cuantía en la demanda arbitral, un limitante a los derechos de reparación", Revista Ecuatoriana de Arbitraje No. 9, 2017
- Co-author, "The International Arbitration Review: Chapter Ecuador", Law Business Research, Second Edition 2013, Third Edition, 2014 and Fourth Edition 2015
- Co-author, "The Energy Regulation and Market Review: Chapter Ecuador", Law Business Research LTD, Second Edition 2013 and Third Edition, 2014
- Co-author, "Arbitraje en Disputas Ambientales: Análisis Comparado", Revista Ecuatoriana de Arbitraje No. 4, 2012.
- Co-author, "Know How, Ecuador", Global Arbitration Review, 2013 and 2014
- Co-author, "Arbitration Guide, Chapter Ecuador", IBA Arbitration Committee., June 2013

Activities and Affiliations

- Member of the National Arbitration Moot Organizing Committee.
- Professor of Property Law at Universidad San Francisco de Quito.

Prior and Present Employment

- Senior Associate, Paz Horowitz (now Dentons Paz Horowitz), 2019- present
- Senior Associate, Andrade Veloz Abogados, 2017- 2018
- Senior Associate, Ferrere Abogados, 2016
- Associate, Paz Horowitz Robalino Garcés, 2012-2015

Areas of focus

Practices

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Arbitration
- Energy Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Industry sectors

- Automotive
- Aviation and Aerospace
- Construction

- Pharmaceutical Companies
- Media and Entertainment
- Mining Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Languages

- English
- French
- Spanish