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MAIN AREAS OF PRACTICE:

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Luis specialises in public international law, international trade, and dispute resolution. Luis has been described in *Who's Who* for arbitration as “*absolutely stellar for investment treaty disputes*”

Luis has more than 20 years of experience in international trade as a trade negotiator and advisor, and in dispute resolution as counsel to both investors and governments, and as an arbitrator. He has served as special advisor to the UK Government on trade policy and negotiations. He has been described in *Who's Who* for arbitration as ‘*absolutely stellar for investment treaty disputes*’.

He is a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Aberdeen, teaching ‘International Trade Negotiations’. He was a Visiting Professor at Queen Mary University of London, teaching ‘EU’s Trade and investment Policy’.

Luis spent ten years at the Ministry of Economy in Mexico as a trade lawyer, with his last role being Deputy General Counsel for Trade Negotiations. In this capacity, he acted as counsel for Mexico in disputes under the NAFTA, and served as negotiator for trade agreements and investment treaties. He has served as an external consultant to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and worked at the International Trade Law Branch of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs in Vienna. He is a national of Mexico.

INVESTMENT DISPUTES AS ARBITRATOR

He has been designated by Mexico to the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators. Recent arbitration appointments include:

Alejandro Diego Díaz Gaspar v. Republic of Costa Rica, ICSID case No ARB/19/13;

Infracapital F1 S.à r.l. and Infracapital Solar B.V. v. Kingdom of Spain, ICSID Case No (ARB/16/18);

Shanara Maritime International, S.A. y Marfield Ltd. Inc. v Mexico, Mexico-Panama BIT and the UNCITRAL Rules.

INVESTMENT DISPUTES AS COUNSEL

Olympic Entertainment Group AS (Estonia) v. Ukraine, PCA 2019-18;

Azucarera del Guadalfeo S.A. y Joaquín Francisco Martín Montero (Spain) v Dominican Republic, PCA AA749;

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CMC Muratori Cementisti CMC Di Ravenna SOC. Coop. (Italy) v. Republic of Mozambique, ICSID Case No. ARB/17/23;

LLC Lugzor and Libset and others (Ukraine) v. The Russian Federation, PCA Case No. 2015-29;

Fouad Alghanim & et al (Kuwait) v. Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, ICSID Case No. ARB/13/38;

Niko Resources (Canada) v Bapex, Petrobangla and the Government of Bangladesh, ICSID cases No ARB/10/18 and ARB/10/11;

Siemens AG (GER) v Argentina, ICSID Case No ARB/02/8, (revision proceedings);

Vivendi Universal SA (II) (FRA) v Argentina, ICSID Case No ARB/97/3 (annulment proceedings);

Gemplus (FRA) & Talsud S.A.(ARG) v Mexico, ICSID Cases ARB(AF)/04/3 & ARB(AF)04/4;

ADM and Tate & Lyle Ingredients Inc. (US) v Mexico, ICSID case No ARB(AF)/04/5;

Cargill Inc (US) v Mexico, ICSID Case No ARB(AF)05/2;

Bayview Irrigation District et al (US) v. Mexico, ICSID Case No. ARB(AF)/05/1;

Gami Investments (US) v Mexico, NAFTA and UNCITRAL case;

Técnicas Medioambientales S.A. (Tecmed) (Spain) v. Mexico, ICSID Case No ARB(AF)/00/2;

INVESTMENT TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

In his capacity as trade lawyer in the Government of Mexico, Luis participated in the negotiation of investment treaties with the United Kingdom, China, India, Spain, Panama, Ukraine and Russia. He was a member of the NAFTA Investment Expert Group and has been an external consultant to UNCTAD and OAS on investment policy matters.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Luis has particular expertise in Market Access, Rules of Origin, Customs Procedures, Trade Facilitation and State-State trade disputes.

He has served as Special Advisor to the UK Department for Business and Energy on international trade and negotiations. He has trained UK government departments on WTO law, rules of origin, customs, investment protection, general exceptions and state-state trade dispute resolution. He has testified to the House of Lords EU External Affairs and EU Internal Market Sub-Committees on Brexit and the future trade between the UK and the EU.

He has advised the UK's Equality and Human Rights Commission on human rights protections in free trade agreements.

He is a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Aberdeen, teaching the course 'International Trade Negotiations' and was a Visiting Professor at Queen Mary University of London, teaching 'EU Trade Policy'

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DIRECTORIES' RECOMMENDATIONS

Who's Who Future Leaders 2017 (Arbitration):

Luis González García is an "absolutely stellar for investment treaty disputes".

LANGUAGES

Spanish and English (fluent)
Portuguese (knowledge)
French (basic)

EDUCATION

ELM, University of Cambridge, UK

Master of Laws in European Union Law, Carlos III University of Madrid;

Specialisation Diploma in Areas of Economic Integration, Carlos III University of Madrid

Law degree, Northeast Autonomous University;

Luis served as Deputy General Counsel for Trade Negotiations in the Government of Mexico. In this capacity he acted as trade negotiator in Mexico's FTA negotiations with the European Union, EFTA, Mexico- EU Customs Cooperation Agreement, Israel, Northern Triangle (Central America), Uruguay, and Customs Regulations with Chile. Luis was also a member of the NAFTA Working Group on Rules of Origin, the NAFTA Subgroup on Customs Procedures, Market Access and Rules of Origin Committees in the Mexico-Colombia FTA and Mexico-Costa Rica FTA. Luis was responsible in Mexico for the implementation of the FTA with the European Union which was the first comprehensive trade agreement ever negotiated by the EU with a nation in the Americas.

Luis is a member of the roster of chairpersons for arbitration proceedings under the *Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement between the European Union, Colombia and Peru*.

Luis participated in one WTO proceeding against the United States and was also involved in defending Mexico's trade interest in the Sugar Trade Dispute between Mexico and the United States under the NAFTA.

He provided advice and technical assistance to the Government of the Dominican Republic on state-state trade disputes under the DR-CAFTA.

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

Advice to governments on drafting, interpretation, negotiation and implementation of treaties.

Oversight of treaty approval process and implementation of free trade agreements.

Opinion on the legal consequences of Russia's actions in Ukraine with Judge James Crawford

Author, "Intervention by third parties under Article 63 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice", chapter in the book "Latin America and the International Court of Justice".

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

Luis has served as sole and co-counsel in international commercial arbitrations under LCIA, HKIAC, PCA and UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. His experience in commercial arbitration include contractual disputes involving sale of goods, oil and gas, and aviation. He acted as sole counsel in the *Sterling Merchant v The Government of Cabo Verde* case in The Hague and co-lead counsel for Ecuador in a Hong Kong arbitration between the Ecuadorian Navy against a Chinese shipping company.

PUBLICATIONS

- UCL, Brexit Hub, Brexit – Understanding the EU's negotiating position on trade (2019)
- Law of Nations Hub: "Do foreign investors have valid international claims against the UK for Brexit?" (2017)
- Matrix Brexit Hub: "A new proposal for the UK's Post-Brexit Trade Agreement" (2017)
- Matrix Brexit Hub: "UK Trade Relations with Third Countries" (2017)

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- “Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards in Central America and the Caribbean”, (with Angeline Welsh) *The Arbitration Review of the Americas* 2017, GAR (2016)
- “Intervention by third parties under Article 63 of the Statute”, chapter in *Latin America and the International Court of Justice: Contributions to International Law* (Sorel & Wojcikiewicz Almeida ed.) (2017)
- Matrix Brexit Hub: “Challenges for the UK in negotiating an FTA with the EU (a trade negotiator’s perspective)”, (2016)
- Matrix Brexit Hub: “Brexit: What trade agreements can the UK negotiate whilst being a part of the EU?” (2016)
- Interviewed by Lexis Nexis: “The EU-Ukraine Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement, forging trade ties with Ukraine”, (2014)
- *Flughafen Zürich AG v Venezuela: A Catch-22 on the Protection of Procedural Fairness* ICSID Review, *Foreign Investment Law Journal*, Oxford, (2013)
- “The Role of Human Rights in International Investment Law”, in the book: *The Future of ICSID and the Place of Investment Treaties in International Law*, The British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL), (2013)
- “Corruption, Money Laundering and International Arbitration” *Latin American Journal of International Trade Law*, (2013)
- “The Future of NAFTA Chapter 11: The Next Fifteen Years”, International Arbitration Institute, (2011)
- “Is consolidation of claims a step to improvement? Paris, OECD (2005)

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