

Curriculum Vitae

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Born in 1971 in Caracas, Venezuela
Married, one child



Policy issues, Compared Law, International Public and Private Law, International Trade Law,
Legal Aspects of Electronic Transactions, International Commercial Arbitration, Anti-Money Laundering International financial regulations

PROFILE

Mrs. Maria-Gabriela Sarmiento is a PhD student at the Faculty of Law of the University of Zaragoza and Guest-student at the Chair for Law & Finances, Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich. She holds a master's degree in International Trade Law from the Université de Bourgogne in Dijon, France (1998), and a Law Degree from the *Universidad Central de Venezuela* in Caracas, Venezuela (1996). She completed a postgraduate course on International Trade Law jointly organized by the International Training Centre of the International Labor Office and the *Istituto di studi europei* in Turin, Italy (2003). Since 2005, Mrs. Sarmiento is co-founding managing partner of a legal consulting firm in Caracas, Venezuela with a branch in Zurich, Switzerland, where she is based since 2010. Between 2005 and 2010, she lived and worked in Caracas, where, besides her duties at the Law firm, she was designated secretary and subsequently vice-president of the *Association franco-vénézuélienne de juristes* and teaching professor of a seminar on Commercial Arbitration at the Law School, Legal and Political Sciences Faculty of the Universidad José María Vargas. Before 2005, she worked as e-Commerce for Developing Countries Project Manager at the International Telecommunication Union in Geneva, Switzerland (2000-03) where she performed policy analysis and teaching field-missions to African, Asian and South-American countries. She also worked as Junior Consultant on public and e-procurement at the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO in Geneva (1998-99). She served as well as trainee at the United Nations Commission for International Trade Law in Vienna, Austria (2003) and at the office of the Relations with the EU Parliament of the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium (2000). She lectured at national and international conferences and has published in English and Spanish in peer-reviewed legal journals. Mrs. Sarmiento is married and mother of one (2011).

ACADEMIC HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2018 - present** Started an individual doctoral study at the Faculty of Law, University of Zaragoza, Spain. Completed a research stay, as temporal guest-student of the Chair for Law & Finances, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, Switzerland.
Areas of study: International economic crimes, transnational corruption, anti-money laundering regulations (financial, criminal, and administrative), offshore financial centers, foreign stolen assets recovery.
- 2016** *Botón de Antigüedad y diploma por trayectoria jurídica* (Distinction in a form of a pin and a diploma) granted by the Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Caracas, Venezuela (Caracas Bar Association) as recognition for the 20 years of professional practice, impeccable conduct and efforts for the promotion of the advocacy.
- 2006** Certificate. Training Course on Teaching in Higher Education. *Universidad José María Vargas*. Caracas, Venezuela.
- 2006** Certificate of attendance. Online course on government best practices and electronic democracy. *Federación Colombiana de Municipios* and *Universidad Externado de Colombia*. Bogota
- 2003** Certificate, Post-Graduate International Trade Law Course. Grade: A (Excellent). ILO/International Training Centre & *Istituto Universitario di Studi Europei*. Turin, Italy. Paper: "The settlement of Trade Disputes in WTO" (Co-author).
- 1997 - 1998** *Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées en droit des affaires internationales*. (Equivalent to an international trade law LL.M.). *Université de Bourgogne*. Dijon, France. *Mémoire*: "La force majeure dans les contrats internationaux".
- 1991 - 1996** *Título de Abogado* (Law Degree). Grade: 17.06/20 (1%). Sixth position of 357 students (Top10). (Five years)
- Nine distinctions in a form of Diplomes of Honour in these subject-matters: Roman Law I, Criminology, Commercial Law I, Commercial Law II, Family and Successions Civil Law, Administrative Contentious Procedures Practice III (equivalent to *Verwaltungsstreitverfahren*), Criminal Procedure Law, Practice II, International Private Law (1996). *Escuela de Derecho*. Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas y Políticas (Faculty of Legal and Political Sciences). *Universidad Central de Venezuela*. Caracas.
 - Certificate. The said Law Degree granted by the UCV in Venezuela, formally corresponds to a bachelor granted by a Swiss university. The *Rektorskonferenz der Schweizer Universitäten* (CRUS). Bern, Switzerland (2010).
- 1990** Bachelor's degree in Humanities. To obtain the equivalence of my two-year secondary school studies in Genoa, Italy, prepared nine exams organized by the Ministry of Education. Caracas, Venezuela.

CHRONOLOGICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

- May 2020 - present** *Sarmiento Klumpner Consulting*. **Owner**. Einzelfirma. Zurich. Switzerland.
Performing the same type of legal counsel as in the past fifteen years. The novelty is that Sarmiento works within the framework of a new entity incorporated in Zurich.
- May 2005 – May 2020** *Sarmiento Núñez Consulting*. **Founding & Managing Partner Lawyer**. **Caracas, Venezuela**. Branch office incorporated in Zurich since November 2013. **Zurich, Switzerland**.
Working 50% of the time on:
- Providing legal advice, project management and compliance for a programme where I am the liaison between the project proposals of Venezuelan foundations attending children and a donor.

Working the other 50% on:

- Investigating and drafting articles for international journals;
- Providing advisory services and assistance for local and foreign persons and companies in the following matters: Corporate Law (i.e. Memorandum of Understanding, contracts, By-Laws and shareholders assemblies drafting; conciliations & negotiations, honorariums and rent recovery, companies incorporation, and proceedings); Labour Law (i.e. contract drafting, negotiation, mode of payment in a country with a control on the exchange market); copyright law (i.e. license agreements, negotiations, copyright infringement, legal advice); family and successions law (i.e. Inheritance, divorce, marriage, children rights, parents alimentary obligation); International Private Law (i.e. Compared Law investigations, application of international and bilateral conventions); Legal aspects of electronic commerce (i.e. Legal auditing of portals and websites, Legal advice in Law-cases), on the preparation of bids on IT for governments, encryption technology, legal aspects;
- Co-representing claimants and defendants' cases in the Maritime Courts where action had been or needed to be instituted related to breach of contract, and negligence claims; Civil Courts, and in Labour Courts where action had been or needed to be instituted related to breach of contract/damage claims. Drafted summaries, appeals, statements of claim, affidavits, pleas, Counter-claims...;
- Co-representing claimants' cases in the Venezuelan Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau, Prosecutors Bureau, Immigrations Bureau, Internal and Foreign Affairs Ministries, and other National Institutions;

Aug.2004–Apr.2005

Sarmiento Núñez & Asociados Law firm. **Consultant. Caracas, Venezuela. Negotiation and restructuring process:**

- Started managing, leading, and administering the activities of the Law Firm after creation of its subsidiary Sarmiento Nunez Consulting.
- Sought for new development opportunities and new strategic alliances of the consulting firm in order to implement The NET of professional nets.
- Collected local market, foreign market promotion and investment information from different countries and the import-export regulations in force between these countries and Venezuela to provide assistance to importers-exporters.
- Participated in restructuring the Law Firm towards its transformation into a multidisciplinary consulting firm. Creating the structure of the company. Drafting Manual, Report and Action Plan.
- Moved from Geneva, Switzerland to Caracas, Venezuela in April 2005.

EMPLOYER: INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

July – Nov. 2003

United Nations Commission for International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). **Volunteer. Vienna, Austria.**

- Undertook research, selected and summarized: World-Wide Cases-Law on e-Commerce; the doctrinal interpretation of provisions of the Convention on International Sales of Goods; and the liability of Internet Service Providers' EU rules.
- Undertook research on the EU implementation of the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards and the Convention on Independent Guarantees.
- Worked on the research and compilation of legal texts related to e-commerce adopted (or drafted) the world-over. Reviewed which of these laws enacted the UNCITRAL Model Laws. Updated the Draft Convention on the use of data messages in [international contracts]. Attended the 42nd Session of the WG IV on e-Commerce held in Vienna (Nov. 2003).

June 2000 – Jan. 2003

International Telecommunication Union (ITU). **E-Commerce Project Administrator. Geneva, Switzerland.**

- Organized and chaired multiple international events (e.g. seminars, training workshop, and conferences). Conducted lectures on the legal and technical aspects of e-transactions or e-commerce in Asia, Africa, and The Americas, and prepared the paper presentations.
- Drafted projects of Law on e-commerce and on cyber-crime for developing countries. To do so, I undertook an extensive research on these topics worldwide. Analyzed reports and legal texts on e-commerce business processes, legal, policies and regulatory issues that included IP policies. Drafted and published presentations, articles, e-news and press releases.
- Drafted and negotiated agreements, memoranda of understanding, and other legal documents, including partners' agreements, letters of intent, non-disclosure agreements, and white papers.
- Administered a project on securing e-transactions aimed at transferring encryption technology to 100+ developing and least developed countries and dealt with encryption export restrictions and requirements. Liaised with high government officials and entities, private sector companies, NGOs, and international organizations from 100+ participant countries to the project.
- Performed feasibility studies to establish the business, legal requirements, and specifications for project activities. Monitored projects: analyzed progress reports and undertook missions.
- Coordinated the acquisition of equipment, training and support assistance: negotiated prices with suppliers and after-sale assistance, and identified the Unit's annual objectives, projects/activities and budget required for its implementation.

- March – June 2000** SG, Relations with the Parliament. European Commission. **Trainee. Brussels, Belgium.**
- **European Policy Issues.** Attended Parliamentary Committee meetings on the areas of Culture, Agriculture, External Affairs, Education and drafted reports in French and English for the Commissioners.
- Aug. 98 – Aug. 1999** International Trade Centre. **Jr. Consultant. Geneva, Switzerland.**
- **Capacity building.** Developed a Training Module on “Preparing International Contracts”.
 - **Policy building.** Improved and completed a database of Public Procurement Systems. Compared national legal texts with UNCITRAL, WTO, World Bank and EU instruments.
 - **E-Commerce and trade related compared law analysis.** Summarized contents on e-commerce, international trade, e-contracts of sale, ... for a data-base.

EMPLOYER: LAW FIRMS

- June – July 1998** *JC Goldsmith & Associés* International Law firm. **Trainee. Paris, France.**
- Worked on timesharing; contracts (assignment of shares); international finance operation (turnkey project); and international arbitration (Limitation of liability, Civil & Common laws).
- May 1995 – Sept. 1996** *Escritorio Jurídico Sarmiento Núñez & Asociados* (Law firm). **Legal Assistant. As from July 1996: Attorney-at-Law. Caracas, Venezuela.**
- Worked as attorney in civil and criminal trials; completed legal researches and drafted consultations on Criminal, Succession, Civil, and Commercial Law cases; attended daily different courts and completed project reports.
- Feb. 1994 – May 1995** Baker & McKenzie International Law firm. Legal Assistant. **Caracas, Venezuela.**
- Completed researches on the local/international doctrine and precedents in different areas of Law; undertook legal researches and analyzed case-law on maritime Law and international arbitration; drafted consultations on Administrative, Criminal, Labour, and Succession case-law; and reported daily on cases pending in different courts. Worked in the following units: Administrative Law, Labour Law, International Law and Criminal Law, for periods of four to six months.

WORK EXPERIENCE ON POLICY ISSUES AND TEACHING

POLICY ISSUES

- Completed a mission to Praia, Cape Verde at the joint request of the ITU and Agencia Nacional de Comunicaciones (ANAC) where I drafted a project of law on privacy issues on the Internet, as well as, a project of law on cybercrime; reviewed the Consumer Protection Act to incorporate provisions on the protection of consumers on the Internet, as well as, the Copyright Act to incorporate provisions related to the violation of copyright via the Internet, either, directly on the Copyright Act, or the Electronic Commerce Act; proposed IT applications or e-solutions that could be used in the education and health sector with concrete examples (2010).
- Organized a Seminar on Intellectual Property and Copyright promoted by the Asociación franco-venezolana de juristas (Jurisfraven), the Embassy of France in Caracas, and Asociación Nacional de Autores Cinematográficos (ANAC) (2009).
- Conducted a lecture on *Les délits informatiques, les Lois que les punissent et la pratique judiciaire* at the “ITU-West Africa Workshop on Policy and Regulatory Frameworks for Cybersecurity and CIIP” organized by the ITU in Praia, Cape Verde. (2008).
- Completed an ITU mission to Praia, Cape Verde where I analyzed the new Information and Communication Technology (ICT) legal framework in Cape Verde; reviewed the e-Commerce Decree-law n.49/2003, and proposed changes deemed necessary to update the text of the law and any other existing legislation related to e-commerce, considering the Government’s ICT Policy and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) ICT decisions and best practices. Conducted a national workshop on e-commerce organized by Agencia Nacional de Comunicaciones (ANAC), showing best practices in e-commerce worldwide; proposed best suitable regulations concerning e-commerce, shared standards, digital certification policies, structure of a national Accreditation Authority, and implementation of a Public Key Infrastructure (PKI). Provided recommendations, which will guide ANAC during the implementation process of the e-commerce programme (2007).
- Provided consulting services in public procurement systems within the framework of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) project to review Cape Verde’s procurement legal framework for works, goods and services. Work mainly performed during a mission to Praia, Cape Verde jointly organized by the MCC and the US-based Jefferson Consulting Firm (2005).
- Contributed to the completion of a Technical Assistance (TA) offer for an educational project in Honduras tendered by the European Commission; provided assistance in the legal and administrative aspects of a TA offer for a Regional Planning project in Ethiopia tendered by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and contributed to the proof reading and review of legal documents (e.g. By-Laws) for a health project in Argentina tendered by the Argentinean Ministry of Health and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs at a Consulting Company in Technical Assistance, Procurement, and Trading. Agmin Italy S.r.l., Verona, Italy (2004).
- As ITU’s civil servant I prepared summary and guidelines to assist developing countries in the adoption of appropriate policies, strategies and decisions for enabling e-business. Provided legal advice on e-commerce, e-government, digital certificates & signatures, e-contracting, ISPs’ liability, copyright, applicable law, and consumer & data protection. (2000 - 2003).
- In addition to ITU’s workshops conducted in Quito, Ecuador, Bogota, Colombia, and Lima, Peru, performed local research on the status of the electronic commerce and electronic signatures legislation in these countries. Met with stakeholders, the private, and public sectors to learn about their needs and requirements to learn about the status of the services provided

by specialists in these countries, and the level of securing technology had among the people. Awareness was created among the governments, and the private sector (2002).

- Drafted a project of law on electronic commerce at the request made by the *Autorité nationale de regulation des télécommunications* (ARTEL) of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso to the ITU in Geneva, Switzerland (2002).
- Cooperated organizing and drafted handout material for the “Conference on the Public Procurement Reform in Africa” in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire sponsored by the International Trade Centre (ITC) and held in Abidjan, Ivory Coast (1998).
- Prepared a lecture with an UCV’s international public law professor on “Towards the future with the European Community” jointly with Asociación Mundial de Jóvenes Juristas y Estudiantes de Derecho in Caracas, Venezuela (1992).

TEACHING (LECTURER AND UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR)

- Organized and conducted several, small and medium size workshops and seminars as part of my duties as Vice-president of the French-Venezuelan Jurists Association subsidized by the French Embassy in Caracas. Conducted lectures on the International Criminal Court and the International Criminal Tribunals for ex-Yugoslavia and Rwanda at the Universidad Nueva Esparta (2009).
- Conducted a lecture on the Venezuelan freedom of movement and migration legislation as part of an “Andean Regional Seminar on The Right to Peoples Freedom of Movement in a Global World” organized by the Cátedra francoandina de la internacionalización del derecho, Faculty of Law, Universidad San Martín de Porres with the sponsorship of the Andean Countries Regional Cooperation Service of the French Embassy in Lima, Peru. Location: Lima (2009).
- Conducted a national workshop on e-commerce organized by Agencia Nacional de Comunicaciones (ANAC) and the ITU in Praia, Cape Verde, showing best practices in e-commerce worldwide; proposed best suitable regulations concerning e-commerce, shared standards, digital certification policies, structure of a national Accreditation Authority, and implementation of a Public Key Infrastructure (PKI). Location: Praia (2007).
- As invited professor taught a Seminar on Commercial Arbitration, for students attending the fourth-year of the Law studies at the Law School of the Faculty of Legal and Political Sciences at Universidad José María Vargas in Caracas, Venezuela. Prepared a 17-chapters program, organized MOOT Courts, organized visits to local Arbitration Centres, and Classroom visits from Arbitrators. Analyzed local precedents, and related legal texts, as well as, international conventions, investments bilateral treaties, and international arbitration centres rules and regulations. (January 2006 – December 2007).
- Designated as tutor/advisor in 20 theses on digital signatures and electronic data messages; commercial arbitration, and copyright at the Law School of the Faculty of Legal and Political Sciences at Universidad José María Vargas in Caracas, Venezuela. (2006-2008).
- Prepared a Module and presentation (with audio) on the legal aspects of electronic contracting as part of the online master’s degree on the Law and Telecommunications Management organized by Asociación de Empresas de Telecomunicaciones de la Comunidad Andina (ASETA), Quito, Ecuador (2004).
- Conducted a week training workshop on electronic commerce and for civil servants and lawyers at the request made by the *Autorité nationale de regulation des télécommunications* (ARTEL) of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso to the International Telecommunications Union (ITU). During the workshop, the first draft of the project of law on e-commerce was prepared on screen. Location: Ouagadougou (2002).
- Performed a three weeks’ ITU mission to Quito, Ecuador, Bogota, Colombia, and Lima, Peru to conduct workshops on the legal aspects of electronic transactions, and on how to secure electronic transaction using encryption technologies. Promoted ITU’s project on the transfer of encryption technology to developing countries at a low cost. (2002).
- Organized a Caribbean Regional Workshop on e-Commerce and held a lecture on the Legislative requirements for Electronic Transactions in Castries, Saint Lucia promoted by ITU. Location: Castries (2001).
- Conducted a week training workshop on Legislative requirements for Electronic Transactions at the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority in Islamabad, Pakistan promoted by the ITU. Location: Islamabad (2001).
- Conducted a lecture on the legal aspects of electronic commerce aimed at fostering development through e commerce, organized for the participants of the First Professional Training Programme for Young Politicians from Kosovo by the Centre for Applied Studies in International Negotiations (CASIN) promoted by the ITU in Geneva, Switzerland (2001).

PRESENTATIONS AND RESEARCH PAPERS

- ‘*Adoption and Legal Effects of WTO Panel and Appellate Body Reports*’ SSRN: <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2931449> (2017).
- ‘*Status Quo of Investment Arbitration in South-America: The Cases of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela*’ SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2707701> (2016).
- ‘*The 2014 Draft Constitutive Agreement of the Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes of the UNASUR*’ SSRN: <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2703651> (2015).
- ‘*Proposals to South American Countries to Negotiate Bilateral or Multilateral Investment Treaties*’ SSRN: <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2702595> (2015).
- ‘*General Proposals to Improve the Current Dominating System of Investor-State Disputes Settlement*’ SSRN: <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2702564> (2015).
- ‘*The Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP) and the Creation of a Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes*’ SSRN: <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2702419> (2015).
- ‘*The 2012 Draft Constitutive Agreement of the Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes of the UNASUR*’ SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2698574> (2015).

- 'Legal practice, daily routine in today's Venezuela'. Presentation at 'Jornada Venezolana - Business Forum' organized by the Centro Latinoamericano Suizo, University of St Gallen, Switzerland. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.15641.83044 (2014).
- 'Violación de derechos humanos en Venezuela'. 2013 Report. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.20681.54884 (2013).
- 'El derecho de autor y las obras audiovisuales en Venezuela. Propuestas para proteger la reproducción de obras audiovisuales en la red' Presentation at 'El derecho de autor en las audiovisuales en Venezuela' Conference, organized by Asociación Franco-venezolana de juristas (Jurisfraven) and ANAC, Caracas, Venezuela, DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.36260.68483 (2009).
- 'Libre circulación de personas en Venezuela' Presentation at the 'El derecho a la libre circulación de personas en un mundo globalizado' Conference, organized by Service de coopération regionale française pour les pays andins, French Embassy in Lima and the Universidad San Martín de Porres, Lima, Peru, DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.26966.45125 (2009).
- 'Les délits informatiques, les lois les punissant et la pratique' Presentation at the regional workshop: 'Atelier de l'Afrique de l'ouest sur les cadres politiques et réglementaires pour la cybersécurité et la protection de l'infrastructure de l'information critique (PIIC)', jointly organized by ANAC and ITU, Praia, Cape Verde, DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.29063.60325 <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/events/2007/praiadocs/sarmiento-cybercrime-laws-practice-praia-nov-07.pdf> (2007).
- 'El caso de Cabo Verde y las mejores prácticas europeas' Presentation at the Conference: 'Aspectos legales de las transacciones y el comercio electrónicos', jointly organized by ITU and ANAC. Praia, Cape Verde DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.30040.08966 (2007).
- 'Marco legal de mensajes de datos, firmas electrónicas y contratación electrónica en Las Américas. Cuadro comparativo', Comparative table of legislation on e-contracting, e-signatures, and data messages in the Americas prepared as handout material. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.34516.19845 (2004 – Updated 2005).
- 'La contratación electrónica' Presentation with audio for a master's degree on Law and Telecommunications Management sponsored by the Universidad Andina and ASETA, Quito Ecuador DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.18296.03845 (2004).
- 'The African Region (including Arab countries) Legal framework for e-commerce'. Prepared as handout material for the African region. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.31580.18569 (2002).
- Draft Projects of Law on e-Commerce and Cyber Crime for Burkina Faso (2002).
- 'Building an Environment for E-Business: Legislative Requirements'. Paper prepared for the lectures at the CARICOM event and Pakistan (2001).

INTERESTS AND SKILLS

Languages	Spanish: Mother tongue. French: C2. English: C1. Italian: C1. German: B2 level.
2017	German C1 Level Course. Deutsch Plus. Zurich, Switzerland.
2014	Certificate. <i>Schreibwerkstatt Deutsch als Zweitsprache Intensiv</i> B2-C1 Course. EB Zurich, Switzerland.
2011	<i>Goethe-Zertifikat B2 Zeugnis</i> . (German B2 Certificate) Goethe Institut. Zurich, Switzerland.
2001	Certificate. French Language Proficiency Examination (Equivalent to C2 Level). United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Geneva, Switzerland.
1997	Advanced English Diploma. Wall Street Institute School of English. Caracas, Venezuela
1996 - 1997	Certificate. <i>Langue, littérature et civilisation française</i> . Université Stendhal Grenoble III. Grenoble, France.
1988 - 1989	Italian Diploma. Wall Street Institute. Istituto per la preparazione metodologica e pratica alle attività professionali. Genoa, Italy.
Computer	Mac; Open and Microsoft Office, Legal and e-databases as search tools.
Membership	Caracas Bar Association and <i>Instituto de Previsión Social del Abogado</i> . Member of the XIII Edition of the International Trade Law Alumni Post-Graduate Course, <i>Associations de jurists d'affaires internationales, Iniciativa por Venezuela (IpV)</i> , and Kunsthaus Zürich. Former member of <i>Association d'anciens stagiaires de la Commission européenne</i> , the Venezuelan-American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VenAmCham), the Venezuelan-Canadian Chamber of Commerce (CanCham), and <i>Asociación de Jóvenes Juristas y Estudiantes de Derecho</i> , Venezuelan Chapter.
Hobbies	Historic novels, opera, travel, photography, skiing, music and food festivals.

PUBLICATIONS

- 'The Outsider as Insider: Profiling WTO Panelists for their impact on world trade decisions' in the *Transnational Dispute Management Journal*. <https://www.transnational-dispute-management.com/about-author-a-z-profile.asp?key=2901>.
- Book Review on Strong, S.I.; Fach Gomez, K; and Carballo Pineiro, L. 'Comparative Law for Spanish-English Speaking Lawyers. Legal Cultures, Legal Terms and Legal Practices'. Edward Elgar Publishing, 2016. 720 pp in *Revista de Derecho y Sociedad*. Universidad Monteavila. Caracas, Venezuela.
- 'The UNASUR Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes and Venezuela. Will Both Ever See the Light at the End of the Tunnel?' in *Journal of World Investment & Trade* 17 658–680, BRILL (2016).

- ‘Some thoughts on the legal aspects of new technologies’ paper presentation, ‘*International Conference on Politics and Information Systems: Technologies and Applications*’, Pista 2005 (July 2005).
- ‘What do the new trends offer different groups of individuals?’ Observatorio de Sociedad, Gobierno y Tecnologías de Información. Universidad Externado de Colombia (May 2005).
- ‘*Citizens and Public Administration in the Information Age. E-public services. Web Self-Service in the Public Sector*’. Observatorio de Sociedad, Gobierno y Tecnologías de Información. Universidad Externado de Colombia (May 2005).
- ‘*Anteproyecto de Convención sobre la Contratación Electrónica llevado a cabo por el Grupo de Trabajo IV de la CNUDMI*’ in *Revista de Derecho Informático*, ISSN 1681-5726, N°. 69, 2004 (April 2004).
- ‘*Reporte sobre la violación de los derechos humanos en Venezuela*’ para comunidad internacional, ONG medios de comunicación http://www.uru.org/papers/reporte_violac_dchos_humanos.doc (April 2004).
- “*Legislación sobre comercio electrónico en los países miembros de la Comunidad Andina. Recomendaciones para su armonización*” and “*Cuadro comparativo de los textos legales sobre comercio electrónico de los países miembros de la Comunidad Andina*”. ITU - Asociación de Empresas de Telecomunicaciones de la Comunidad Andina (ASETA) (June 2002).
- ‘*E-Services*’ *Revista Electrónica de Derecho Informático (REDI)*, Editorial vLex, N° 43 (Feb. 2002).
- ‘*Legislative requirements for electronic transactions*’ *REDI Revista Electrónica de Derecho Informático*. Editorial vLex. N° 42 (Jan. 2002).
- Co-author, ITU BDT ‘*E-Strategy, An Entry Ramp to the E-Society*’ (Jan. 2002).
- *Electronic commerce raises issues at the heart of traditional regulations, practices and procedures resulting from legal requirements applicable to the form and evidence of legal acts in the context of domestic and international commercial transactions*. Alfa-Redi *Revista de Derecho Informático* Nr 4: 2002 Peru (Feb. 2002).
- ‘*Developing and least developed countries legal framework on e-commerce, digital signatures, e-certification, e-transactions, CAs and RAs*’ ITU *Electronic Commerce for Developing Countries* (Feb. 2001).