

# Fernando Rodriguez- Cortina

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Fernando Rodriguez-Cortina is a senior associate in King & Spalding's Houston office and a member of the International Arbitration Practice Group. Mr. Rodriguez-Cortina's practice focuses on commercial and investor-state arbitration.

Mr. Rodriguez-Cortina has been involved in disputes relating to private and public international law issues, bilateral investment treaties, breach of contract, mergers and acquisitions, and insurance coverage, under the ICC, ICSID and UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. He has represented clients in the oil and gas, mining, aerospace, retail, construction, pharmaceutical, automotive, aviation and insurance industries.

Mr. Rodriguez-Cortina earned his law degree from Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City and completed the Law and Global Economy dual degree LL.M program at the New York University School of Law and the National University of Singapore. He also completed a diploma course on International Commercial Arbitration at the Mexican Arbitration Center in Mexico City.

Before joining King & Spalding, Mr. Rodriguez-Cortina was an associate in the International Arbitration and Corporate groups of a Mexican law firm in Mexico City, where he participated in a number of cross-border transactions, including mergers & acquisitions, project financing and other contractual arrangements, representing Mexican and multinational clients from a broad spectrum of industries.

**Licensed in New York**

## Matters

Representing Corporación America and Kuntur Wasi against Perú in an ICSID arbitration regarding an airport concession in Cusco, Perú.

Representing Mexican shareholders and bondholders in an UNCITRAL arbitration arising from the resolution of their interests in the fifth largest bank in Spain

Representing Colombian investors in an ICSID arbitration against Peru relating to a toll-road concession contract

Representing an international producer of household goods against a South American State in an UNCITRAL arbitration regarding a manufacturing enterprise.

Representing an international airline in an investment arbitration claim against Venezuela involving a dispute over repatriation of proceeds from domestic ticket sales.

Representing Gente Oil Ecuador Pte. Ltd in a UNCITRAL arbitration administered arising out of a dispute involving a risk service oil contract with Ecuador

Representing British claimants in a multi-billion-dollar UNCITRAL/PCA-administered arbitration against a South American state in the mining sector.

Advising different foreign companies with investments in Mexico in relation to Mexico's electricity and hydrocarbons reforms, including the protections they may be entitled to under investment treaties and free trade agreements and measures that investors should adopt to preserve their right to initiate international arbitrations

Representing a Colombian refinery in an ICC arbitration regarding a construction dispute.

Advising a U.S. telecommunications company in an ongoing ICC arbitration regarding the alleged breaches of a commercial contract subject to Mexican law

Represented a Japanese conglomerate in an ICC arbitration against a Mexican company regarding the alleged breach of a commercial contract.

Represented South American Silver against Bolivia in an UNCITRAL arbitration under the U.K.-Bolivia Bilateral Investment Treaty regarding a mining project in Bolivia

Represented Bear Creek Mining Corporation against Peru in an ICSID arbitration under the Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement regarding a mining project in Peru.

Represented a Mexican family in an ICC arbitration against a Japanese pharmaceutical company regarding the alleged breach of a share purchase agreement.

Represented a Swiss reinsurer in an arbitration against a Mexican insurance company regarding the alleged breach of a reinsurance contract

Represented a Mexican natural gas distribution company in an ICC arbitration regarding the alleged breach of a gas supply contract

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

LL.M., New York University

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Law Degree, Universidad Iberoamericana, with academic distinction

### ADMISSIONS

New York

Mexico

## ASSOCIATIONS

Mexico (admitted 11/2009; Reg. # 6206347)

## LANGUAGES

English

Spanish

## Recognition

Global Arbitration Review Names King & Spalding Most Impressive Firm in International Arbitration

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## Insights

### CLIENT ALERT

*March 30, 2021*

AMLO Proposes New Legislation to Regulate the Oil & Gas Industry

*March 4, 2021*

Reform to Mexican Electricity Law to Come into Effect

*January 20, 2021*

Recent Import and Export Regulations in Mexico Double Down on Favoritism of Pemex

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## Events

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

*March 23, 2021*

Fernando Rodriguez-Cortina to Speak at American Chamber Mexico Event

*March 4, 2021*

Fernando Rodriguez-Cortina to Speak at Consejo Coordinador Empresarial Forum

*August 8, 2020*

Henry Burnett, Fernando Rodriguez-Cortina, Renzo Seminario to Speak on Webinar About Controversy in the Market of Music Streaming Platforms

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## News

### IN THE NEWS

*May 24, 2021 • Source: Petroleum Economist*

Fernando Rodriguez-Cortina discusses the impact of Mexico's energy reforms on foreign investment

*April 29, 2021 • Source: Petroleum Economist*

Fernando Rodriguez-Cortina discusses the impact of Mexico's senate approving a new hydrocarbons bill aimed at tackling fuel theft and corruption on energy reforms

*March 18, 2021 • Source: POWER*

Roberto Aguirre Luzi and Fernando Rodriguez-Cortina discuss the viability of investing in energy projects in Mexico

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