

Isabel San Martin

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Isabel is an associate in the firm's International Arbitration Group, based in the Paris office. Her practice focuses on international arbitration and public international law.

She has experience in commercial and investment treaty arbitrations under the ICSID, LCIA, UNCITRAL, SCC and CAIP Rules, with a particular focus on Latin America and Europe. She also has experience in human rights law, and other areas of public international law.

Isabel is a dual Spanish-Filipino national and is admitted to the bars of New York, Paris and Madrid.

Isabel is a member of the Global Advisory Board of ICDR Y&I (International Centre for Dispute Resolution), as well as a member of the Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge Young Practitioners' Subcommittee. She was also a member of the ICC's Task Force on Arbitration of Climate Change Related Disputes.

Prior to joining King & Spalding, Isabel worked as a Research Assistant at the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), where she assisted on multiple commercial arbitrations and monitored all requests for joinder, consolidation of proceedings, emergency arbitrator, and challenges against arbitrators.

Isabel worked as a Policy Advisor at the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations in New York, during Spain's two-year membership of the UN Security Council (2015-2016). In that capacity Isabel drafted and negotiated Security Council resolutions and other documents on issues such as peacekeeping operations or sanctions regimes. She had a specific focus on Sub-Saharan Africa and Afghanistan.

After her LL.M., Isabel served as a Legal Consultant at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in Washington D.C., where she worked for the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression. In that capacity she drafted reports on the merits in human rights violations cases, one of which is currently before the Inter-American Court.

Isabel received her LL.B. (First Class Honors) from Universidad Pontificia de Comillas (ICADE), and holds an LL.M. from Boston University School of Law as well as a Master's Degree in Legal Practice from Universidad Carlos III. She speaks English, Spanish, French, and conversational Portuguese, and is a member of the bars of New York, Paris and Madrid.

Matters

Representing a leading **French construction company** in a Paris-seated international arbitration against a local government in South America, involving construction claims and claims of annulment of a concession

Representing **Mexican shareholders and bondholders** in an UNCITRAL, PCA-administered arbitration arising from the resolution of their interests in one of the largest Spanish banks

Representing dozens of **renewable energy** investors in multiple Energy Charter Treaty arbitrations under the ICSID and SCC Rules against several European states

Represented claimants in a multi-billion dollar UNCITRAL, PCA-administered arbitration against a **South American state** in the **mining sector**

Assisted citizens' group in a **Latin American country** with a report to a **United Nations body** in relation to human rights violations in the context of the COVID-19 crisis

Representing multiple renewable energy investors in **ICSID annulment proceedings** in which Spain challenges awards rendered in our clients' favor

Advised claimant in two UNCITRAL/LCIA-administered commercial arbitrations against an **African state** involving the **mining sector**

Credentials

EDUCATION

Master of Laws, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
J.D. equivalent, Universidad Pontificia de Comillas (ICADE)
LL.M., Boston University

ADMISSIONS

New York
Paris
Spain

ASSOCIATIONS

LCIA Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG)
International Bar Association (IBA)
American Society of International Law (ASIL)
Spanish Arbitration Club (CEA -40)
Young International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)
Global Advisory Board Member at ICDR Young & International
ICC Spain

LANGUAGES

French
Portuguese
Spanish

Insights

ARTICLE

July 7, 2020 • Source: *Financier Worldwide*

NEWSLETTER

June 18, 2020

Energy Newsletter – June 2020

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

September 18, 2020

Isabel San Martin Appointed to ERA Pledge Young Practitioners Subcommittee

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

June 4, 2020

Thomas Sprange QC, Isabel San Martin to Speak on International Centre for Dispute Resolution Webinar About Virtual Hearings

News

IN THE NEWS

September 15, 2020 • Source: Law360 and Global Arbitration Review

K&S advises subsidiaries of a German solar investor before an ICSID tribunal, which ordered Italy to pay €18 million to the subsidiaries in a renewables tariffs dispute

September 1, 2020 • Source: Global Arbitration Review

K&S counsels Cavalum before a ICSID tribunal, which ruled in favor of the energy company in its arbitration dispute with Spain

RECOGNITION

February 13, 2020

Isabel San Martin Selected for ICDR Y&I Global Advisory Board

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