

A) Professional Background

I have spent most of my 36 years of professional practice working for the State Attorney's Office of the Kingdom of Spain, holding various positions in the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, and the Supreme Court. I have also served as Financial Counsellor at the Spanish Embassy in London and Legal Counsellor at the Permanent Representation of Spain to the European Union in Brussels.

I have extensive experience in international arbitration, having led the Kingdom of Spain's International Arbitration Department and acted as lead counsel in 55 international investment arbitrations. Currently, I represent investors in international and commercial arbitrations, working with various international arbitration institutions in sectors such as energy, mining, real estate, transport, construction, and finance.

Additionally, I was Head of the research bureau of the Attorney General's Office for 8 years, organizing seminars and publications to ensure practitioners had access to up-to-date and accurate materials for their continued professional development.

B) Vision and Objectives

B.1 Enhancing Member Engagement: CIArb has an excellent reputation for organizing seminars and events. I propose, in addition, promoting informal networking sessions, such as monthly "Arbitration Insights" webinars, to attract new members and foster teamwork.

B.2 Strengthening International Collaboration: I will foster partnerships with other CIArb branches and international arbitration institutions, particularly in Latin America, to expand London's influence as a global arbitration hub.

B.3 An Inclusive Perspective Bridging the Gap Between Emerging and Senior Practitioners: We all know how challenging it can sometimes be, from a young lawyers perspective, to start your practice, or for that matter expand it, within the International Arbitration realm. Henceforth, I want to also work towards trying to bridge this gap between the more senior and junior members, by collaborating and growing together as means of helping one another.

B.4 Adapting to the Future of Dispute Resolution: I support integrating technology in arbitration, including online dispute resolution (ODR), AI-driven case management, and cybersecurity best practices. I propose establishing a "Tech in Arbitration" task force to explore and implement advanced technologies.

C) Conclusion

I think my extensive experience in international arbitration, both in public and private sectors, and in organizing seminars and professional events aligns with CIArb's priorities.

I am dedicated to advancing the mission of CIArb London Branch, ensuring it leads in arbitration excellence. With your support, I aim to shape the future of our arbitration community, promoting innovation, inclusivity, and global collaboration.

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