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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER, Houston, Texas, U.S.

Adjunct Professor – Energy Law Scholar at the Energy Law Center (EENR Center), since August 2014 - Present

Visiting Professor – Energy Law Scholar at the Energy Law Center (EENR Center), since August 2012 - July 2014

- Teaching: Course Transnational Petroleum Law (Spring Semester) and International Investment Law and Arbitration (Fall Semester)
- Research on International Petroleum Transactions, International Investment Arbitration and Petroleum Industry Best Practices.
- Areas taught in courses delivered to services companies, operators and government agencies and universities in ten countries:
 - National and International Law for the promotion of foreign investment in the oil and gas sector
 - Investment and Commercial Arbitration related to the oil and gas industry.
 - Onshore and Offshore Industry Best Practices on Risk allocation, Environmental and Social Issues.

UNIVERSIDAD DEL EXTERNADO, Bogota, Colombia.

Visiting Professor, May 2015.

- Extension Course: Transnational Petroleum Law and North America Energy Regulation (10 hours)

UNIVERSIDAD DEL ESTADO DE NUEVO LEON, ESCUELA DE DERECHO, Monterrey, Mexico.

Visiting Professor, December. 2014 and May 2015.

- Extension Course: Transnational Petroleum Law in Latin America (25 hours)

UNIVERSIDADE DO ESTADO DO RIO DE JANEIRO (UERJ) SCHOOL OF LAW, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Visiting Professor, May – June 2013

- Extension Course: Introduction to International Investment Law (20 hours). Mentoring Brazilian Scholars at the EENR Center.

DEWEY & LEBOEUF LLP, Paris, France

Foreign Lawyer Intern in the Arbitration Group, April 2008 - June 2008

- Participated in research at different stages of arbitration proceedings preparing briefs and hearings in ICSID and ICC arbitrations, in cases related to direct foreign investments and international construction projects in the oil and gas downstream sector.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF VENEZUELA, Caracas, Venezuela

Career Diplomat (Foreign Service Exam 2002), January 2001 - October 2006

- Advised multilateral affairs related to the Organization of American States (OAS) and the United Nations (UN). Member of the Venezuelan delegations: IV Summit of Presidents of the Americas, Mexico, 2004; XXXIVth General Assembly of the OAS, Quito-Ecuador, 2004; G-15 Summit in Caracas, 2004, XXXIIth General Assembly of the OAS Barbados, 2002.
- Advised sovereign boundary issues related to bilateral negotiations with Trinidad, Colombia and Brazil.
- Member of the Venezuelan Delegation to attend international meetings and negotiations
- Drafted legal opinions and political analysis on Latin America foreign affairs issues

VENEZUELAN NATIONAL CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF 1999, Caracas, Venezuela

Intern, October – December 1999

- Participated in the compilation of proposals from the civil society to the project of Venezuela Constitution, approved in 1999.

UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE VENEZUELA, Caracas, Venezuela

Teacher Assistant at the International Studies School, September 1998 - January 2000

- Taught courses on Theory of International Relations, four hours a week, assisting a Senior Professor.

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITE DE BOURGOGNE, Dijon, France

Doctoral Research Fellow - Center of International Trade and Investment Law (CREDIMI), October 2009- expected Oct. 2015
Concentration: International Petroleum Transactions. PhD Scholarship - French Ministry of Higher Education and Research

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER, Houston, Texas, USA

Master of Laws (LLM) – Certificate in Energy, Environment & Natural Resources, 2011

SORBONNE UNIVERSITES, PANTHEON-ASSAS PARIS II, Paris, France

Master of Laws (DESS) - Litigation, Arbitration, and Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2008
Dissertation: “The Effectiveness of Dispute Adjudication Boards on FIDIC Construction Contracts”

UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE VENEZUELA, Caracas, Venezuela

Degree in Law (Attorney at Law) 2004

UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE VENEZUELA, Caracas, Venezuela

B.A. in International Relations, Class Rank: 7/74, 2000

RESEARCH POSITIONS

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, Law Center, Houston, Texas

Visiting Scholar, Energy and Natural Resources Center, Jan. –May 2010 and Visiting Professor, 2012-2014

- Research on bid rounds of heavy crude projects in Venezuela in the light of international investment law, 2010.
- Research related to best practices in the petroleum industry and international, 2010.
- Cooperation training agreement between the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), the U.S. – Mexican Law Center and the EENR Center of the University of Houston Law Center for training to ITAM students and faculty, PEMEX and the Mexican Secretary of Hydrocarbons, for training in international petroleum transactions and international investment law and arbitration, 2013.
- Visiting Professor on Transnational Petroleum Law and Arbitration at the Universidad de Nuevo Leon, Monterrey Mexico, 2014.

UNIVERSITE DE BOURGOGNE, Dijon, France

Doctoral Fellow at the Center of International Trade and Investment Law, 2009 – Present

- Responsible for legal research on oil and gas investment contracts in a program for the French National Center for Scientific Research
- Liaison Member of the CREDIMI for the Extractive Industries Source Book (www.eisourcebook.org), in partnership with the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy (CEPMLP) of the University of Dundee and the World Bank.

PUBLICATIONS

- The Precedent in International Petroleum Investment Arbitration. *Work in Progress for a Law Review Article*, 2015
- The Era of Petroleum Arbitration Mega Cases, a comment on Occidental Petroleum Corporation v. Ecuador, ICSID award, Special Energy Issue, Houston Journal of International Law, Vol. 35:3, 2013
- Venezuelan Chapter in “*Upstream Law and Regulation: A Global Handbook*”, Ed. Global Law and Business, London, 2013
- Best Industry Practices and Environmental Regulation for Offshore Petroleum Operations. A Contribution to the Study of the *Lex Petrolea*. Transnational Petroleum Law Institute Series on Transnational Petroleum Law, Vol. 1, N° 2, 2012
- Commentary: Procedural Order No. 1 Tidewaters v. Venezuela (ARB/10/5) Co-author. Chronicle ICSID, Sébastien Manciaux, *Journal du Droit International-Clunet*, No. 1, Paris, 2012
- Rebalancing Oil Contracts in Venezuela. Special Energy Issue, Houston Journal of International Law, Issue 2 Vol. 33, Houston, 2011
- Polarization of Mass Media and the Role of the Head of State. *Revue Visages d’Amérique Latine*. Sciences Po, Paris, 2008

SHORT NOTES

- International Guest Speakers in the Transnational Petroleum Law Course in Latin America. <http://www.law.uh.edu/eenrcenter>
- International Investment Law in Rio de Janeiro in times of Oil Opening. <http://www.law.uh.edu/eenrcenter>

SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

- Conferece : Legal Regime of Oil Investments in Venezuela. Plan País, Conference of Venezuelan Leaders in the U.S., April, 10, 2015
- Presentation: “Les règles Transnationales de l’Industrie du Pétrole”. Université Paris Sud -Paris XI, Paris, March 10, 2015
- Coference: The Geopolitics of Oil and the Venezuelan Economic Crisis. World Affair Council of Houston, January 26, 2015
- Visiting Professor: Course Transnational Petroleum Law in Latin America, Universidad de Nuevo León, Monterrey, Mexico, December 1-10, 2014
- Lecture: Investment and Commercial Arbitration in the Oil and Gas Sector. ITAM, Mexico City, Mexico, December 4, 2014
- Webinar: Venezuela petroleum investments and arbitration. Washburn Oil and Gas Law Center, December 4, 2014.
- Co-Chair. Conference: Oil and Gas Investment Arbitration. University of Houston Law Center, October 31, 2014
- Conference: Investment and Commercial Arbitration in the Oil and Gas Sector. Secretary of Hydrocarbons of Ecuador, Quito, October 17, 2014
- Panelist: El Nuevo Orden Mundial de las Relaciones Económicas a la luz de la Jurisprudencia Arbitral, Grupo Latinoamericano de Arbitraje de la CCI, Sponsored by the ICC and the *Groupe de Beaune*, Beaune, Bourgogne, France, September 27, 2014
- Training Program: “International Commercial Arbitration and Investment Treaty Arbitration”, organized by ENTRA Consulting to PPI-PEMEX (Mexican NOC), August 28, 2014
- Conference: “Transnational Petroleum Law and Arbitration”, Transnational Petroleum Law Institute. Caracas, April 28, 2014
- Panelist, The Occidental v. Ecuador Case, 8th Annual Investment Treaty Arbitration Conference, Washington D.C. March 28, 2014
- Presentation: “Transnational Sources of Law and Legal Order in the Petroleum Industry”, NACLE Workshop 2014. University of British Columbia Vancouver, March 14, 2014
- Presentation: “Les règles Transnationales de l’Industrie du Pétrole”. Sciences Po, Paris, March 12, 2014
- Presentation: “Les règles Transnationales de l’Industrie du Pétrole”. Université Paris Sud -Paris XI, Paris, March 9, 2014
- Panelist, International Arbitration from the Arbitrator’s perspective. International Law Section, Houston Bar Assoc. March 5, 2014
- Workshop, “International Investment Law and the Petroleum Sector” (four hours), Weatherford International, Houston, December 6, 2013
- Workshop, “Transnational Petroleum Law” (eight hours), EENR Center, UHLC, November 15, 2013
- Conference, “Environmental Law and Investment In the Venezuelan Petroleum Sector” in the forum “Bridging the Gap between Investment Law and the Environment,” Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and the Law School of the University of Utrecht, The Hague, November 6–7, 2013
- Presentation “Panorama de Derecho de Inversión para el Sector Petrolero” in the Conference “Preparándonos para la Reforma Energética: Consideraciones y Experiencia Internacional” organized by the ITAM, Mexico, D.F. October 3, 2013
- Conference “Non-State Law in Petroleum Investment Arbitration”, Brazilian Petroleum Institute (IBP), Rio de Janeiro, June 6, 2013
- Conference “Tools for Research in Oil and Gas Law”, UERJ School of Law, Rio de Janeiro, June 4, 2013
- Panel Moderator in Colombia Offshore on Best Practices in Offshore Petroleum Operations. Colombia – Texas Chamber of Commerce, Houston, May 6, 2013
- Conference “Best Industry Practices and Environmental Regulation for Offshore Petroleum Operations. A Contribution to the Study of the Lex Petrolea”, Transnational Petroleum Law Luncheon, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, April 24, 2013
- Conference “*Règles anationales en arbitrage pétrolier*” in “*Colloque : Les règles transnationales dans l’arbitrage d’investissement*”, organized by the *Association des étudiants et diplômés de l’Institut des hautes études internationales(AIHEI) de l’Université Panthéon-Assas*, Paris II, at Shearman & Stearling - Paris, April 13, 2013
- Presentation: “Investment protection for oil companies during ongoing armed conflict”. Guest speaker “H2Oil Research Seminars at the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy (CEPMLP) of the University of Dundee, Scotland, June 15th, 2012
- Presentation: “Environmental Regulation and Industry Practices for Offshore Petroleum Operations - A Contribution to the Study of the *Lex Petrolea*”, International Law Conference - Sciences Po Law School - Paris - March 28th and 29th, 2012
- Presentation: “Applicable Law to Petroleum Contracts”. Conference “Contractual and Safety Best Practices in Petroleum Operations”. First United States -Cuban Academic exchange on Energy Law sponsored by the French Association of French and Latin-American Legal Scholars Andres Bello with the participation of UH Law Center. Havana, Cuba, 29th and 30th November 2011
- 7th Cornell Inter-University Law Conference, “Rebalancing Oil Contracts in Venezuela”. Ithaca, NY, USA, April, 2011

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SCHOLARY PROJECTS

- Transnational Petroleum Law Institute, Paris. Promotion of the Study of Transnational Law and Arbitration in the Oil and Gas Sector
- Observatory of International Oil and Gas Investment Arbitration, UHLC. Observatory of arbitration awards on state – investor’s energy disputes concentrated in the writing of comments on arbitration awards in oil, gas and power generation sector.
- *Groupe de Beaune*. Beaune, France. Group for the study of transnational law and the *lex mercatoria*.
- The Transnational Law Academy, Dijon, France.

BAR ADMISSION

Admitted to practice in Venezuela, 2006

ARBITRATION LEGAL EXPERT ON VENEZUELAN LAW

Expert on Venezuelan law in international arbitration claims in the upstream petroleum sector in Venezuela

RECOGNITIONS

- “Luis Castro Leiva” Research Prize 2009, awarded by the Sorbonne Université Paris III and the French Embassy in Venezuela. Research on Petroleum Investments in Venezuela, particularly in heavy crude oil projects in the Orinoco Oil Belt.
- Full PhD Scholarship, French Ministry of Higher Education and Research, October 2008.
- Five Year Service Recognition. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela, 2006.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN) ▪ Institute for the Energy Law ▪ Dispute Resolution Board Foundation
- Transnational Petroleum Law Institute (Co-Director) ▪ Andres Bello Association of French and Latin-American Legal Scholars ▪ Venezuelan Committee of Arbitration ▪ *Groupe de Beaune Member of the Steering Committee*.

PROFESSIONAL COURSES

- Course in Upstream Oil and Gas Contracts. Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Houston, 2009.
- Contrats internationaux de construction de la Fédération internationale des ingénieurs conseils (FIDIC), Paris, 2009.
- Le cadre normatif des contrats de recherche et production pétrolière, Institut Français du Pétrole, Paris, 2009
- Diplôme supérieur d’université de Droit des affaires et de l’entreprise, Sorbonne Universités, Panthéon – Assas, Paris II, 2007.
- Summer Course in Public and Private International Law, Hague Academy of International Law, 2006.
- Diploma en Relaciones Internacionales y Derecho Internacional Público, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 2005.

LANGUAGES

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), French (Fluent), Knowledge in Portuguese.

OTHER SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Violinist: Texas Medical Center Symphony Orchestra (Houston, 2012-2014); Paris University Symphony Orchestra (Paris, 2006-2009) and *Gran Mariscal de Ayacucho* Symphony Orchestra (Caracas, 2000-2002). Performed at Carnegie Hall, the Berliner Philharmonie, the Sorbonne Grand Amphitheatre, the Teresa Careno Theater in Caracas, among other venues.
- Guitar and Bass player: rock, funk and blues, playing six Fête de la Musique in Paris every year on June 21st since 2008.
- Olive oil producer affiliated to the Cooperative “Virgen del Rosario”, Chinchon, Spain.