

## Peru's Hernández & Cía adds arbitration partner

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Peruvian law firm Hernández & Cía. Abogados has strengthened its arbitration practice with the addition of a new partner, Caterina Miró Quesada Samanez, who joins from law firm White & Case



With this addition, the firm's dispute resolution area now has a team of 15 lawyers, lending the team a wealth of experience.

Caterina has 14 years' experience in the field, having participated in high-profile national and international arbitrations, advising both sovereign states and private investors in disputes arising from investment contracts and treaties before the International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), and commercial disputes before the International Chamber of Commerce.

"During her career she has focused on international arbitration in Latin America, and her expertise focuses on advising private and public sector clients on litigation and negotiation strategies and preparation, as well as in the preparation of policies and strategies in the context of dispute resolution, including the identification of potential conflicts of interest and the proposal of strategies to mitigate them," the firm said in a statement.

With her incorporation, "Hernández & Cía. Abogados continues its pathway to consolidate itself as a permanent top Peruvian full practice law firm, based on the strategy of hiring the best talent in the country with extensive experience, a great command of the law and an impeccable client service capacity", the firm added.

"We are constantly seeking to improve ourselves, and mobility and analysis of market trends are key to succeed in the legal industry, and we had identified the need to strengthen our arbitration practice, both domestic and international, so bringing Caterina to co-lead our arbitration team is the right addition for us," Juan Luis Hernández, the firm's managing partner, said.

After living and working abroad for seven years, Caterina decided to move back to Peru, where she was approached by several firms and ultimately chose to join Hernandez & Cia. Abogados.

“I knew I wanted to join a top firm with an arbitration practice area where I could expand my career,” she said. “I was looking for the right fit and was quite impressed, since the first approach, on how easy and comfortable I felt with the team at Hernandez. We also share the same views on how to boost the practice area,” she added.

Caterina holds an LLM from the University of Houston Law Center, and is an attorney at Law from the University of Lima. In addition to practicing in Peru, she is also admitted to the New York Bar Association.

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