

# ROMINA GILDA RIVERO

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## SUMMARY

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Romina Rivero is a Swiss-educated, multi-jurisdictional dispute resolution expert and UK qualified solicitor advocate with extensive experience in arbitration, commercial litigation and cross-border investigations. Having practiced in Civil/Common law jurisdictions such as Argentina, London, Brussels, Paris and Geneva, she originally trained and qualified in Buenos Aires where she practiced for more than 10 years. Having practiced in Civil and Common law jurisdictions such as Latin America, London, Brussels, Paris, and Geneva, Romina initially trained and qualified in Buenos Aires. Her active participation in the British Argentine Chamber of Commerce enhances her engagement with influential figures in Argentina and Latin America. As an active member of ICC Argentina, she has also consulted for the Buenos Aires offices of the United Nations Secretariat and the Inter-American Development Bank. Romina has worked across various sectors, including banking, oil, mining, and energy, and is keen to further develop business development contacts in LatAm.

## EDUCATION

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### GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (HEI) - Geneva

Award: LL.M. fully funded by a Fondation Wildorf Scholarship (Swiss Government)

### LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS - London

Award: Chevening Scholarship – Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO)

### UNIVERSIDAD DE BUENOS AIRES - Buenos Aires

Award: Best memorials sponsored and representing the Government of Argentina in Washington DC at the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

## LANGUAGES

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- ENGLISH
- SPANISH (MT)
- PORTUGUESE AND GERMAN (reading and conversational understanding to intermediate level)

## QUALIFICATIONS

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- Appointed as EU arbitrator and expert by the European Commission for trade and sustainable development (TSD) experts in bilateral disputes under trade agreements with third countries
- Higher Rights of Audience
- Solicitor of England and Wales
- Abogada Colegio Público de Abogados de la Capital Federal, Buenos Aires, Argentina

## EXPERIENCE

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### Overview

Romina possesses extensive legal experience with a focus on sanctions, financial crime, and disputes. Her roles have involved significant high court commercial litigation, cross-border investigations and arbitration cases, particularly in relation to UHNW individuals in LatAm and CIS.

### Commercial litigation and arbitration

Participated in several high profile commercial litigation and arbitration matters under LCIA and UNCITRAL rules, including::

A successful London Hotel group valued at more than GBP1.5Bn owned by three brothers in different commercial and construction arbitrations under LCIA rules.

A High Profile case of 2011 according to The Lawyer, defending a high profile partner from Dechert accused of serious crimes involving torture before the UK High Court

CIS UHNW client accused, amongst other defendants, of fraudulent transactions by a major Ukrainian Bank in the High Court, including a worldwide freezing order

CIS UHNW client accused of fraudulent transactions by a major Russian Oil company before the English High Court

Several High Court commercial proceedings arising from the collapse of an Icelandic Bank and involving two UHNW brothers in the property business

Co-authored sanctions and enforcement publications in English and Spanish for Practical Law (Enforcement of international sanctions in arbitration proceedings) and the importance of *Bridgestone v Panama* for Latam.

Participated in several high profile commercial litigation and arbitration matters under LCIA and UNCITRAL rules, including:

A Chinese mining company accused of human rights violations in Peru.

A British oil and gas company accused of damages for the installation of a gas pipeline in Colombia.

A £100m settlement between US Engineering companies and the UK government involving a £6.1bn nuclear decommissioning contract.

### Cross border Investigations

Advised on Cross-border international sanctions regulatory investigations (particularly US sanctions for Iran, Cuba and Russia) for major international Banks and Institutions, including Societe Generale (SOCGEN) and Credit Agricole Corporate in several jurisdictions.

Led cross-border investigations for the UNODC related to Lava Jato in collaboration with prosecutors in Peru, Ecuador, and Brazil while serving as a Consultant for the UNODC together with FCO and UK Embassy officials.

Managed high-profile regulatory portfolios and commercial disputes at Lloyds Banking Group, ensuring consistent litigation strategies.

Co-authored case summaries for the UK Supreme Court Blog (i.e. Canada Square v. Potter)

Worked in French for the offices of Brussels and Paris and advising on:

- A major global technology provider for alleged competition malpractices before "L'Autorité de Concurrence" in France and the EU competition authorities
- An Asian Bank in investigations by regulators in the U.S., EU and Asia concerning global FX trading

## **CAREER HISTORY**

### **CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP**

June 2021 - Present

### **UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS and CRIME (UNODC)**

February 2021 - June 2021

### **ENYO LAW LLP**

February 2020 - February 2021

### **LLOYDS BANKING GROUP**

July 2019 - February 2020

### **FIELDFISHER LLP**

January 2018 - July 2018

### **SKADDEN ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM**

August 2013 - April 2017

### **CLEARY, GOTTlieb, STEEN & HAMILTON**

August 2012 - August 2013

### **FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER**

February 2011 - August 2011

### **MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

March 2007 - May 2008

### **MINISTRY OF ECONOMY**

March 2005 - May 2006

### **INTER AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK**

September 2004 - February 2005

**Lawyer in various Law Firms in Buenos Aires from June 1998 to August 2004**