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Luis Miguel specialises in international commercial and investment arbitration, with a particular focus on Latin America and Spain. He advises and represents clients in a range of industries, including mining, construction and infrastructure, transportation, and energy. His experience includes arbitrations under the ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC, Peruvian Chamber of Commerce and Quito Chamber of Commerce Rules.

Current professional memberships

- + Founding member of Latin American Arbitration Practitioners – EU (LATAP)
- + Latin American Representative of the Asia Pacific Forum for International Arbitration (AFIA)

Career history

- + Counsel, LALIVE, Geneva, 2024 – present
- + Associate, LALIVE, Geneva, 2022 – 2023
- + Associate, Dechert LLP, Paris, 2014 – 2021
- + International Legal Analyst, Baker & Hostetler LLP, Washington, D.C., 2013 – 2013
- + Associate, Benites, Forno & Ugaz Abogados, Lima, 2009 – 2012

Academic qualifications

- + LL.M., Harvard Law School, 2013
- + Degree in Law, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, 2009

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Practices

- + Arbitration - International Commercial
- + Arbitration - Investment Treaty
- + Public International Law

Sectors

- + Construction & Infrastructure
- + Energy
- + Mining
- + Technology

Languages

- + English
- + French
- + Spanish

Nationality

- + French
- + Peruvian

Admission

- + Peru, 2010

Recognition

“Future Leader – Arbitration”

Who’s Who Legal, Arbitration Future Leaders – Non-Partners, 2023-2024

Recent publications

Glencore v. Bolivia: A Long-Awaited Award Finds Expropriation and FET Breaches by the State

LUIS MIGUEL VELARDE SAFFER, TESSA HAYES

In: Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 5 March 2024

La responsabilidad del Estado por los actos de las comunidades rurales que perjudiquen las inversiones extranjeras. Perú: ¿un caso singular?

LUIS MIGUEL VELARDE SAFFER, JAIME GALLEGO

In: Libro homenaje a Miguel Ángel Fernández-Ballesteros (CEIA), 2024

Reciente laudo mejora perspectivas de reclamación de inversores en proyectos mineros

LUIS MIGUEL VELARDE SAFFER, MARC VEIT, JAIME GALLEGO

In: Rumbo Minero, issue 158, 2023

Recent conferences

Centro de Arbitraje de Mexico - Judicial Reform in Mexico: Perspectives and Opportunities of Commercial and Investment Arbitration

LUIS MIGUEL VELARDE SAFFER , Role: Speaker, Judicial Reform in Mexico:

Perspectives and Opportunities of Commercial and Investment Arbitration

Mexico, 18 September 2024

IBA Arb40 - IBA Arb40 Symposium - New horizons in international arbitration

LUIS MIGUEL VELARDE SAFFER , Role: Speaker, Shaping the future of international arbitration: evidence gathering and protection of foreign

investments

Mexico, 15 September 2024

Peruvian Arbitration Institute - XI International Investment Arbitration Seminar

LUIS MIGUEL VELARDE SAFFER , Role: Panellist, Applicable law in

investment arbitration: international law v. domestic law. Latin American

experience

Webinar, 26 October 2023