

# Luis Miguel Velarde Saffer

## Counsel, Geneva



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, energy, and banking. His experience includes numerous 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

- LLM, 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

- Banking & Finance
- Construction & Infrastructure
- Energy
- Mining
- Technology

### Languages

- English
- French
- Spanish

### Nationality

- French
- Peruvian

### Admission

- Peru, 2010

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## Recognition

“Future Leader – Arbitration”

*Who’s Who Legal, Arbitration Future Leaders – Non-Partners, 2023-2026*

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## 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*

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## 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*