

Isabel San Martín Counsel, London



Isabel's practice focuses on international arbitration and public international law. She has experience in commercial and investment arbitrations under various procedural rules, including the ICSID, ICC, LCIA, SCC, UNCITRAL, FAI and CAIP Arbitration Rules. She has represented and advised clients in a variety of sectors, including renewable energy, oil and gas, mining, construction, and banking and finance. She also has experience in human rights law, environmental law and other areas of public international law. She was a member of the ICC Task Force that published the Report on Resolving Climate Change Related Disputes through Arbitration and ADR.

Current professional memberships

- + Member and taskforce leader of the Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge Young Practitioners' Subcommittee
- + Member of Steering Committee of the British Chapter of the Spanish Arbitration Club (CEIA)
- + Member of the Steering Committee of Young EFILA (European Federation on Investment Law and Arbitration)
- + Representative of the IBA Young Lawyer's Committee in the United Kingdom
- + Co-founder and Steering Committee member of the Comillas Alumni International Arbitration Club

Career history

- + Counsel, LALIVE, London, 2026 – present
- + Senior Associate, LALIVE, London, 2024 – 2025
- + Associate, LALIVE, London, 2021 – 2023
- + Associate, King & Spalding, Paris, 2018 – 2021
- + Contract Attorney, Debevoise & Plimpton, London, 2017
- + Research Assistant, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), London, 2016 – 2017
- + Policy Adviser, Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations, New York, 2015 – 2016
- + Legal Counsel, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Washington D.C. 2013

Academic qualifications

- + Master in Legal Practice, Universidad Carlos III, 2015
- + LLM, Boston University School of Law, 2013
- + Bachelor of Laws, ICADE – Universidad Pontificia de Comillas, Spain, 2013

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Practices

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

Sectors

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

Languages

- + English
- + French
- + Spanish
- + Portuguese

Nationality

- + Filipino
- + Spanish

Admission

- + New York, 2018
- + Spain, 2015

Recognition

Ranked as “Future Leader – Non-Partner”

Lexology Index: Arbitration 2026

Recent publications

Journal of International Arbitration, Vol. 42, Issue 1, “Enforcement of Intra-EU ECT Awards: Comparing the US, UK and Australian Approaches”, February 2025

ISABEL SAN MARTÍN

In: Kluwer Law Online

The End Is Near: the European Commission’s Proposed Coordinated Withdrawal from the ECT

NICHOLAS LAWN AND ISABEL SAN MARTÍN

In: Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 2023

ITA Arbitration Report, Volume XVIII – Issue 13, 2020 – “OGI Group Corporation v. Oil Projects Company of the Ministry of Oil, Baghdad, Iraq (SCOP)”

ISABEL SAN MARTÍN

In: Wolters Kluwer ITA Arbitration Report. 2020

Recent conferences

CEIA -40 - XVIII Conference of the Spanish and Ibero-American Arbitration Club

ISABEL SAN MARTÍN , Role: Speaker, "Sunset Clauses y el futuro del arbitraje de inversión: ¿el último rayo de Sol?"

Madrid, 1 June 2025

CEIA - Launch Conference of the Luxembourg Chapter of the Spanish and Ibero-American Arbitration Club (CEIA) - The Interplay between judges and arbitrators

ISABEL SAN MARTÍN , Role: Speaker, “Courts and pre-award supervision”

Luxembourg, 5 July 2024

Comillas ICADE Faculty of Law and Comillas Alumni International Arbitration Club - II Comillas Arbitration Day

ISABEL SAN MARTÍN , Role: Moderator, Arbitrator duties and conflicts of interest

Madrid, 12 June 2024