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## BACKGROUND

Daniela graduated *summa cum laude* and second of her class from San Francisco de Quito University. She obtained an LLM from Harvard Law School in 2015.

Daniela currently serves as assistant editor for Latin America for Kluwer Arbitration Blog.

## KEY SERVICES

Dispute Resolution  
International Arbitration

## KEY SECTORS

Energy Disputes  
Mining

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## EXPERIENCE

Daniela is qualified to practice law in Ecuador and the State of New York. She speaks Spanish, English and is proficient in French.

Prior to joining Herbert Smith Freehills, Daniela worked as an associate in the Ecuadorian law firm Pérez Bustamante & Ponce. She has local experience working in Latin America and dealing with clients from Europe, the U.S. and Asia looking for business opportunities in the region. Apart from acting as counsel in commercial and investment arbitrations, Daniela's practice is focused on advising clients doing business in Latin America on the protection of their investment and potential avenues to enforce its rights as foreign investors under international law.

Daniela's experience includes:

- representing an international oil company on rights and remedies pursuant to an agreement

governed by New York law to share costs and monetary awards of investment arbitration against a South American state

- representing the Republic of Costa Rica in international investment arbitration proceedings *David Aven and others v. Costa Rica* under DR-CAFTA and UNCITRAL arbitration rules. The case involves the development of a residential project by American investors that was suspended by the environmental agency for infringements on wetlands
- advising a South American investor operating in the public transportation sector in a South American state on potential avenues to enforce its rights as foreign investor under international law
- advising a Spanish investor operating in the telecommunications sector in a South American state on the protection of its investment under international law
- member of the team that represented a Chinese company in an international commercial arbitration proceeding against the Ecuadorian State related to the termination of a concession for the construction and operation of a port