

Gonzalo Rodriguez-Matos

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New York

Biography

For more than 25 years, Gonzalo Rodriguez-Matos has advised clients on complex project financing transactions, various model infrastructure contracts, corporate finance, and debt issuances.

He has represented state-owned and foreign investors in the energy, oil and gas, and transport sectors in Latin America, as well as in the United States. He is also active in international arbitrations and has represented energy clients and a sovereign state, both commercial and investor-state.

He has served as counsel on large infrastructure projects such as the project financing and engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) contracts for the Fertinitro fertilizer plant and the Metor methanol plant, the deep-water conversion project for the Puerto La Cruz refinery, the Santa Inés refinery, the Caracas Metro in Venezuela, Refinería del Pacífico, and the Coca Codo-Sinclair hydroelectric project in Ecuador.

Gonzalo graduated summa cum laude from the Universidad Católica Andrés Bello en Caracas, has a postgraduate degree from Université de Droit, Economie et Sciences Sociales de Paris, and a Masters in Comparative Law from New York University School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in New York and Venezuela.



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Languages

English
French
Spanish

Representative experience

Represented a National Oil Company in negotiation of EPC contracts for construction and revamping of three refineries in Venezuela with Korean and Chinese contractors.

Represented a National Oil Company in complex financial transactions, including several Rule 144A/Reg. S international bond offerings.

Represented an Ecuadorean state-owned company in the negotiation of the EPC contract for the Coca Codo Sinclair Hydroelectric plant in Ecuador.

Represented a National Oil Company in an ICC arbitration on the termination of a water treatment and injection contract with a UK contractor.

Represented a sovereign state in three investment arbitrations brought by investors under investment protection treaties.

Awards and rankings

- Corporate/M&A (Venezuela), *Chambers Latin America*, 2009-2018
- Banking & Finance (Venezuela), *Chambers Latin America*, 2016-2018
- Energy & Natural Resources (Venezuela), *Chambers Latin America*, 2016-2018
- Corporate/M&A (Venezuela), *Chambers Global*, 2008-2019
- Banking & Finance (Venezuela), *Chambers Global*, 2016-2017
- Energy & Natural Resources (Venezuela), *Chambers Global*, 2016-2017
- Capital Markets, *Latin American Corporate Counsel Association (LACCA)*, 2015

Latest thinking and events

Practices

Commercial
Complex Contracting
Corporate
International Arbitration
Joint Ventures
Mergers and Acquisitions
Infrastructure, Energy, Resources, and Projects
Business Integrity

Industries

Energy and Natural Resources
Consumer
Life Sciences and Health Care

Areas of focus

Public International Law
IERP Dispute Resolution
Engineering, Procurement, Construction, and Supply Chain
M&A and Joint Ventures
Project Finance, DFI, ECA, and Sovereign Wealth Finance
Oil and Gas: Refinery and Petrochemical Projects
Oil and Gas: Exploration and Production
Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions
Joint Ventures and Strategic Alliances

- Brochures
 - International Project Finance - Make your deal a success with us
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - How to draft for concurrent delay wherever your projects are

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Education and admissions

Education

Masters, New York University School of Law, 1990

Diplôme Supérieur de l'Université in Civil Law, Université de Droit, Economie et Sciences Sociales de Paris, 1989

J.D., Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, summa cum laude, 1988

Memberships

Board of Directors, Venezuelan-French Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Country Coordinator for Venezuela, Inter-American Law Subcommittee of the Business Law Section, American Bar Association

Member, Colegio de Abogados del Distrito Federal

Member, International Bar Association

Member, Venezuelan-American Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Member, International Law Section, American Bar Association

Vice President, Jurisfraven: Venezuelan French Attorneys Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

New York

Venezuela

Accolades

"[He] enters the rankings on the back of solid market recognition. Interviewees describe him as 'excellent in banking,' adding, 'I see him as very active.' He has a focus on project financing and is also qualified to practice in New York."

Chambers Latin America 2016

"[He has] earned widespread market recognition for his track record in energy mandates. He is an excellent lawyer with a promising career, and has been visible in this area recently."

Chambers Latin America 2016

"[He] is praised for his flexible approach in the corporate sphere alongside his expertise in the banking area; is strong in advising clients in cross-border corporate transactions."

Chambers Latin America 2016
