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Aníbal Sabater is an international arbitration specialist with over 22 years of experience in complex contractual and investment cases involving projects or transactions in Latin America, North America, Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

Licensed in several US jurisdictions, England and Wales (solicitor), and Spain, Aníbal devotes most of his time to the representation of clients in international arbitration cases, but also takes between 3 and 5 arbitrator appointments every year. As of 2019, he has arbitrated over 70 multi-million dollar disputes in English or Spanish and has ample experience acting as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator, and chairman of the Tribunal. He has also served 6 times as emergency arbitrator. As an arbitrator, he has acted under the AAA, ICC, ICDR, SIAC, and UNCITRAL Rules, as well as under the Rules of the Houston Maritime Arbitrators Association and in entirely ad hoc cases.

Aníbal is a director and immediate past member of the Executive Committee of the New York International Arbitration Center, the President of the International Law Committee of the Association of Bar of the City of New York, the President of the New York / Washington D.C. chapter of the Spanish Arbitration Club, and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

He is a member of several panels of arbitrators, including those from the ICDR, SIAC, DR-CAFTA Chapter 20, the Houston Maritime Arbitrators Association, and the Central America – Chile Free Trade Agreement.

In 2015, Global Arbitration Review shortlisted him for its award in the Best Prepared/Most Responsive Arbitrator category; and in 2017, Global Arbitration Review shortlisted the decision of an ICANN panel (GCC v ICANN) on which Aníbal sat for its award in the Most Important Reported or Published Decision category.

Details of Aníbal's representative experience and counsel can be found online [here](#). Significant recent arbitrator appointments he has received include:

1. Co-arbitrator in ICC dispute over put option (Madrid seat; Spanish law; approximately US\$0.8 billion in dispute);
2. Co-arbitrator in ICC construction dispute (Houston seat; New York law);
3. Chairman of ICC tribunal in construction dispute (Miami seat; Florida and Latin American applicable laws);
4. Sole arbitrator in ICDR contractual dispute (New Jersey seat and law);
5. Co-arbitrator in ICC construction dispute (Santiago de Chile seat; Chilean law; approximately US\$1.5 billion in dispute);
6. Sole arbitrator in ICDR maritime dispute (Miami seat; Florida law);
7. Co-arbitrator in UNCITRAL contractual dispute (New York seat and law);

EDUCATION

- Universidad Complutense, Madrid, Ph.D., *cum laude* (1999)
- Universidad Complutense, Madrid, law degree, *first in the class* (1997)

PRACTICE AREAS

- International Arbitration

ADMISSIONS

- Spain (1997)
- California (2005)
- Roll of Solicitors in England and Wales (2008)
- District of Columbia (2011)
- Registered Foreign Legal Consultant, New York (2012)

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, *Recalcitrant Parties: Balancing Legitimacy and Due Process*, 8th Investment Treaty Arbitration Conference (Oct. 2018, Prague).
- Panelist, *The impact of sanctions on international arbitration*, 7th Annual GAR Live New York (Sept. 2018).
- Panelist, *Would you recommend Miami as the seat for international arbitration?*, Latin Lawyer-GAR Arbitration Summit (Apr. 2018, Miami).
- *In Search for the Perfect Arbitrator: Trier of Facts, Appellate Lawyer, or Both?*, Harvard International Arbitration Law Students Association (April 2017).

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8. Co-arbitrator in ad hoc arbitration (i.e., no administered and not governed by any specific set of rules) stemming from sale of a company (New York seat; New York and Mexican laws);
9. Co-arbitrator in ICC dispute concerning commodities trading company (Miami seat; Florida law);
10. Chairman of Tribunal in ICC construction dispute (Paris seat; Chilean law);
11. Co-adjudicator in ICANN top level domain name (Gulf Cooperation Council v. ICANN) [the panel's determination is available at icann.org];
12. Co-arbitrator in Ranger Offshore Mexico v. Tradeco Infraestructura and Grupo Tradeco, an arbitration concerning a bareboat agreement conducted under the Rules of the Houston Maritime Arbitrators' Association (Houston seat; U.S. maritime laws applicable to the merits) [award is available at pacer.gov].

PRESS/PUBLICATIONS

- *60 Years of the New York Convention: Key Issues and Future Challenges: An Arbitrator's Obligation to Use Reasonable Efforts to Issue an Enforceable Award and Its Interaction with the New York Convention*, Co-Authored with Lidia Rezende (Kluwer Law International, April 2019).
- [*"Optional Appellate Arbitration Rules: Are They Good For Your Case?"*](#) (with Practical Law Arbitration), Thomson Reuters (September 2015).
- [*"ICDR arbitration—the lawyers' perspective"*](#) LexisPSL (August 2015).
- [*"International Arbitration Pre-Hearing Checklist"*](#) New York International Arbitration Center (July 2015).

PREVIOUS CAREER

Aníbal joined Chaffetz Lindsey in January 2015 and was previously a partner at Norton Rose Fulbright, having spent 11 years with the firm in their Houston and New York offices. Prior to that, Aníbal practiced for six years at Gómez-Acebo & Pombo in Madrid.

LANGUAGES

In addition to being fluent in English and Spanish, Aníbal can read French and German.