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Joaquín has more than a decade of experience within the legal sector, specializing in Complex Litigation and Dispute Resolution across industries such as Shipping, Public Contracting, Retail, Real Estate, Labor, Distribution, Infrastructure and Construction, Energy and Natural Resources, Finance, and Health Services. He has advised the Republic of Panama in international disputes and negotiations, and has represented State entities in international arbitrations, as well as private clients and corporations before the Supreme Court of Panama in constitutional pleadings, civil and administrative proceedings, arbitration, and ordinary judicial proceedings. He also advises corporations, multinationals, and international companies on their daily operations in Panama as well as regulatory matters.



He obtained a bachelor's degree in Law and Political Science from Universidad Santa Maria La Antigua; and an L.L.M. from Tulane University, New Orleans, where he served as President of the Graduate Lawyers Association, Spanish Language Instructor at the Freeman School of Business, and founded the specialized legal magazine GLAT Review.

Joaquin also holds a Diploma in Maritime Litigation and Arbitration from the International Maritime University of Panama, and a Diploma in Administrative Law in a Joint Program between the Solicitor General's Office and the University of Panama.

He is a member of the Panama Bar Association; the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Panama Chapter, Arbitration Committee; Shiparrested Network; the Panama Maritime Law Association (APADEMAR) (Member of the Board of Directors since 2019, currently serving as President), Representative before the Superior Council of the Panama Maritime University; member of the Young Arbitrators Group from the Center of Alternate Dispute Resolution of the Panamanian Chamber of Construction and member of Young ALDEC (Latin American Association of Construction Law). He was President of the Tulane Lawyers Association; Spanish Language Instructor at the Business School of Tulane University, as well as a Founding Member and Executive Board Member of the GLAT Review Law Journal at Tulane University.

Author of the Panama Chapter of the publication *International Execution against Judgment Debtors*, published by the Center for International Legal Studies. Co-author of the Panama chapter of the publications *Getting the Deal Through/Lexology* – on Dispute Resolution and Public Procurement, since 2018. Co-author of the Panama chapter on Shipping Law for *Chambers & Partners*. He has been speaker and moderator of multiple local and international conferences, with special interest in arbitration and shipping litigation.

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