

Pilar Prados

Arbitrator · Tribunal secretary · Mediator

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NATIONALITY	Spanish
RESIDENCE	Valencia, Spain
AVAILABILITY	Arbitrator · Tribunal secretary · Mediator



PROFILE

Pilar Prados is a Spanish-qualified lawyer, admitted to the Madrid Bar (ICAM) since 2010. Her career is built around a strategic international axis linking Spain, Brazil, the United States and Latin America. After her LL.M. at Columbia Law School, she gained experience in New York as part of the Chaffetz Lindsey legal team, specializing in ICC and ICDR international arbitrations in the construction sector in Latin America. She then spent three years in Cuatrecasas's São Paulo office, leading arbitration defenses and advising companies and private equity funds on cross-border transactions in Brazil.

After her time in elite legal practice, she moved into technology. As co-founder of Bounsel (a contract management platform) and Maistik (an artificial Intelligence development studio), she knows first-hand how a business really works: how it is financed, how it contracts, and how software and AI are built. That entrepreneurial experience gives her a unique competitive advantage in unpacking the technical complexity of technology disputes.

Today, free of executive duties and of the conflicts of interest that come with large firms, her independent practice is strictly set up to accept appointments as a neutral in dispute resolution.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2026 – Present	Founding partner Dacord · Valencia
2024 – Present	Co-founder Maistik · Valencia
2018 – Present	Co-founder Bounsel · Valencia
2017 – 2018	Legal Counsel Willowi · Valencia
2015 – 2017	Associate Brazil Cuatrecasas · São Paulo
2014 – 2015	Foreign Associate Chaffetz Lindsey LLP · New York
2010 – 2013	Associate PPAI Cuatrecasas · Madrid · São Paulo · Barcelona

EDUCATION

2014	Master of Laws (LL.M.) Columbia Law School · New York
2012	Specialization in Brazilian Corporate Law FGV São Paulo · São Paulo
2010	Master in Stock Exchange and Financial Markets IEB · Madrid
2010	Law Degree Universidad Complutense de Madrid · Madrid

BAR ADMISSION

2010	Spain Ilustre Colegio de la Abogacía de Madrid
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LANGUAGES

Native	Spanish
Bilingual	English · Portuguese
Limited working proficiency	French · German · Catalan

RELEVANT CASES AS PARTY COUNSEL

Construction Brazil	I represented a Brazilian construction company against a Brazilian state-owned oil company in an ICC arbitration regarding the construction of an FPSO vessel.
Infrastructure Mining	I represented a Bolivian company against one of the world's largest mining companies in a UNCITRAL / ICDR arbitration regarding the construction of a power transmission line between Chile and Argentina.
Post-M&A Environment	I represented the sellers of a Spanish energy production group against a US listed corporation in an ICC arbitration over post-M&A and environmental disputes.
Energy Project finance	I took part in an ICC arbitration over a project-finance dispute concerning a power plant in Guatemala.

SELECTED TRANSACTIONS

Management buyout	I advised KKR on the divestment of the Spanish subsidiary of IT group ACECO in Brazil.
Joint venture	I advised Patria Investments / Blackstone on the negotiation and execution of the joint venture between Smartfit and its Panamanian partner for fitness centers in Colombia.
Pharma	I advised IFC on the divestment of the pharmaceutical group's Brazilian subsidiary and the negotiation of related commercial agreements.
Private equity	I advised Mercapital on the acquisition of 70% of Rubaiyat, the Spanish-Brazilian restaurant chain, and its Latin American expansion.
M&A Brazil	I advised Ayesa on the acquisition of a Brazilian engineering firm.
Energy	I took part in establishing the Spanish division of the Iberian Energy Market Operator (MIBEL), in accordance with the Santiago Agreement between Spain and Portugal.

TEACHING

2026 – Present	Trainer, Negotiation workshop Universitat Politècnica de València · Valencia
2024 – Present	Lecturer, Master in Legaltech and Compliance University of Valencia · Valencia
2024 – Present	Trainer, Negotiation workshop INCIBE · Valencia
2019 – 2020	Lecturer, Tech Applications and Coding for Lawyers Esade · Barcelona

PUBLICATIONS

Retos Contemporáneos del Arbitraje Internacional

Tirant lo Blanch (Mexico) | Héctor Flores Sentfies (Editor) · Sep 1, 2018

Chapter: La Carga de la Prueba y la Admisibilidad en Arbitraje Internacional: Asuntos que Merecen una Temprana Audiencia (pages 99-128), co-author with J. Permesly and D. Guevara.

Burden of Proof in International Arbitration

Spain Arbitration Review | Club Español del Arbitraje · Nov 1, 2017

La Carga de la Prueba y la Admisibilidad en Arbitraje Internacional: Asuntos que Merecen una Temprana Audiencia (Publication No. 30/2017), with J. Permesly (Skadden) and D. Guevara (Walsh Guevara)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2021 · 2025	Valencia Digital Summit Valencia
2023	South Summit Madrid
2022	Slush Helsinki
2011 – 2012	Spanish Chamber of Commerce in Brazil São Paulo

COMMITTEES

2021 – Present	Startup Valencia Seed Advisor, Startup Valencia committee
2020 – Present	Fundación Mutualidad Youth Advisory Board Member
2018 – Present	Valencia Legal Hackers Co-founder

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2026 – Present	IBA · Arbitration Committee Member
2026 – Present	IBA · Latin American Regional Forum Member

2026 – Present	IBA · Women Lawyers' Committee Member
2026 – Present	ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (ICC YAAF) Member
2026 – Present	Young ICCA Member
2018 – Present	Columbia Club of Spain Member

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

2026	Specialist in ODR Mediation Escuela Internacional de Mediación
2025	Certified Mediator Ministerio de la Presidencia, Justicia y Relaciones con las Cortes
2025	Expert in Civil, Commercial and Family Mediation Escuela Internacional de Mediación
2017	Online Course on EIB Environmental & Social Sustainability Management Frankfurt School of Finance & Management

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2022	Google for Startups Women Founders Academy Madrid
2022	Scientist and Innovator Ministry of Science and Innovation of Spain (FECYT)
2020	Premio Talento Joven CV Levante-EMV and Bankia
2019	Innovatia 8.3 Award Spanish Women's Institute (Ministry for Equality)
2019	Women in Entrepreneurship European Young Innovators Forum · Madrid
2010	Cuatrecasas · Pro International Legal Practice Program (PPAI) Program reserved for a small group of young lawyers to rotate across practice areas and offices, complete an LL.M. and practice at a US law firm. Rotations in International Arbitration, Corporate and Tax in Madrid, São Paulo and Barcelona.
2005	IEB-CECA Honor Scholarship IEB
2005	Madrid Excellence Award Madrid's Department of Education