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Javier Íscar de Hoyos is the founding partner and director of Íscar Arbitraje, a boutique firm specializing in dispute resolution both in Spain and internationally. Since 2018, his practice has been exclusively focused on his role as an arbitrator.

Javier has served as arbitrator in over **30 international disputes under the rules of leading arbitral institutions**, such as the Arbitration Court of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Arbitration Center of Madrid – Ibero-American Arbitration Center (CIAM – CIAR), the Arbitration Court of the Madrid Chamber of Commerce, the Arbitration Court of the Madrid Bar Association, the Barcelona Arbitration Tribunal (TAB), the Arbitration and Conflict Resolution Center of the University of Peru, and the Arbitration and Mediation Center of Santiago, among others.

His experience covers disputes in banking and financial law, where he has been involved in numerous cases related to contractual breaches, debt restructurings, conflicts over financial derivatives, and disputes concerning bank guarantees. He has also participated in post-M&A disputes involving price adjustment clauses and breaches of share purchase agreements. In the insurance law sector, he has experience in conflicts regarding policy coverage, high-value claims, and contractual liability.

In the engineering and construction sector, Javier has been appointed arbitrator in disputes related to major infrastructure projects, including claims concerning the execution of EPC contracts, construction delays, cost overruns, and construction defects. His deep knowledge of international contracts has been developed through years of arbitrating complex disputes in energy, transportation, and industrial development projects.

Javier is frequently listed as a recommended arbitrator in international directories and regularly participates as a speaker at seminars and conferences.

Education

1986–1991 – Law Degree, Universidad C.E.U. San Pablo, Madrid.

1989–1991 – MBA, Know How Business College, Madrid.

1992–1993 – Master’s Degree in Legal Practice, Escuela de Práctica Jurídica, Madrid.

1994–1995 – Master’s Degree in Business Advisory, Centro de Estudios Financieros, Madrid.

2006 – Advanced Arbitration Course, Instituto de Empresa, Madrid.

Professional Memberships & Affiliations

Member of the Madrid Bar Association (Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Madrid) (1983–present).

Vice President of the International Arbitration Center of Madrid – Ibero-American Arbitration Center (CIAM–CIAR) (2024–present).

President and Founder of the Open Arbitration, a leading international event in the field.

President of the Ibero-American Arbitration Center (CIAR) (2020–present).

Arbitrator registered with the Arbitration and Mediation Center of the Quito Chamber of Commerce (2021–present), including the Official List of International Arbitrators (since 09/28/2021).

Arbitrator registered with the Arbitration Center of the Lima Chamber of Commerce (2020–present).

Arbitrator registered with the International Centre for Arbitration, Dispute Resolution & Dispute Boards (ICADRDB) (since 03/11/2020).

Corresponding Foreign Academic Member of the Colombian Academy of Jurisprudence (2019–present).

Emeritus Jurist of the Colombian Bar Association (Ilustre Colegio de Juristas de Colombia) (2019–present).

Distinguished Visitor at the Arbitration Center of the Lima Bar Association (2018–present).

President of the Center for Mediation and Conflict Resolution (CEMED) (2013–present).

Third Representative on the Governing Board of the Madrid Bar Association (2013–2017).

President of the Hispanic-Moroccan Arbitration Court (2007–present).

Member of the Spanish Arbitration Club (Club Español del Arbitraje) (2006–present).

Member of the Argentine Committee of National and Transactional Arbitration (CARAT).

Member of the Advisory Board of the quarterly journal LA LEY: Mediation and Arbitration, published by Wolters Kluwer.

Member of the Advisory Committee of MAD VYAP (Madrid Very Young Arbitration Practitioners).

President of the Arbitration Council of CARD-AI of Ankawa International, International Center of Advanced Applied Studies on Government, Development, and Innovation (Peru).

Co-Director of the Advanced Course on Commercial Arbitration and Civil and Commercial Mediation, UNED.

Professor of the Master's Degree in Legal Practice, Camilo José Cela University of Madrid (module: "Alternative Dispute Resolution").

Invited speaker at Georgetown International Arbitration Society and Harvard Law School (2016), sharing his experience in international arbitration.

Recognized in International Directories

Included in the 2026 Global Guide published by Chambers & Partners, which recognizes top-tier international arbitrators, ranked in Band 3 of the 'Arbitrators – Spain' category.

Recognized by the international media, ratings, and strategic information agency Leaders League as one of the recommended Spanish arbitrators in 2020; rated "Excellent" in 2021; and ranked as "Leading" in 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 among the top Spanish arbitrators internationally.

Acknowledged by the prestigious directory Best Lawyers in its 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 editions under the category "Arbitration and Mediation."

Co-author of the guides Investor-State Arbitration Laws and Regulations, published in ICLG – International Comparative Legal Guides by Global Legal Group, in the 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 editions.

Relevant Arbitration Experience

Co-arbitrator in a procedure conducted in English and Spanish under the ICC Rules concerning a dispute between a Brazilian and a Uruguayan company over alleged breach of an EPC contract in a major energy project. Seat: Uruguay.

Co-arbitrator in a procedure conducted in English and Spanish under the Rules of the International Arbitration Center of Madrid in a post-M&A dispute between two Spanish companies. Seat: Madrid.

Co-arbitrator in a procedure conducted under the Rules of the International Arbitration Center of Madrid in a post-M&A dispute between two Spanish companies regarding the purchase of hotels. Seat: Madrid.

President of an arbitral tribunal seated in Mexico in a procedure conducted in English and Spanish under the ICC Rules in a post-M&A dispute between two Mexican companies.

Co-arbitrator in a procedure conducted in English and Spanish under the ICC Rules in a dispute over unfair competition between two Spanish companies.

Co-arbitrator in a tribunal seated in Mexico in a procedure conducted under the ICC Rules in a dispute between two Mexican companies.

Co-arbitrator in a procedure conducted in English under the ICC Rules in a post-M&A dispute between two Spanish energy sector companies. Seat: Madrid.

Co-arbitrator in a tribunal seated in Miami in a procedure conducted under the ICC Rules in a dispute between two Mexican companies.

Co-arbitrator in a tribunal seated in Quito in a procedure conducted under the Rules of the Arbitration Center of the Quito Chamber of Commerce concerning a concession contract dispute between two Ecuadorian companies.

Co-arbitrator in a procedure conducted in English and Spanish under the ICC Rules in a post-M&A dispute between two Spanish companies involved in a real estate project. Seat: Madrid.

Co-arbitrator in a procedure conducted in English and Spanish under the International Arbitration Center of Madrid (CIAM) Rules in a post-M&A dispute between a Spanish and a Luxembourgish company involved in a joint project to purchase a hotel. Seat: Madrid.

Co-arbitrator in a procedure conducted under the Rules of the International Arbitration Center of Madrid in a post-M&A dispute between two Spanish companies. Seat: Madrid.

Sole arbitrator in a procedure conducted in English, seated in Paris, under the ICC Rules in a commercial dispute between two Spanish companies.

Co-arbitrator in a procedure conducted under the Rules of the International Arbitration Center of Madrid in a post-M&A dispute concerning the share purchase agreement (SPA) between two Spanish companies. Seat: Madrid.

Co-arbitrator in a tribunal seated in Lima in a procedure conducted under the Arbitration and Conflict Resolution Center of the University of the Pacific Rules, concerning a public-private partnership dispute between two Peruvian companies.

Co-arbitrator in a procedure conducted in English under the Rules of the Barcelona Arbitration Tribunal (TAB) in a dispute related to price adjustment clauses (*rebus sic stantibus*). Seat: Barcelona.

Sole arbitrator in a procedure conducted in English, seated in Santiago de Chile, under the Rules of the Arbitration and Mediation Center of Santiago in a dispute arising from the SPA contract between two Chilean companies.

Co-arbitrator in a procedure conducted in English and Spanish under the Rules of the International Arbitration Center of Madrid in a dispute between a German supplier and a Spanish company. Seat: Madrid.

Co-arbitrator in a procedure conducted in English and Spanish under the Rules of the International Arbitration Center of Madrid in a dispute between two Spanish energy sector companies. Seat: Madrid.

Co-arbitrator in a procedure conducted in English and Spanish under the ICC Rules in a dispute relating to a distribution agreement between a Swedish and a Spanish company. Seat: Madrid.

Co-arbitrator in a procedure conducted under the Rules of the International Arbitration Center of Madrid in a dispute between a Spanish joint venture and a Colombian company over the construction of a cement plant in Bolivia. Seat: Madrid.

Co-arbitrator in a procedure conducted under the ICC Rules in a dispute between two Spanish companies concerning the design and execution of a construction contract. Seat: Madrid.

Key Articles and Publications

2022

“Certifications by Arbitration Institutions in the Eyes of the Madrid High Court (Judgment of the Madrid High Court dated March 31, 2022)” LA LEY Mediation and Arbitration Journal No. 12, July-September 2022.

2021

Co-author of the book “The Arbitration Process in Spain in Light of the Constitutional Court’s Doctrine” published by Wolters Kluwer in collaboration with CIMA.

Co-author of the book “International Arbitration in a Globalized Economy. Reflections in Tribute to Mr. Ramón Mullerat” published by E&J in collaboration with AFA.

2019

Co-author of the book “Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Measures in Different Areas of the Legal System.”

Investor-State Arbitration: Co-author of the guide “Investor-State Arbitration Laws and Regulations 2020” published in ICLG - International Comparative Legal Guides.

2018

“The Refusal to Recognize a Foreign Award Based on the Grounds of Article V.1 (e) of the New York Convention: Commentary on Order 3/2017 issued by the Madrid High Court.” Spanish Arbitration Club Journal 32/2018.

2015

Co-author of the book “Franchising (Duo)” published by Aranzadi.

Co-author in the Terminological Dictionary of National and International Arbitration (Commercial and Investment).

2014

“Arbitration and the Insurer-Insured Relationship.” Mediadores en Red.

“Arbitration in the Insurer-Insured Relationship.” Fecor, Spanish Federation of Insurance Brokers.

“Lawyering and Information: The Need to Adapt to Global Reality.” Practical Law Journal.

2013

“Success Story of the Hispano-Moroccan Arbitration Court at the I Western Mediterranean Economic Forum, Barcelona.”

Ibero-American Legal Forum Journal. “Towards Professionalization of Arbitration.”

2012

“Institutional Arbitration: Arbitration Courts in Spain.” Legal Journal of Castilla y León. Lex Nova – Thomson Reuters.

“Snapshots of the Current Situation of Arbitration and Mediation in Spain.” Mediario, Official Journal of the College of Insurance Mediators.

2011

“Arbitration Tours as a Means to Manage Arbitrations.” Moroccan Review of Mediation and Arbitration.

“The Arbitration Agreement: Theoretical and Practical Notes.” Co-author of the first volume of Treatise on Arbitration Law.

“The Preparation of a Procedural Schedule.” Cuadernos de Arbitraje Journal.

2010

“International Arbitration: A Practical Application.” Co-author with Jorge Campos Moral for Estrategia Financiera.

“Engineers and Lawyers: Essential Parts of Arbitration.” Co-author for Annals of Mechanics and Electricity.

“Arbitrating Against an Uncollectible Debt is Profitable.” Expansión newspaper.

“Reform of the Arbitration Law.” Legal Today and Juris Madrid newspapers.

“Reflections on Recent Reforms in Arbitration and Mediation.” Diario Jurídico.

Interview for the Institute’s Newsletter.

“What Role Does Arbitration Play in Foreign Investment Processes?” Invest in Spain.

2008

Co-author of “LAW MANUAL FOR ENGINEERS,” published by LA LEY Wolters Kluwer Group, IBERDROLA S.A., and the ICAI College of Engineers.

2005

“Notifications and Communications in the Current Arbitration Law.” Actualidad Jurídica Aranzadi Journal.

“Private Arbitration in Urban Leases.” Journal of Civil and Commercial Procedural Law.

“Private Arbitration and Consumers and Users.” Journal of Civil and Commercial Procedural Law.

2004

“Adaptation of the Arbitration Clause to Private Arbitration Legislation Protecting Consumer Rights.” Journal of Legal Update.

Co-author of “VADEMECUM OF INSPIRING PRINCIPLES OF ARBITRATION AND ARBITRAL PRACTICE ACCORDING TO THE NEW ARBITRATION LAW 60/2003,” published by the Basque Institute of Procedural Law.

Selected Presentations

2021

International Speaker at the event “The Use of Discovery in International Commercial Arbitration,” organized in Miami by the University of Miami School of Law.

2020

Lecturer in the virtual session VI of the Seminar: Relevance and Use of Soft Law Instruments in Arbitration as part of the “Course on Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods: a Domestic and International Perspective,” organized in July 2020 by HAY and Lexincorp.

Instructor in the Executive Program on International Commercial Arbitration, jointly organized by the General Council of Spanish Lawyers and ICC Spain from January 28 to March 19, 2020. Presentation: “Mechanisms for Resolving Legal Conflicts.”

2019

Speaker at the international seminar International Trade, Investment, and Arbitration, held on March 11-12 in Montevideo, Uruguay, organized by the Commercial Mediation and Arbitration Center (CEMARC) of the Argentine Chamber of Commerce and Services (CAC).

2016

Georgetown International Arbitration Society. 4th Annual International Arbitration Month (Feb 2 – Mar 1, 2016). Speaker on February 2: “Recent Developments in National Policies Toward Arbitration.”

Harvard Law School. HIALSA. Spanish and European International Arbitration: Institutional and Practitioner Perspectives. Presentation from the practitioner’s viewpoint.

2015

Speaker at The Second Arbitration Instance in Valencia.

2014

Morocco as a Market of Opportunity, Valencia Chamber of Commerce Council (September).

Mediterranean Colloquium, Tunisia, seeking a Mediterranean Arbitration Law for all Union for the Mediterranean countries (April).

Advanced Compliance Program, IE Law School (February–May).

2013

Speaker at the Mediterranean Assizes, Casablanca (October).

Lecturer in the 2nd Compliance Course, IE Law School (February–April). Mediation and Arbitration in Compliance and IT Conflicts: A Real and Effective Alternative to Courts?

Speaker at Salón Miresa (February): Practical Legal Aspects for Business Internationalization.

2012

Speaker at the Arbitration and Mediation Conference held at the Alicante Bar Association (ICALI). Practical analysis of Law 11/2011 on Arbitration Reform. The Company Facing Arbitration.

Discussant at the 1st International Arbitration Congress in Barcelona, organized by the Barcelona Bar Association (October 18–20). Panel on Proposals and Solutions from Spanish Arbitration Courts and Institutions.

Speaker at the 6th Cuban-Spanish Permanent Seminar: Commercial and Integration Law, Havana, Cuba (May 7–9). The Evolution of International Commercial Arbitration in Latin America.

Instructor in the 2nd edition of the Commercial Arbitration Course, organized by the European Arbitration Association (Aeade), Madrid (April 19).

Speaker at the 8th Expert Documentary Seminar for Notaries and Registries, organized by the National Federation of Professional Notary Employees (FEAPEN), Sevilla (March 24). Topic: Corporate Arbitration and Arbitration in Horizontal Societies.

2011

Instructor for the 2nd edition of the Commercial Arbitration Course, organized by the European Arbitration Association (Aeade), Madrid (October 17).

Speaker at the Confederation of Business Associations of the Balearic Islands (CAEB), Mallorca (October 9).

Instructor in the Commercial Arbitration Course, organized by Aeade, the European Training Center (CEC), and ICADE. Delivered the session on Procedural Stages: The Procedural Schedule, Appointment of Sole Arbitrator or Tribunal President (Madrid, May 25).

Chair and moderator at the 7th Hispano-Moroccan Forum of Jurists. Panel: Investment Arbitration. Hispano-Moroccan Perspective, including Analysis of Investment Arbitration Issues in the Mediterranean Basin, the Hispano-Moroccan Treaty, and Institutional vs. Ad Hoc Arbitration (Madrid, March 11).

Speaker at the 7th Expert Documentary Seminar for Notaries and Registries, organized by the National Federation of Professional Notary Employees (FEAPEN): Arbitration Clauses in Notarial Documents (Madrid, March 5).

Presentation: Proposed Reform of the Arbitration Law from the Perspective of Arbitration Institutions, organized by the Prometeo GVA Research Group on Mediation and Arbitration, Faculty of Law, University of Valencia (Valencia, February 10).

2010

Moderator of Practical Aspects of Arbitration at the 6th Arbitration Law Seminar: Practical Notes on Arbitration.

Speaker at the 2nd Congress of Arbitration Institutions: State of Institutional Arbitration in Spain (Seville, October).

Speaker at the seminar Microenterprises Building Europe, organized by the Spanish Multi-sector Association of Microenterprises (Aemme) at the European Institutions Headquarters in Spain (Madrid, June).

Speaker at the seminar Evolution of Dispute Resolution Methods: Updates on Arbitration and Mediation (Biarritz, France, May 7-8).

Speaker at the seminar on international commercial and investment arbitration in the Mediterranean (Barcelona, May 13-14).

Speaker at the seminar Strengthening Governance, Combating Risk, and Increasing Business Performance, presenting Arbitration as a Tool for Conflict Resolution in Business (May).

Speaker at the 6th Specialization Course on Arbitration, presentation on Arbitration in Urban Leases (Madrid, April 29).

2007

Speaker, CEU San Pablo University Summer Course: Practical Topics in Arbitration. Presentation: Arbitral Institutions (July).

Speaker, 8th Seminar for Notarial and Registry Documentation Experts, organized by the National Federation of Professional Notary Employees (FEAPEN): Corporate Arbitration and Arbitration in Condominium Law (Seville, March 24).

Speaker, 3rd Specialization Course in Arbitration, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid. Presentation: Arbitration Administered by Arbitral Institutions (January–July).

2006

Speaker, Conference on Arbitration in Casablanca (Morocco), part of the ADL Project for the Strengthening and Modernization of the Moroccan Justice Administration.

Speaker, UNED Summer Course, Centro Asociado de Pontevedra. Presentation: Arbitration as a Conflict Resolution Mechanism in the Spanish Real Estate Sector (July 10).

Speaker, 2nd Specialization Course in Arbitration, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid. Presentation: The Arbitration Agreement and Jurisdictional Challenges (January–July).

Speaker, Alicante Real Estate Fair organized by ERES Mediterráneo. Presentation: Arbitration in Spain and Legal Certainty in International Real Estate Transactions (February 10).

2005

Panelist, Seminar: Discover the Advantages of Arbitration in Dispute Resolution, 1st Arbitration Congress (December 19–20, Gran Canaria).

Organizer, 1st Arbitration Course, Valencia Bar Association (ICAV) (November 30–December 1).

Speaker, Seminar: The Evolution of Arbitration during the Reign of H.M. King Juan Carlos I, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Aranjuez. Presentation: Arbitral Proceedings, Principles and Safeguards. Award and Judicial Review (November 24–25).

Speaker, CEU San Pablo University Summer Course: Domestic and International Private Arbitration: One-Year Review of the New Arbitration Law. Presentation: Arbitral Institutions, Proceedings, Arbitrators' Appointment and Liability, Award and Challenges (July).

Speaker, 1st Specialization Course in Arbitration, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid. Presentation: Special Arbitration Procedures (January–July).

Speaker, 1st Congress of Periodical Publishers organized by the Spanish Association of Periodical Publishers (AEEPP) (February 24–25).

2002

Speaker, Arbitration Training for Executives of RETEVISIÓN MÓVIL S.A.

Speaker, Arbitration Course for the “Association of Office Equipment Distributors”.

Speaker, Business Arbitration Course at the Navarra Marketing Club: Arbitration as an Efficient System for Resolving Economic Disputes.

Attendee, Arbitraje 2002 Conference organized by RECOLETOS Media Group.