

Luis Bottaro

Senior Counsel and Foreign Legal Consultant

Biography

Luis Bottaro advises Venezuelan and Latin American companies in the oil, gas, petrochemical, and telecommunications sectors on matters related to energy, dispute resolution, and general corporate law.

He advises clients on regulatory energy matters, particularly regarding hydrocarbons and gaseous hydrocarbons laws, administrative law, civil and commercial codes, tax law, commercial and investments arbitrations, government contracting matters, and foreign investments protection law.

He negotiates complex government and commercial contract/licensing transactions, and advises clients concerning engineering, procurement and construction, transfer of technology, construction, and management of contracts.

Luis has been involved in numerous international arbitration procedures as in-house and external consultant, arbitrator, and expert witness. He has been included in the arbitrators list of the Cámara de Comercio de Caracas corresponding to the ICC Paris Chapter. He is a member of the ICC Arbitrator Counsels Panel based in Caracas and is also listed as an arbitrator in the Bolivian Arbitration Chamber.

Representative experience

Negotiation and drafting EPC and ancillary contracts for construction of oil compression plants.

Defined, structured, and conceptualized project contracting model for petrochemical utilities plants.



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Languages

English
Italian
Spanish

Practices

Government Contracts
Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,
and Projects

Areas of focus

Public International Law

Education and admissions

Education

LL.M., New York University School
of Law, 1987

Provide general legal, local, and international advice in closing banking foreign offices.

Representing client in arbitral investment procedure before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes.

Representing international company in administrative procedures in Venezuela.

Advising on structuring a petrochemical entity for developing a gas project in Venezuela.

Representing the Republic of Venezuela in an investment arbitration.

Litigation in U.S. acting as defendant of the Republic of Venezuela.

Awards and rankings

- Energy & Natural Resources (Venezuela), Senior Statesman, *Chambers Latin America*, 2017-2018
- Energy & Natural Resources (Venezuela), *Chambers Latin America*, 2009-2018
- Energy & Natural Resources (Venezuela), Senior Statesman, *Chambers Global*, 2016-2017
- Energy & Natural Resources (Venezuela), *Chambers Global*, 2009-2017

J.D., Universidad de Los Andes, cum laude, with honors, 1969

Memberships

Member, List of Mediators, Caracas Chamber of Commerce, 2016

Member, List of Arbitrators, National Chamber of Commerce, Bolivia, 2011

Member, Private Corporations General Counsels Committee, 1997

Member, List of Arbitrators, Caracas Chambers of Commerce, 1996

Member, International Bar Association, 1987

Member, Caracas Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

Venezuela
