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## Languages

Spanish, English

## Nationality

Spain

Blas Piñar is a partner at Arias SLP. He has 15 years of experience in the field of arbitration and litigation with international law firms.

He has participated as counsel, arbitrator and tribunal assistant in domestic and international arbitrations administered by some of the main arbitration institutions (ICC, CAM, CEA and CIMA). He has also litigated before courts throughout Spain at all instances, including commercial courts, cassation before the Supreme Court and exequatur of foreign decisions and awards. Blas is also an accredited mediator by the Spanish Ministry of Justice. His experience focuses on contractual and non-contractual disputes in various sectors, including software, energy, construction, corporate, financial, food and pharmaceutical.

Blas has been awarded by the Madrid Bar Association Sections Award (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.) in the ADR Section. He has participated in the commissions for the study of the annulment of awards and on Spanish jurisprudence of the Spanish and Ibero-American Arbitration Club (CEIA). He has more than twenty specialised publications in various journals and books in collaboration.

Blas is a lecturer in Private International Law and ADR at Universidad Francisco de Vitoria, and regularly collaborates with other teaching institutions. He holds a degree in Law and International Relations (E-1) from Universidad Pontificia Comillas (UPCO-ICADE). He also holds an official Master's Degree in Intellectual Property from the same university. Blas was admitted to the Madrid Bar Association in 2008.

## Representative matters as arbitrator

- Sole arbitrator in a dispute between a professional and a company in relation to a services agreement (CAM, Madrid, Spanish law, Spanish)
- Emergency arbitrator in a dispute between two companies in relation to a renewable energy EPC agreement (CAM, Madrid, Spanish law, Spanish)
- Sole arbitrator in a dispute between two companies in relation to a supply agreement (CEA, Madrid, Spanish law, Spanish)
- Co-arbitrator in a dispute between two companies in relation to a franchise agreement (CAM, Madrid, Spanish law, Spanish)
- Sole arbitrator in a dispute between two companies in relation to a construction contract abroad (CAM, Madrid, Spanish law, Spanish and English)
- Sole arbitrator in a dispute between two individuals in relation to a lease contract (CAM, Madrid, Spanish law, Spanish)

## Representative matters as tribunal assistant

- Administrative secretary in a dispute arising from a renewable energy EPC contract (CIMA, Madrid, Spanish law, Spanish and English)
- Administrative secretary in a dispute arising from a shareholder's agreement (CIMA, Madrid, Spanish law, Spanish)
- Administrative secretary in a dispute arising from a commercial partnership (CIMA, Madrid, Spanish law, Spanish and English)
- Tribunal assistant in a dispute arising from a shareholder's agreement (CAM, Madrid, Spanish law, Spanish)
- Tribunal assistant in a dispute arising from a construction contract (CAM, Madrid, Spanish law, Spanish)

## Representative matters as counsel

- Representing an international players agency against a Spanish sports club in relation to an intermediation agreement (TEAD, Madrid, Spanish law, Spanish)
- Representing a Spanish pharma company against Chinese distribution companies in relation to an international distribution agreement (ICC, Madrid, Spanish law, English)
- Representing a Spanish steel company against a Russian importing company in relation to an international supply contract (CAM, Madrid, Spanish law, English)
- Representing a Spanish venture capital company against a Spanish institution in relation to the management of an investment fund (CAM, Madrid, Spanish law, Spanish)
- Representing a Spanish company against another Spanish company in relation to a franchise contract (CAM, Madrid, Spanish law, Spanish)
- Representing a Spanish company against a Portuguese company in a dispute arising from a credit facility (CEA, Madrid, Spanish law, Spanish and Portuguese)
- Representing an Asian telecommunications company before the commercial courts in unfair competition proceedings (Spanish courts)
- Representing a Spanish renewable energy company before the Civil Chamber of the Supreme Court in a cassation appeal (Spanish courts)
- Representing an individual before the commercial courts in two proceedings for the liability of company directors (Spanish courts)
- Representing a multinational technology consultancy firm against a Spanish competitor in a dispute brought before the commercial courts in unfair competition proceedings (Spanish courts)
- Representing a Spanish business association in a reference for a preliminary ruling before the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) (European courts)

- Representing a Spanish means-of-payment company against two Spanish financial institutions in proceedings for breach of contract and unjustified enrichment (Spanish courts)
- Coordinating the defense of a Spanish company in a civil lawsuit brought in Turkey by a former commercial agent
- Representing a Spanish media company before the National High Court in a judicial review of a sanction imposed by the Spanish Data Protection Agency (Spanish courts)
- Representing former directors in enforcement proceedings of a share purchase policy (Spanish courts)
- Representing a multinational IT company in several consumer lawsuits (Spanish courts)
- Representing a Spanish business association before the Administrative Chamber of the Supreme Court in a judicial review of a secondary regulation (Spanish courts)
- Representing a Spanish energy company in a lawsuit concerning the electrification of an urban development project (Spanish courts)
- Representing a Spanish renewable energy company in multiple lawsuits concerning the validity of contracts and subsequent liability for the sale and purchase of electricity production modules (Spanish courts)
- Representing a Hispano-American tobacco manufacturer against a Spanish distribution company in a dispute arising from an international distribution contract (Spanish courts)
- Representing a multinational IT company in several lawsuits against former sellers of shares (Spanish courts)

## Representative matters as mediator

- Sole mediator in an ad hoc mediation of a dispute relating to an international construction contract with financing
- Shadow mediator in an institutional mediation of a corporate dispute in family-owned company
- Shadow mediator in an institutional mediation of a dispute between a Hispano-American company and a Chinese company arising from a subcontract for an energy project
- Shadow mediator in an institutional mediation between Spanish companies arising from a share purchase agreement

## Conferences

- Lecturer in the *Blended Intensive Programme on International Arbitration* held by Universidad Francisco de Vitoria, Università Europea di Roma and Windesheim University of Applied Sciences, about *What does an arbitrator do?* (12 April 2023)
- Lecturer on the course *Arbitraje para procesalistas* held by Sepín (22 & 29 March 2023)

- Panelist at the roundtable titled *La importancia de la elección de la sede y de las instituciones arbitrales (a propósito de Madrid como sede de arbitrajes internacionales)* held for the presentation of the International Litigation Institute (8 August 2022)
- Panelist on *Principio de confidencialidad* at the roundtable titled *Principios rectores del procedimiento arbitral* within the summer course *Nueva configuración del procedimiento arbitral: Reglamentos, directrices y práctica* at University of Alcalá (28 June 2022)
- Panelist at the roundtable titled *Reflexiones sobre los MASC y la mediación* held by the Barcelona Bar (25 May 2022)
- Panelist at the *Congreso Internacional de Arbitraje: entre la Academia y la práctica profesional* held by Mario Castillo Freyre law firm (11 May 2022)
- Panelist at the VI joint event of the Mediation Commission and the Under 40 Section of the Spanish Arbitration Club, entitled *What should I consider when selecting a mediator?* (16 December 2021)
- Panelist at the 'Cátedra Deloitte Legal de Derecho Empresarial' conference on *Jurisdicción y Arbitraje Virtuales* (23 November 2021)
- Reception of the Madrid Bar Sections Award, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., ADR Section (8 October 2021)
- Panelist at the I International Inter-university Course held by the Alcalá University on *Interacción entre mediación y arbitraje en la resolución de los litigios internacionales del siglo XXI* (8 April 2021)
- Panelist at the ICDR Young & International and CEIA-40 joint event on *Informes de experto técnico y legal en arbitraje internacional: ¿quién, cuándo y cómo?* (27 October 2020)
- Moderator at FIDE on *Modificación de contratos por efecto de la pandemia* (27 April 2020)
- Panelist at FIDE on *La reforma de la prescripción de las acciones personales* (19 February 2020)
- Panelist at the seminar held by CEIA entitled *Caso David Guetta: de la suspensión del convenio arbitral en tiempos de insolvencia* (16 January 2020)
- Panelist at FIDE on *El coste del proceso civil y la decisión sobre la oportunidad de litigar* (11 December 2017)

## Publications

- *La doctrina jurisprudencial del Tribunal Supremo español sobre la cosa juzgada del laudo arbitral, Arbitraje y Jurisdicción. Homenaje a Miguel Ángel Fernández-Ballesteros* (coord. David Arias, 2024)
- *Diálogos para el futuro judicial LXIX. El nuevo recurso de casación civil.* Álvaro Perea González (coord.). Diario La Ley, ISSN 1989-6913, N° 10360, 2023
- *Diez reflexiones a vuelapluma sobre la nueva casación civil.* Almacén de Derecho, ISSN 2605-0455, 4 July 2023

- *¿Hacia una justicia transhumanista? Una reflexión sobre la argumentación jurídica y los jueces robots.* Relecciones. Revista interdisciplinaria de filosofía y humanidades, (9), pp. 73–84
- *Principios y caracteres generales del procedimiento de mediación.* Capítulo 21 de *Mediación civil y mercantil*, Francisco Ruiz Risueño y José Carlos Fernández Rozas (coord.), Tirant lo Blanch 2022, ISBN 9788411306874, pp. 409-422
- *Diálogos para el futuro judicial (LI). La mediación civil. 10 años de la Ley 5/2012.* Álvaro Perea González (coord.), Diario La Ley, ISSN 1989-6913, Nº 10141, 2022.
- *Medios Adecuados de Solución de Controversias (MASC): 5 razones de un fracaso previsible.* Almacén de Derecho, ISSN 2605-0455, 5 May 2022
- *Las prisas no compensan. Comentario a la STSJ Madrid 46/2021, de 22 de junio. La impugnabilidad de las órdenes procesales y del convenio arbitral.* La Ley Mediación y Arbitraje, ISSN-e 2660-7808, nº 10, January-March 2022, Wolters Kluwer España
- *Cuando la abogacía es cuestión de suerte, pero no sólo.* Otrosí, revista del ICAM, nº10, 2021 (7ª época)
- *Las soluciones más convincentes a los problemas más acuciantes en la interacción entre arbitraje y mediación.* En la obra colectiva *Interacción entre mediación y arbitraje en la resolución de los litigios internacionales del siglo XXI*, Ana Fernández Pérez (dir.), Aranzadi 2021, ISBN 9788413910031, pp. 193-202
- *Y el círculo se cerró. Comentario a la STC 65/2021, de 15 de marzo: la motivación de los laudos arbitrales.* La Ley Mediación y Arbitraje, ISSN-e 2660-7808, nº 8, July-September 2021, Wolters Kluwer España
- *La negociación colaborativa como disciplina transversal en la resolución de controversias privadas. Una reflexión en torno a la implantación de los «MASC».* Publicado en *Anuario Jurídico Secciones del ICAM 2021*, Eugenio Ribón Seisdedos (coord.), Sepín 2021, ISBN 978-84-1388-083-9, pp. 393-404
- *La dirimencia por experto en el Derecho español.* La Ley Mediación y Arbitraje, ISSN-e 2660-7808, nº 7, April-June 2021, Wolters Kluwer España
- *Las formas de interrupción de la prescripción de acciones civiles y mercantiles: estado de la cuestión.* Revista de Jurisprudencia Lefebvre, nº19, June 2021
- *Knocking on dispute resolution's door: the 'Secretary-Mediator' as a fresh new mediation window in international arbitration.* Capítulo 1 de la obra *40 under 40 International Arbitration (2021)*, ISBN 978-84-1377-439-8, Dykinson 2021, pp. 23-35
- *El régimen transitorio de la reforma del artículo 1964.2 del Código Civil a la luz de la suspensión de plazos del estado de alarma.* Práctica de Tribunales, ISSN 1697-7068, nº148, 2021
- *Diálogos para el futuro judicial (XIX). Medios Adecuados de Solución de Controversias (MASC).* Álvaro Perea González (coord.), Diario La Ley, ISSN 1989-6913, Nº 9788 y 9793, 2021

- *Medios adecuados de solución de controversias (MASC). Trece observaciones sobre el Anteproyecto de Ley de Medidas de Eficiencia Procesal del Servicio Público de Justicia*. Almacén de Derecho, ISSN 2605-0455, 29 December 2020
- *Kairós: el Código de Buenas Prácticas como catalizador del arbitraje nacional*; Spanish Arbitration Review, ISSN 1888-4377, special 2020 issue devoted to the Club's Code of Best Arbitration Practices
- *Arbitraje y otros métodos alternativos de resolución de conflictos*. Section 1, Chapter 1, Memento Práctico Arbitraje 2020-2021, Francis Lefebvre, ISBN 978-84-17985-62-2, pp. 13-26; in collaboration with Javier Fernández-Samaniego
- *Evitemos, ahora, el colapso judicial. Expansión* dated 7 April 2020, in collaboration with Javier Fernández-Samaniego
- *Las acciones colectivas en el marco del RGPD: una perspectiva desde el Derecho Civil español*, Diario La Ley, nº 26, 11 February 2019, Sección Ciberderecho, Wolters Kluwer; in collaboration with Javier Fernández-Samaniego
- *The ICLG to Outsourcing Law and Regulations Spain 2019 & 2018*. International Comparative Legal Guides; in collaboration with Javier Fernández-Samaniego
- *Drones y Privacidad*. En *Sociedad Digital y Derecho*, Tomás de la Quadra-Salcedo y Fernández del Castillo (dir.), José Luis Piñar Mañas (aut.), Ediciones del Boletín Oficial del Estado, 2018, ISBN 978-84-340-2483-0; pp. 359-374. In collaboration with Javier Fernández-Samaniego
- *Collective actions under the GDPR: A civil law perspective from Spain*. PL&B International, 155, October 2018; in collaboration with Javier Fernández-Samaniego & Manuela Rojas

## Professional memberships

- Madrid Bar Association (ICAM)
- Arbitrator of the pool eligible by the European Commission for resolving disputes under bilateral trade agreements to which the European Union is a party
- Associate of the Madrid Arbitration Court (CAM)
- Indicative panel of arbitrators of the Spanish Court of Arbitration (CEA)
- Panel of arbitrators of the Madrid Bar Association Arbitration Court
- Spanish and Ibero-American Arbitration Club (CEIA)
- ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (YAF)
- ICDR Young & International
- WIPO ADR Young

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- Rising Arbitrators Initiative (RAI)
- Rafael del Pino Arbitrators Club
- Comillas Alumni International Arbitration Club
- Panel of mediators of the CIMA's Mediation Service
- Panel of mediators of the Madrid Bar mediation institution (mediaICAM)
- Associate of the Madrid Business Mediation Center (CMEM)
- European Association of Private International Law (EAPIL) Young Research Network