

# Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration

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Ms. Brown de Vejar is Counsel in the International Arbitration group, and is based in Mexico City. Her practice focuses on arbitration, natural resources, construction and investment law.

Ms. Brown de Vejar has served as counsel in arbitrations under the rules of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the Mexican Chamber of Commerce (CANACO) and the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA), and has acted as Secretary to the Tribunal under the International Rules of the American Arbitration Association (ICDR).

Ms. Brown de Vejar has advised both state and private clients in connection with international disputes across a wide range of sectors, including construction, financial services, oil and gas, mining, transport and telecommunications, in both the commercial sphere and under a variety of international treaty instruments, including the Energy Charter Treaty, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and numerous bilateral investment treaties. She regularly provides advice on the drafting of dispute resolution clauses for international contracts.

Ms. Brown de Vejar is a member of the Australian Delegation to UNCITRAL Working Group II, recently charged with revising the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. She is also an Assistant Editor of *World Arbitration & Mediation Review*, published by the Institute for Transnational Arbitration, and a guest lecturer on international alternative dispute resolution at the Tecnológico de Monterrey in Mexico City.

Recent publications include:

- Co-author, "Discoverability of Communications between Counsel and Party-Appointed Experts in International Arbitration," forthcoming - ICCA International Arbitration Congress Rio de Janeiro, 23-26 May 2010 (with Paul Friedland)
- Co-author, "CONSTRUCTION COLUMN: Arbitration between main contractor and owner: can its outcome also bind a subcontractor?" in *Global Arbitration Review* (Volume 4, Issue 5) 2009, p 22 (with Ank Santens)
- Co-author, "A Claim for Monetary Relief for Breach of Agreement to Arbitrate as a Supplement or Substitute to an Anti-Suit Injunction," in Albert Jan Van Den Berg (ed.), *International Arbitration 2006: Back to Basics?* ICCA International Arbitration Congress Montréal, 31 May – 3 June 2006 (with Paul Friedland)

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### Bars and Courts

New York State Bar, 2006  
Solicitor, Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia, 2003  
Solicitor, High Court of Australia, 2003

### Education

B.A., University of Queensland, 1998 (French)  
LL.B., University of Queensland, 2001 (University Medalist, First Class Honours)  
LL.M., Harvard Law School, 2005 (Australian Federation of University Women Fellowship 2004-2005)

### Professional Appointments

Member of the Australian delegation to the UNCITRAL Working Group II, charged with revising the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules  
Arbitrator, Centro de Arbitraje de México  
Assistant Editor, *World Arbitration & Mediation Review*  
Guest Lecturer, Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico City)

### Professional Associations

Fellow, Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA)  
Member, ICC Australia  
Member, Instituto Mexicano de la Mediación  
Member, Law Society of New South Wales  
Member, New York State Bar Association

### Languages

English, French, Spanish

### Citizenship

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