

# 2<sup>ND</sup> AMERICAS ROUNDTABLE

## A Meeting for Young Lawyers on International Arbitration

April 1, 2009  
4:00-7:00 pm  
Camino Real Hotel  
Mexico City, Mexico

*Presented by*

CENTER FOR MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION OF THE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MEXICO CITY  
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### PROGRAM AND FACULTY

3:30 pm Registration

4:00 pm **Welcome**

**Yanett Quiroz Valdovinos**, Secretary General, Center for Mediation and Arbitration of the National Chamber of Commerce of Mexico City, Mexico City

**Anibal Sabater**, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., Houston  
Chairman, ITA Young Arbitrators Initiative

**Katherine González Arrocha**, Director for Latin America, ICC Dispute Resolution Services, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Panama City  
Representative, ICC Young Arbitrators Forum, Latin American Chapter

**Adrián Magallanes**, Von Wobeser y Sierra, S.C., Mexico City  
Member, ICDR Young & International Global Advisory Board

**Sofía Gómez Ruano**, Azar, Ortega & Gómez Ruano, S.C., Mexico City  
Regional Representative for Central America and Latin America,  
LCIA Young International Arbitration Group

4:15 pm **PANEL: MANAGING THE ARBITRATION PROCESS: DRAFTING THE ARBITRATION CLAUSE AND SELECTING THE ARBITRATORS**

Two fundamental elements of the arbitral process are the arbitration agreement and the arbitrators. The arbitration agreement rules the arbitration process and it is only as good as the arbitrators, so it is especially important to know the do's and don'ts in the drafting of the arbitration agreement and in the selection of arbitrators from the perspective of different institutions.

Moderator: **Yanett Quiroz Valdovinos**, Secretary General, Center for Mediation and Arbitration, CANACO, Mexico City  
Panelists: **Valeria Galíndez**, Wald e Associados Advogados, São Paulo  
**Salvador Fonseca**, Chadbourne & Parke, Mexico City  
**Noiana Marigo**, Freshfields, New York City

5:30 pm Break

5:45 pm **PANEL: INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY AS GROUNDS FOR CHALLENGING AN AWARD**

Practically all legal systems throughout the world have a notion of public policy or *ordre public*, as it constitutes an essential defense against foreign laws or acts that may violate the state's fundamental legal and moral standards. However, public policy, due to its subjectivity and evolving nature, is one of the most controversial grounds for refusal of enforcement of foreign arbitral awards. This panel will address particular topics related to the role and application of the public policy defense in international arbitration, particularly under the New York Convention.

Moderator: **Xavier Andrade**, Andrade Veloz & Asociados, Quito  
Panelists: **Alberto Muerza**, Von Wobeser y Sierra, S.C., Mexico City  
**Pedro Jedlicka**, Imery Urdaneta, Caracas  
**Erika M. Serran**, White & Case, Miami

7:00 pm Closing Remarks

7:00-8:30 pm **WORKSHOP-ROUNDTABLE WELCOME RECEPTION FOR REGISTRANTS AND FACULTY**