

Erica Franzetti

Independent Arbitrator & Counsel

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PROFILE

Erica Franzetti is an independent arbitrator and international disputes counsel. With a 25-year legal career, she has extensive experience in commercial and investor-State arbitration across a wide range of industries and jurisdictions. She focuses her practice on serving as an independent arbitrator in complex cross-border disputes and on advising clients on dispute-resolution strategy, enforcement, and investment treaty protection. Her work has particular emphasis on energy and infrastructure matters connected to North America, Latin America, and Lusophone jurisdictions.

Serving as an arbitrator in U.S. and international disputes, including as chair of arbitral tribunals, she draws on longstanding track record across civil and common law traditions to manage proceedings efficiently, fairly, and with procedural rigor. She has acted as arbitrator and as counsel in arbitral proceedings under several sets of rules, including the ICC, AAA, ICDR, LCIA, ICSID, and UNCITRAL rules, and has deep familiarity with tribunal management and decision-writing. Her practical case management is informed by 17 years in major U.S. law firms, including eight as partner in globally recognized international arbitration teams.

Her arbitration practice spans proceedings seated or arising in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Hungary, Mexico, Perú, the Philippines, and the United States, across sectors including commercial contracts (such as hotel management, distribution, intellectual property, and CISG matters), construction, concessions and infrastructure (including telecommunications, power generation, and highways), corporate governance and accountability (including M&A, shareholder and joint venture disputes, and venture capital investments), and energy and natural resources (including mining, oil and gas, LNG pricing, electricity generation, and nuclear energy).

Recognized in *Chambers & Partners*, *The Legal 500*, *Lexology* (formerly *Who's Who Legal*), *Latin Lawyer*, and *Best Lawyers*, she has also been named one of Latin America's Top 100 Female Lawyers by *Latinvex*. She regularly publishes and speaks on international commercial arbitration, investor-state arbitration, and dispute resolution strategy at international conferences and professional forums, and has taught at leading institutions.

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

King & Spalding LLP, Partner	2021 – 2026
Dechert LLP, Partner / Counsel	2015 – 2021
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Senior Associate	2012 – 2015
Crowell & Moring LLP, Associate	2008 – 2012
Wald & Advogados Associados, Associate	2001 – 2006
Dinamarco & Rossi Advocacia, Associate / Intern	1997 – 2000

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Miami Law School, Adjunct Professor <i>International Arbitration in the Energy Sector</i>	2025-2026
Georgetown University Law Center, Adjunct Professor <i>Investor-State Dispute Resolution</i>	2017-2022

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC <i>LL.M. (Distinction, Dean's List)</i>	2008
Getúlio Vargas Foundation (FGV), São Paulo <i>Postgraduate in Business and Economic Law</i>	2006
University of São Paulo Law School, São Paulo <i>LL.B. (JD Equivalent)</i>	2000

RECOGNITION

Chambers & Partners USA: International Arbitration, Band 6
Chambers & Partners Brazil: International Arbitration, Band 3
The Legal 500: USA, Latin America, International Arbitration
Lexology: International Arbitration, Highly Recommended
Latin Lawyer: International Arbitration LACCA Approved
Latinvex: Latin America's Top 100 Female Lawyers
Best Lawyers: International Arbitration
Lawdragon 500: Leading Global Litigators

ARBITRATOR ROSTERS

ICDR / AAA
HKIAC
CAM-CCBC
B3 (CAM)

AREAS OF FOCUS

Commercial Contracts
Construction & Infrastructure
Corporate Governance & Post-Transaction
Energy & Natural Resources
Investor-State Disputes

BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington, D.C. · New York · Brazil

LANGUAGES

English · Spanish · Portuguese

NATIONALITY

United States · Brazil