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Ricardo Alarcón is Director of the international arbitration practice of DLA Piper Martínez Beltrán (Bogotá) and a member of DLA Piper's global international arbitration group. Ricardo has a long track record in international arbitration and public international law, having worked in the private sector, the Colombian government, and international organizations.

Ricardo has extensive experience representing States and multinational corporations in international commercial and investor-State arbitrations under a variety of rules, including those of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). He has been involved in disputes relating to a broad range of industries, including construction, infrastructure, and energy and natural resources.

Prior to joining DLA Piper Martínez Beltrán, Ricardo was a member of the international arbitration group of a renowned American law firm, where he worked for over seven years in the firm's Paris office. Previously, he was a legal advisor at the Human Rights and IHL Division of the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, research assistant to a special rapporteur of the United Nations International Law Commission in Geneva, and an intern at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in The Hague.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

English French Spanish

## LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- French
- Spanish

## Admissions

- Colombia

## Prior Experience

Before joining DLA Piper, Ricardo was an associate in the international arbitration group of a multinational law firm in Paris. He additionally interned for a judge within the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in the Netherlands.

Earlier in his career, Ricardo served as a research assistant for the Special Rapporteur of the International Law Commission in Bogotá as well as a legal advisor within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia.

## Recognitions

- *The Legal 500 Latin America*  
2022 - Rising Star, Colombia Dispute Resolution: Arbitration  
2022 - Recommended, Colombia Dispute Resolution: Litigation  
2022 - Recommended, International Arbitration
- World champion of the 2009 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition; Best oralist at the Colombian national rounds

## Education

- LL.M., International Legal Studies, New York University School of Law
- Law Degree, Universidad de los Andes  
*Cum laude*
- Diploma, International, European and Comparative Law, Robert Schumann University of Strasbourg

## NEWS

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### Ricardo Alarcon joins DLA Piper Martinez Beltran as director of new International Arbitration practice

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DLA Piper announced today that Ricardo Alarcon has joined DLA Piper Martinez Beltran in Colombia as director of the new International Arbitration practice.

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## MEDIA MENTIONS

- “DLA Piper Opens International Arbitration Practice in Colombia as More Disputes Work Expected,” *Law.com International*, March 4, 2021