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Antonio Cárdenas focuses on bringing amparo proceedings and ordinary defense procedures in administrative matters, and he advises on regulatory matters and relations with authorities in regulated markets. He has extensive experience in litigation and regulatory matters of information and communication technologies (ICT), as well as in complex antitrust affairs.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

**ANTONIO HAS LED OR CO-LED THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT MATTERS:**

- Antonio led the legal defense of one of the Mexico's biggest dairy products, which challenged transit regulations (prohibitions on heavy weight vehicles used in the supply chain) in ten municipalities of the state of Nuevo León. All of the trials ended with favorable rulings issued by different Courts.
- Led the defense of a leading Global food and beverages producer against the prohibition of Mexico City Government of commercializing plastic coffee capsules, The legal defense permitted the client to continue with the distribution of the coffee capsules.
- Co-Led the litigation regarding interconnection rates in more of one hundred constitutional rights trials for a major Telco (2008 to 2022).
- Advised various public entities in the design, implementation and defense before the Supreme Court of Justice of the sale procurement process for the sale of nine sugar mills. These represent 22.2% of the overall Mexican sugar production.
- Antonio is a key part in the team advising Shared Telecommunications Network (biggest telecommunications infrastructure project in Mexico's history), since the bidding process in 2016 and its legal defense before the Supreme Court of Justice.
- Participated in more than two hundred complaints before the Federal Institute of Telecommunications against the abuse of market power of Mexico's largest Telco (2015 to 2021).
- Participated on the defense in a cartel investigation in the Oil and Gas national distribution market conducted by the Federal Antitrust Commission, among the counseling to the client (a major Liquid Petroleum Gas distributor), Antonio led an internal investigation interviewing several functionaries of the company, in order to determine if there was any misconduct or illegal activity under the Federal Antitrust Law (2017 to date).

- Participated on the defense in a cartel investigation in the Treasury Bonds market conducted by the Federal Antitrust Commission, among the counseling to the client (global banking institution), Antonio participated in an internal investigation interviewing several functionaries, in order to determine if there was any misconduct or illegal activity under the Federal Antitrust Law (2017 to 2021).
- Participated on the defense in a cartel investigation in the Aeronautic Transportation market conducted by the Federal Antitrust Commission, among the counseling to the client (a major airline), Antonio participated in an internal investigation interviewing several functionaries, in order to determine if there was any misconduct or illegal activity under the Federal Antitrust Law. This investigation was made with close collaboration with the Miami office of his prior firm (2015 to 2019).
- Participated on the defense in a cartel investigation in the Pension Funds market conducted by the Federal Antitrust Commission, among the counseling to the client (a global Pension Fund manager), Antonio participated in an internal investigation interviewing several functionaries, in order to determine if there was any misconduct or illegal activity under the Federal Antitrust Law (2015 to 2017).
- Participated on the defense in a cartel investigation in the poultry market, conducted by the Federal Antitrust Commission, among the counseling to the client (a global poultry producer), Antonio participated in an internal investigation interviewing several functionaries, in order to determine if there was any misconduct or illegal activity under the Federal Antitrust Law (2009 to 2013).
- Led the drafting, review, and implementation of anti-corruption policies and protocols for companies in several industries, including food and beverage, pharmaceutical, energy, telecom, and financial services.
- Drafted and implemented the Mexican anti-corruption policy for numerous global clients, including natural and gas renewables company, a major telecommunications provider, the biggest laboratory in Mexico, a global food and beverage company, and a global financial services company, including documentation that governs the relationship between company functionaries and public servants and all relevant "contact rules" and protocols to be followed in case of a breach or internal misconduct.

## CREDENTIALS

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### Admissions

- Mexico

### Recognitions

- *Chambers Global*  
2022 - Band 3, Mexico Dispute Resolution: Administrative Litigation  
Chambers comments, "*Based in Mexico City, dispute resolution expert Antonio Cárdenas enters the ranking this year after eliciting praise for his experience in administrative litigation proceedings.*" Clients say, "*Antonio Cárdenas is organised and offers broad insight into commercial, legal and political issues.*"
- *Chambers Latin America*  
2022 - Band 4, Mexico Competition/Antitrust  
Chambers comments, "*Dynamic partner Antonio Cárdenas continues to offers significant experience advising clients on antitrust litigation cases. An impressed client appreciates that "he has an extensive knowledge of the sector and is a very capable lawyer."*
- 2022 - Band 3, Mexico TMT (Telecoms, Media, Technology)  
Chambers comments, "*Antonio Cárdenas Arriola comes recommended for his activity in contentious matters in the TMT arena. "I would highlight his skills in innovation, as well as his ability to bring new theories and disruptive solutions to the table,"* notes a client."
- 2022 - Band 3, Mexico Dispute Resolution: Administrative Litigation  
Chambers comments, "*Based in Mexico City, dispute resolution expert Antonio Cárdenas enters the ranking this year after eliciting praise for his experience in administrative litigation proceedings. "Antonio Cárdenas is organised and offers broad insight into commercial, legal and political issues,"* a client reports."
- The Legal 500 Latin America  
2022 - Next Generation Partners, TMT (Telecoms, Media, Technology)  
  
2022 - Next Generation Partners, Dispute Resolution: Litigation

- Named to *Benchmark Litigation's* 2021 and 2022 editions as a "Litigation Star" in Administrative and Antitrust Litigation
- *Recognized in Who is Who Legal's* 2022 Edition as a "Thought Leader" in Administrative Litigation

## Education

- Law Degree (J.D. equivalent), Universidad Iberoamericana
- Masters Degree in Law, Economic Law, Universidad Panamericana

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### **Judge declares reforms to Electricity Industry Law unconstitutional**

11 August 2022

Key details and implications for individuals, businesses and investors in Mexico's electricity sector.

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#### **Mexican Energy Regulatory Commission imposes sanction of more than US\$450 million; Mexico's Supreme Court issues precedent unfavorable to permit holders**

28 June 2022

Details of the decision and implications on private investments in the Mexican electricity market.

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#### **Mexican Congress rejects electricity constitutional reform and approves bill to regulate lithium**

20 April 2022

An outline of the House of Representatives' decision regarding the Electricity Reform and Mining Reform, as well as its possible implications.

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#### **Mexican Supreme Court dismisses Unconstitutionality Action against Electricity Industry Law reform**

8 April 2022

Key developments and implications

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- Co-author, "Corruption in Mexico: A threat to the rule of law," *NYU Journal of International Law and Politics*, 2020
- Co-author, "Global Practice Guide: Litigation, Mexico, trends and development," *Chambers*, 2019
- Co-author, "Mexico," *The Intellectual Property and Antitrust Review*, 2016-2019

## Events

- Panelist, "Should the Federal Competition Law be reformed," Antitrust Symposium at Mexico City, International Chamber of Commerce and ANADE (National Association of Firm's Attorneys), 2020
- Panelist, "Rule of law and corruption in Mexico," 25th Annual Herbert Rubin and Justice Rose Luttan Rubin International Law Symposium, 2019

- Panelist, GRI Club, 2019
- Panelist, US Chamber of Commerce Cybersecurity Symposium, 2017
- Speaker, International Finance Corporation, 2017

## NEWS

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### **Top-tier six-partner group joins DLA Piper's Mexico City office across multiple practices**

18 January 2022

DLA Piper today announced the addition of six new partners in its Mexico City office, reinforcing the firm's strength in a key region, as well as its focus on growth. Álvaro E. Garza-Galván, Mauricio Valdespino, Roberto Ríos Artigas, Antonio Cárdenas, Daniel González Estrada and Guillermo Aguayo have joined the firm's Corporate, Finance, Litigation and Tax practices.

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