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CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Antonio Hierro serves as an arbitrator focusing on international commercial and investment-treaty arbitrations conducted in English, Spanish and French, in *ad hoc* arbitrations, including arbitrations administered by the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), and institutional arbitrations administered by the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and other courts, mainly in Europe, Latin America and the United States.

Antonio's experience as an international arbitrator includes notable cases with states and public entities along with multinationals involving Energy & Natural Resources, Construction & Engineering, Consortium & Joint Ventures, Government and National Defense and Investment-Treaty arbitration.

He is a member or former member of the following Courts of Arbitration:

- International Court of Arbitration at the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) from 2009 to 2014
- London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) from 2010 to 2015
- China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) from 2014 to 2017
- International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) from 2020 to 2026: Having successfully passed a public merit-based selection process organized by the Government of the Kingdom of Spain, Antonio is currently included on the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators

He also serves on the:

- ICC Institute of World Business Law
- ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR
- ICC Latin American Arbitration Group
- The London Court of International Arbitration (the Company)
- Designations Committee of The Madrid International Arbitration Center (CIAM-CIAR)

He was a founder, President, and now Honorary President of the Spanish and Iberoamerican Arbitration Club, a private association created in 2005 that promotes arbitration through events held with public institutions, universities, large companies, lawyers and judges throughout western Europe, Latin America and the US. The Club has more than 1,700 members of 59 nationalities and international chapters in 31 countries.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Throughout his career, Antonio has focused on complex litigation. He began his career as a State Attorney for the Spanish government, working for the Ministries of the Treasury and Justice, and later acting as Agent for the Kingdom of Spain before the Court of Justice of the European Union. He was a Legal Advisor to the Spanish government during the negotiation of the Maastricht Treaty (Treaty on European Union).

He later joined Cuatrecasas, where he founded the arbitration and litigation practice and led it for more than 16 years. By the time Antonio left Cuatrecasas, the firm's arbitration and litigation practice had grown from a handful of lawyers to more than 260 lawyers whose expertise covered 12 substantive areas, including International Commercial Arbitration and Investment Treaty Arbitration. From 2004 to 2008, he served as the general director of the firm.

As Head of the Arbitration Practice at Cuatrecasas, Antonio participated in more than 200 arbitrations, acting primarily as a lawyer and occasionally as an arbitrator.

In 2015, Antonio established his own specialist arbitration firm, Hierro Arbitration where he acts exclusively as an arbitrator.

ACADEMIA / EDUCATION

Chair of International Arbitration at Universidad Rey Juan Carlos in Madrid, Spain.

Visiting Scholar at Columbia Law School in New York.

Spanish State Attorney (Abogado del Estado Español) through public exam appointed in 1985.

Law degree, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 1981. He later completed his studies at the European Commission in Brussels, the Ministère des Affaires Étrangères Français in Paris, the London School of Economics, and the IESE Business School in Barcelona, Lisbon, and Madrid.

Languages: Spanish (native), English (bilingual) and French (bilingual).

DISTINCTIONS

Chambers & Partners has top-ranked Antonio as an Arbitrator in its *Global Guide* as a *Global Market Leader* (top 1% of the market). He has been recognized for 23 consecutive years: initially as a *Leading Lawyer in Litigation and Arbitration* in Band 1 from 2002 to 2012, and from 2013 to the present, as a *Leading Lawyer in the Most in Demand Arbitrators List*.

Best Lawyers identified him as "Lawyer of the Year (Spain)" in "International Arbitration" in 2015, 2017, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2024.

In addition to serving as Honorary President of the Spanish Club of Arbitration, he has been the recipient of various recognitions and distinctions by governments (e.g., the French Republic), universities (Honorary Professor at Universidad de San Ignacio de Loyola, Lima, Peru), academies (Member of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Bolivia), associations (Vice President of the Spanish Branch of the International Law Association) and other public institutions in Europe and Latin America.

PUBLICATIONS

Antonio is the author of numerous works on arbitration:

- “Litigation & Arbitration Yearbook 2025 – the Most Outstanding Cases of 2024”. Co-editor. Wolters Kluwer, 2025.
- “Litigation & Arbitration Yearbook 2024 – the Most Outstanding Cases of 2023”. Co-editor. Wolters Kluwer, 2024.
- “Administrative Arbitration in Comparative Law” (with Manuel Gómez Carrión) in “Arbitration and Jurisdiction”. To be published in 2024.
- «Contra el Equivalente Jurisdiccional» (with Manuel Gómez Carrión). «Arbitraje y Jurisdicción», libro homenaje a Miguel Ángel Fernández-Ballesteros, 2024.
- “Litigation & Arbitration Yearbook 2023 – the Most Outstanding Cases of 2022”. Co-editor. Wolters Kluwer, 2023.
- “La motivación de los Laudos Arbitrales a la Luz de la Última Doctrina del Tribunal Constitucional” (with Manuel Gómez Carrión). Annual Arbitration Report 2022. Thomson Reuters – Civitas, 2022.
- “Litigation & Arbitration Yearbook 2022 – the Most Outstanding Cases of 2021”. Co-editor. Wolters Kluwer, 2022.
- “Litigation & Arbitration Yearbook 2021 – the Most Outstanding Cases of 2020”. Co-editor. Wolters Kluwer, 2021.
- “A vueltas con la Transparencia en el Arbitraje Comercial Internacional”, (with Manuel Gómez Carrión) in “Anuario de Arbitraje 2020”. Thomson Reuters-Civitas, 2020.
- Co-editor of the “2020 Litigation & Arbitration Yearbook, the Most Outstanding Cases of 2019”, Wolters Kluwer, 2020.
- Studies in Public Law in honor of Manuel Goded, “Hacia un sistema global de arbitraje”, Ed. Aranzadi 2019.
- “Hacia un arbitraje CIMA más eficiente en tiempo y costes”, Ed. CIMA, 2019.
- “Pre-hearing dispositive motions and summary judgements: a new step towards the Americanisation of International Commercial Arbitration?” (with Michael Amberg) in “Anuario de Arbitraje 2019”, Thomson Reuters-Civitas, 2019.
- Co-editor of the “2019 Litigation & Arbitration Yearbook, the Most Outstanding Cases of 2018”, Wolters Kluwer, 2019.
- 10 “The Americanisation (or not) of International Commercial Arbitration” (with Michael Amberg) in “Anuario de Arbitraje 2018”, Ashurst-Civitas, 2018.
- Co-editor of the “2018 Litigation & Arbitration Yearbook, the Most Outstanding Cases of 2017”, Wolters Kluwer, 2018.
- Liber Amicorum Gonzalo Jiménez-Blanco (I Edition), “A propósito de la americanización (o no) del arbitraje comercial internacional”, (with Michael Amberg), Ed. Aranzadi 2018.
- “Arbitrabilidad del Derecho de la Competencia” in “Anuario de Arbitraje 2017”, Chapter II, Ashurst-Civitas, 2017.
- Editor-in-chief of the “2017 Litigation & Arbitration Yearbook, the Most Outstanding Cases of 2016”, Wolters Kluwer, 2017.

- “Hacia el reconocimiento del arbitraje en el Derecho Público” in “Anuario de Arbitraje 2016”, Chapter 18, Ashurst-Civitas (Gonzalo Jiménez-Blanco), 2016.
- Editor-in-chief of the “2016 Litigation & Arbitration Yearbook, the Most Outstanding Cases of 2015”, Wolters Kluwer, 2016.
- Towards a Global Arbitration Law” in Spain Arbitration Review, Vol. 23, CEA-Wolters Kluwer, 2015.
- “La Impugnación opcional del laudo” in “Libro sobre el Nuevo Reglamento de CIMA”, Ed. CIMA, 2015.
- “Nuevos tiempos para el arbitraje CIMA” in “Libro conmemorativo de los 25 años de CIMA”, Ed. CIMA, 2015.
- Editor-in-chief of the “2015 Litigation & Arbitration Yearbook, the Most Outstanding Cases of 2014”, Wolters Kluwer, 2015.
- Editor-in-chief of the “2014 Litigation & Arbitration Yearbook, the Most Outstanding Cases of 2013”, Wolters Kluwer, 2014.
- Preface in “El arbitraje en Venezuela, 15 años de la Ley de Arbitraje Comercial”, (with Jesús Remón), Ed. Sabias palabras c.a., 2013.
- Editor-in-chief of the “2013 Litigation & Arbitration Yearbook, the Most Outstanding Cases of 2012”, Wolters Kluwer, 2013.
- “Reducing time and costs in ICC International Arbitration” in Spain Arbitration Review, Vol. 13, CEA-Wolters Kluwer, 2012.
- Co-author (with Cristián Conejero) of “El arbitraje comercial internacional en Iberoamérica”, La Ley-Wolters Kluwer, 2012.
- Editor-in-chief of the “2012 Litigation & Arbitration Yearbook, the Most Outstanding Cases of 2011”, Wolters Kluwer, 2012.
- “Artículos 34 a 39” (with Rafael Hinojosa) in “Comentarios a la reforma de la Ley de Arbitraje Española operada por la Ley 11/2011, de 20 de mayo”, Thompson Reuters, 2011.
- Editor-in-chief of the “2011 Litigation & Arbitration Yearbook, the Most Outstanding Cases of 2010”, Wolters Kluwer, 2011.
- Editor-in-chief of the “2010 Litigation & Arbitration Yearbook, the Most Outstanding Cases of 2009”, Wolters Kluwer, 2010.
- Editor-in-chief of the “2009 Litigation & Arbitration Yearbook, the Most Outstanding Cases of 2008”, Wolters Kluwer, 2009.
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- “Artículos 34 a 39” (with Rafael Hinojosa) in “Comentarios a la nueva Ley de Arbitraje Española de 2004”, Thompson Reuters, 2004.
- Co-author (with José María Alonso) of “La nueva Ley de Arbitraje Española”, Biblioteca Expansión, 2004