

Carey Partner, Gonzalo Fernández, is appointed member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the Shanghai Arbitration Commission

Gonzalo Fernández, who has been a partner at Carey since 2004, was appointed as a member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the Shanghai Arbitration Commission (SHAC). The SHAC was established in 1995 and is one of the most important and prestigious arbitral institutions in China.

Gonzalo has administered more than 40,000 cases, for more than US\$30 billion. In 2020, SHAC managed nearly 5,000 cases, which represented 75% of all arbitrations in Shanghai, the city with the largest traffic and commercial exchange in the Asian giant. As a result of its exponential growth and the internationalization of its cases, the center recently expanded the list of arbitrators, incorporating outstanding professionals from different countries of the world.

Gonzalo Fernández leads the litigation and arbitration practice area at Carey, the largest law firm in Chile. He has a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from Harvard University and has worked as a professor of Civil Law at the Universidad Católica since 1997. He graduated from the Universidad Católica Law School as the top student in his class.

Gonzalo Fernández has an outstanding career as an arbitrator for CAM Santiago and as an international arbitrator. He has been an arbitrator for CAM Santiago for more than 15 years and was appointed Member of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) for the period 2018-2021 and re-elected for the period 2021-2023. In addition, he has been chosen as one of the best litigators in the country by various specialized publications and has extensive experience representing various clients in proceedings before the ICC, ICSID, AAA, CAM Santiago and before the Courts of Justice.

"I feel very honored to receive this appointment and I hope to contribute to promoting international arbitration as a form of dispute resolution. China and Shanghai in particular are currently the centers of world trade and being able to represent our country in such a prestigious arbitration center is a very interesting challenge. Arbitration has been consolidated in recent decades as the mechanism most used by international companies and investors due to the flexibility of the procedures, the shorter terms and the specialization of the arbitrators. It seems to me that this trend should be strengthened in the coming years, taking into account the international reality".