

ICC appoints a woman for the first time as president of its International Court of Arbitration and appoints Gonzalo Fernández as member for the period 2021-2024

Claudia Salomon, partner of the international firm Latham & Watkins, was appointed as president of ICC's International Court of Arbitration, based in Paris, being the first woman in its almost 100-year history. Salomon was appointed by the entity's World Council on June 11 and takes office on July 1, replacing Frenchman Alexis Mourre.

Gonzalo Fernández, partner of Carey, was appointed as member of the aforementioned Court in representation of Chile for a new period of 3 years. He previously held the position between 2018 and the present. Fernández was proposed by SOFOFA, the National Chamber of Commerce and the Santiago Chamber of Commerce and was appointed by the ICC World Council in its session on June 11.

The International Court of Arbitration is the main international arbitration institution and is the most prestigious in the world. It is comprised by 195 members from 121 countries and its role is to review and approve each arbitration award issued under the ICC Regulations and to decide on the appointments and challenges of the arbitrators, among others.

Fernández leads Carey's litigation and arbitration area, holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from Harvard University, he is Professor of Civil Law at Universidad Católica de Chile -where he received all the academic awards for being the best graduate of that career - and has an outstanding career as an arbitrator for CAM Santiago. He has been chosen as one of the best litigators in the country by various specialized publications.

The International Court of Arbitration was created in 1923 and has played a pioneering role in the matter, being recognized as the most efficient body for solving international trade disputes. Since its creation, the International Court of Arbitration has managed more than 12,000 international arbitrations, involving arbitrators from more than 170 countries. In addition to Paris, it also has administrative offices in Hong Kong, New York, Sao Paulo, Singapore and Abu Dhabi and is the only institution of its kind with such a geographic presence.