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**PROFILE:** Experienced lawyer, international commercial arbitrator and mediator. An accomplished professional with extensive experience counselling, litigating and negotiating with multinational parties in Latin America and worldwide stakeholders. Lawyer in both common law and civil law jurisdictions; completed a Master’s Degree in Public Law (DEA) from the *Université de Paris II Panthéon- Assas* and a Master’s Degree in Canadian Common Law (LLM) from the *University of British Columbia*.

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS**

- Seasoned lawyer and international commercial arbitrator and mediator.
  - Extensive experience in multi-jurisdictional dispute resolution mechanisms, conducting review proceedings and oral hearings (in person and in virtual formats) in culturally diverse atmospheres; strong grounding in procedural fairness.
  - Proven ability to interpret complex legislation under international private law, such as contracts, policies, and common practices, as well as overlooking compliance with applicable rules and regulations.
  - Accomplished in making thought-provoking presentations to stakeholders and suggesting innovative and business oriented solutions.
  - Extensive experience counselling and litigating in constitutional law, administrative law, consumer protection, air transportation and anti-trust matters.
  - Proven leadership talent on project teams and in maintaining positive relationships with various parties, colleagues and stakeholders.
  - Developed effective communication skills, applied diplomacy and tact with a wide range of people, organizations and businesses; experience in building bridges of mutual understanding in multicultural environments. An enthusiastic team player and, at the same time, a proactive self-starter and a strategic thinker.
  - Fluent in English, French and Spanish, with a good working command of Portuguese.
  - Admitted to the British Columbia Bar (2020) and to the Venezuelan Bar (1993).
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**WORK EXPERIENCE**

- Verónica Pacheco-Sanfuentes, Barrister & Solicitor 2023  
- Sole Practitioner

- International Commercial Arbitrator & Mediator 2009-Present  
- Solving disputes for the air transportation industry in the Americas and Caribbean region, and as deputy for the rest of the world
- Independent Consultant, Canada 2006-2008  
- Independent legal work  
- Assisted with business development for start-up technology company
- Partner at *Muci-Abraham & Associates*, Venezuela 2001-2005  
- Specializing in public law, counselling and litigating  
(administrative/regulatory law, constitutional law, air transportation and antitrust)
- Of Counsel at *Steel, Hector & Davis LLP*, Venezuela / USA 1999-2001  
- Member of the project finance, antitrust and litigation group
- Associate Lawyer at *Muci-Abraham & Associates*, Venezuela 1992-1999  
- Focusing on constitutional law, administrative law and litigation
- External Court Clerk, Venezuela 1998-2004  
- Supreme Court of Justice and First Administrative Court of Appeal
- Assistant Professor, Venezuela 1994-2004  
- Administrative Law, Universidad Católica Andrés Bello

### EDUCATION

Master's Degree in Canadian Common Law (LLM)	<i>University of British Columbia, Canada</i>	2015 - 2016
American and International Law Program	<i>Southern Methodist University, United States of America</i>  - Candidacy sponsored by <i>American Airlines</i> (only two of their lawyers from the Americas were chosen)	2001
Master's Degree in Public Law (D.E.A)	<i>Université de Paris II (Panthéon-Assas), France</i>  - Honours obtained in final thesis (re partial privatization)	1991-1992
Law Degree (JD)	<i>Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Venezuela</i>	1986-1991
Human Rights Program	<i>Prince Edward Island University, Canada</i>	1988