

Shook Hardy Picks Up International Arbitration Atty In Miami

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Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP announced Tuesday that it has added a multilingual international arbitration expert to its Miami office, where he will bring his expertise in resolving disputes in the construction, energy, infrastructure and hospitality industries.

Ricardo A. Ampudia, who regularly serves as lead counsel in disputes conducted in English and Spanish, has represented clients from around the globe in international arbitration matters. He joins as of counsel in the firm's global arbitration practice, housed under the general liability litigation practice.



Ricardo A. Ampudia

"More companies than ever are doing business globally," Shook Hardy chair Madeleine McDonough said. "This presents opportunities and challenges. An advocate of Ricardo's vast experience will be beneficial for clients with international interests. He's a great addition."

Before joining the firm, Ampudia spent three years as a principal at International Dispute Resources LLC, where he represented clients in international business disputes, including investor-state arbitration, commercial arbitration and international criminal law and human rights. Prior to that, he worked on international arbitrations at Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP in Washington, D.C.

He brings with him two high-profile bilateral investment treaty arbitrations on behalf of a U.S. construction company against Panama and another on behalf of an Argentine and Spanish hotel investor against Mexico, according to the firm.

He has expertise in international treaties and advocating for clients who do business abroad and have disputes with foreign governments or businesses.

"Living and traveling all over the world has afforded me the ability to speak and write in multiple languages," Ampudia said. "I have a true understanding of a variety of cultures, and that's invaluable in resolving business issues in or out of the hearing room."

In addition to English and Spanish, Ampudia, who grew up in Latin America, also speaks Portuguese and French. He holds an undergraduate degree from Davidson College, a J.D. from American University's Washington College of Law and an LL.M. in international arbitration and dispute resolution from

Georgetown University Law Center.

Shook Hardy, a 129-year-old firm, has 12 offices in the U.S. and London and represents clients in the health, science and technology sectors in a variety of practice areas, including product liability defense, commercial litigation, intellectual property disputes, environmental and toxic tort litigation and privacy and data security.

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