



Global Arbitration & Litigation Attorney Moves to Shook Miami

MIAMI (August 28, 2018) Ricardo A. Ampudia joins complex litigation powerhouse Shook, Hardy & Bacon. Ampudia, who speaks four languages and serves as lead counsel in disputes conducted entirely in English and Spanish, will help grow Shook’s arbitration and litigation capabilities globally, particularly in Latin America and Europe. He has represented clients in Africa, Asia, Central America, Europe, and North and South America in a variety of industries including construction, energy, infrastructure and hospitality.

“More companies than ever are doing business globally,” stated Shook Chair Madeleine McDonough. “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.”

Ampudia joins John Barkett, Frank Cruz-Alvarez, Lynn Murray, Humberto Ocariz and Sergio Pagliery as part of Shook’s Global Arbitration Practice, housed under the General Liability Litigation Practice, which is co-led by Robert Adams and Paul Williams. Shook’s international hearings and trial teams are equally at home in international tribunals, state or federal court, before mediators and arbitrators, and on appeal. Ampudia represents clients in a wide variety of international disputes as well as litigation in matters pertaining to banking and finance, securities, international trade, international human rights and international proceedings before INTERPOL.

“In addition to litigation, my forte is international treaties, advocating for companies or individuals who are conducting business abroad and may have a dispute with a foreign government or business, or vice versa,” said Ampudia, who grew up in Latin America. “Living and traveling all over the world has afforded me the ability to speak and write in multiple languages. 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.”

Shook Miami Partners William Geraghty and Hildy Sastre manage the Miami office where Ampudia will serve clients nationally and internationally. Shook is known

globally for its strength in commercial litigation and mediation and arbitration for health, science and technology companies.

“Ricardo is a great fit for Shook,” stated Geraghty. “His addition reinforces our commitment to grow based on what our clients need. We look forward to expanding our Latin American and European experience.”

As part of his international arbitration portfolio, Ampudia brings to Shook two high-profile bilateral investment treaty arbitrations, one on behalf of a U.S. construction company against the Republic of Panama and another on behalf of an Argentine and Spanish hotel investor against the United Mexican States. “I am delighted to hit the ground running with Shook and to put the wealth of the firm’s resources to work for my clients.”

Ampudia earned a Master of Laws from Georgetown University Law Center, focusing on International Dispute Resolution, a Juris Doctor from American University, and a Bachelor’s Degree from Davidson College. He founded his own company, International Disputes Resources, LLC, in Miami before joining Shook. He previously practiced for the International Arbitration and Trade Group of another major international law firm in Washington, D.C., and he interned for the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. He writes and speaks frequently in his area of law.

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