

SARA MARINO

International Counsel
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Focus

- Maritime and Ports
- International Trade
- Corporate
- Regulatory
- Environmental

Industries

- Oil and Gas
- Infrastructure
- Maritime

Admissions

- Madrid, Spain
- Not admitted in New York or Washington DC

Education

- Postgraduate Diploma in Maritime Law, with distinction, Lloyd's Maritime Academy & London Metropolitan University, London, UK / Madrid, Spain
- LL.M., Instituto de Empresa, Madrid, Spain
- J.D., Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain

Languages

- Spanish (native)
- English (fluent)
- French (advanced)
- Italian (intermediate)

Work History

Current:

- Disan LLP, International Counsel

Previous:

- Repsol, Spain
- De Andrés y Artiñano Abogados, Spain
- Clifford Chance, Spain

EXPERIENCE

International Business

- Advised on investments and international projects, as well as short and long term commercial agreements, drafting, negotiating, and implementing legal documents and contracts, including specific projects and joint ventures with international partners.

International Trade and Maritime

- Drafted and negotiated international commodity trade contracts, including contracts for the sale and purchase of crude oil and petroleum products, sale and purchase of assets, service agreements, leases, and derivatives on commodities (ISDA).
- Designed and drafted general terms and conditions for the sale and purchase of crude oil and petroleum products, and for the sale and supply of bunkers for one of the world's largest global energy companies.
- Drafted and negotiated spot and time charters. Drafted standard spot and time charter rider terms and bills of lading for one of the world's largest global energy companies.
- Directed and documented pre-trial negotiations and settlement of disputes, and coordinated and collaborated with outside counsel in mediations and arbitrations, in controversies arising from oil trade (sale and purchase, supply, derivatives) and shipping contracts (seaworthiness, safe port, laytime and demurrage, deviation, off-hire, force majeure, liens, collisions, general average).

Environmental

- Advised on environmental matters overseeing regulatory compliance, handling application for and negotiation of licenses and authorizations, and coordinating defense in penalty proceedings, in connection with the daily operation of five refineries.

In house Counsel

- Acted as senior counsel for the Industrial and Refining division of one of the world's largest global energy companies, leading a team of four lawyers and coordinating outside counsel, to advise the division on all its national and international businesses, including the activity of five refineries and both extraordinary transactions and day to day activities.
- Acted as legal counsel for the International Commerce and Maritime Trading division of one of the world's largest global energy companies, advising on its national and international businesses, including both extraordinary transactions and day to day activities, with special focus on the trading and shipping activities.

Pro Bono

- Volunteer in "Asociación Club Juvenil Aspacen", NGO that promotes normalization of leisure time for mentally handicapped people (1995 - 2002).