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Domestic Arbitration in Real Estate Matters: Comparative Law Perspective

10 April 2026 | 16:00 – 19:00 CEST | Maudes, Madrid

The event brings together leading policymakers, legal experts, and arbitration practitioners to explore the growing role of domestic arbitration in resolving real estate disputes. Hosted in Madrid, as part of ICCA Congress 2026, the programme features opening remarks from regional authorities and international representatives, followed by two in-depth round tables. The first focuses on the role of the Arbitration Council of the Community of Madrid in promoting domestic arbitration, while the second examines dispute prevention and mitigation in real estate, energy, and infrastructure projects from a global perspective.

Venue

Headquarters of the Community of Madrid, c/ Maudes, 17. Madrid, Spain.

Organisers

Ciarb's Iberian Chapter of the European Branch, with the collaboration of the Community of Madrid.

Speakers

José María García Gómez
ViceDeputy Regional Minister, Housing, Transport, Infrastructure Madrid Autonomous Community

José María García Gómez holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from the Complutense University, a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Sociology from the UNED, a Diploma in Legal Practice from the ICAM, and an MBA in Business Management from the European University.

He has held various institutional posts and management roles within local government. From July 2015 to June 2021, he held the post of Director-General for Housing and Regeneration. From July 2021 to July 2023, he served as Vice-Minister for Housing and Regional Planning within the Regional Ministry of the Environment, Housing and Agriculture. He is currently Vice-Minister for Housing, Transport and Infrastructure for the Community of Madrid.

Cesar Pereira C.Arb FCIArb
President, Ciarb

President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - Ciarb. Attorney and arbitrator based in Brazil. Partner at Justen, Pereira, Oliveira & Talamini, and co-head of its Infrastructure and Arbitration practices.

Attorney and arbitrator based in São Paulo, Brazil. Chartered Arbitrator (C.Arb) and Fellow (FCiarb) of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - Ciarb, and first Chairman of the Ciarb Brazil Branch (2019-2022).

Senior partner, head of the infrastructure department and co-head of the arbitration and mediation department of Justen, Pereira, Oliveira & Talamini, in São Paulo (Brazil). Legal practice as counsel, arbitrator, legal expert or consultant focused on government contracts, public procurement, PPPs, infrastructure projects, construction, regulated industries, commercial contracts, and related arbitration or litigation. Client portfolio includes international and domestic companies, and Brazilian federal or local government entities.

JSD (2005, Administrative Law, PUCSP, Brazil), LL.M. (1998, Tax Law, PUCSP, Brazil) and JD (1992, UFPR, Brazil). Visiting Scholar, Columbia University (2013, International Arbitration), University of Nottingham (2016, Public Procurement), George Washington University (2022, Public Procurement and Anticorruption Law). Fellow, Public Procurement Research Group (University of Nottingham). Publications in English, Portuguese and Spanish on public law, arbitration and international sales. Member of the Public Procurement Law Review (PPLR) Editorial Board and the Vis East Board of Directors, in addition to numerous other organizations in his fields of expertise.

Phillip Landolt FCIArb
Chair European Branch, Ciarb

Dr. Phillip Landolt is an accomplished international arbitration specialist with over 25 years of experience in Geneva, London, and Brussels, acting as lead counsel, co-counsel, and arbitrator in numerous high-value disputes. He is a Managing Partner at Landolt & Koch.

His practice spans international commercial and investment arbitration, covering complex contracts such as FIDIC construction, energy, IP, and international trade agreements across diverse industries including energy, biotechnology, infrastructure, and telecommunications. He has extensive experience under leading institutional and ad hoc arbitration rules, including ICC, LCIA, ICSID, UNCITRAL, and CAS. A recognised leader in the field, Dr. Landolt serves as Chair of the European Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is listed as an arbitrator with DIAC, VIAC, and SIAC.

Nazareth Romero FCIArb
Chair Ciarb Iberian Chapter EU Branch,
Partner Ovoli Frugoni Romero Arbitration Litigation

Prof. Nazareth Romero is a lawyer and member of the Madrid Bar Association (ICAM) since 1990 and of the CCBE, as well as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Ciarb) and an international mediator.

She is a partner at ORA Ovoli Romero Abogados S.L. – Ovoli Frugoni A.P., leading the Arbitration Department and providing strategic consultancy on complex national and international disputes across sectors such as trade, investment, energy, construction, sport, and finance, with a focus on ESG criteria. Chair and co-founder of Ciarb's Iberian Chapter of the European Branch, which includes the territorial areas of Andorra, Spain and Portugal. Member of the Committee of Ciarb's European Branch and member of the EUIPO MCSN Mediation Centre Stakeholder Network.

Beatriz Moreno
Lawyer real estate Arbitration Tribunal

Beatriz Moreno is Secretary of the Arbitration Council for Rental Housing in the Community of Madrid (Consejo Arbitral para el Alquiler en la Comunidad de Madrid). She holds a law degree and served as legal counsel at the Madrid Chamber of Urban Property (Cámara de la Propiedad Urbana de Madrid) for 17 years before joining the Arbitration Council, where she played a key role in the development and establishment of the arbitration system, including the drafting of its operating rules and the signing of cooperation agreements. She has acted as Secretary in more than 1,000 arbitration proceedings conducted by the Council.

Juan Ramon Montero Estevez
President, Arbitration Council, Madrid

Juan is the President of the Arbitration Council for Rental Housing in the Community of Madrid (Consejo Arbitral para el alquiler en la Comunidad de Madrid), a practicing lawyer, and both a national and international arbitrator. He has been involved since its inception in the creation of the Arbitration Council, initially as Vice President and subsequently as President.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Spanish Arbitration Club (Junta Directiva del Club Español de Arbitraje) and serves as Secretary of the Sports Arbitration Commission of the Spanish Olympic Committee (Comisión de Arbitraje Deportivo del Comité Olímpico Español). He is also Vice President of the Spanish Franchise Arbitration Court (Corte Española de la Franquicia) and acts as an arbitrator for various national and international institutions. In addition, he is a member of the Permanent Secretariat of the Ibero-American Union of Bar Associations (Unión Iberoamericana de Colegios y Agrupaciones de Abogados), among other roles.

Jaime Cabrero Garcia
Arbitration Court, General Council of Official Association of Real Estate Agents, COAPIM

Jaime is the President of the Madrid Association of Real Estate Agents (Colegio de Agentes de la Propiedad Inmobiliaria de Madrid), a practicing lawyer, and an arbitrator of the Arbitration Council, among other roles.

During his tenure as President of COAPIM, he was involved in one of the first collaboration agreements signed with the Arbitration Council, consistently advocating for the use of domestic arbitration to address issues arising within the real estate sector.

Marcelino Pajares
Arbitration partner, Marimón Abogados

Marcelino Pajares is a partner at Marimón Abogados and head of the Litigation Department in the firm's Madrid office. He has extensive experience in civil and commercial litigation and in dispute resolution through arbitration, advising and representing both national and international companies.

His practice focuses particularly on disputes in the infrastructure, transport and logistics, construction, real estate, and engineering sectors, and he regularly acts in judicial and arbitral proceedings involving corporate disputes, contractual matters, civil liability, unfair competition, and construction law.

Mark Appel
Conflict Management Consultant, Mediator and Arbitrator, ArbDB Chambers, International Dispute Resolution Centre, United Kingdom

Mark is a member of ArbDB Chambers in London. Between 2001 and 2015, he served as Senior Vice President for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa at the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (AAA/ICDR). Between 1976 and 2001, he was Assistant Director, Regional Director, Regional VP, Senior VP at the American Arbitration Asociation.

Mark is an Independent, International Mediator and Arbitrator with ArbDB Chambers. Nearly 40 years of global mediation and arbitration experience, having worked in the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Africa, and having served in both executive and senior executive positions at the American Arbitration Association (AAA) and International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), leaving ICDR/AAA as Senior Vice President-EMEA in December of 2015.

Thoroughly familiar with Civil and Common Law mediation and arbitration practice and procedure, with 30 years of experience in training mediators and arbitrators on multiple continents on behalf of various dispute resolution institutions, government ministries, Courts and NGOs. Practice focus, since 2016, has been Investor-State relations, dispute prevention and mitigation.

Man Sing Yeung C.Arb FCIArb
Li & Partners, Hong Kong

Man Sing Yeung is a practising arbitrator, mediator, and construction lawyer based in Hong Kong with qualifications in quantity surveying, law, and engineering. He studied QS and law in Hong Kong and read engineering at Cambridge. Yeung is the former Chair of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (East Asia Branch), and the HKIAC - Hong Kong Mediation Council. He was a member of the Steering Committee on Mediation of the Department of Justice, HKSAR. He is now the Chair of the Law Society's Arbitrators Admission Sub-committee, and a Vice President of the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution, Malaysia.

Having acted as an arbitrator in a fair number of cases since 2000, he is on various arbitral panels across the regions. He also mediates cases involving construction-related and cross-border investment disputes.

As a lawyer, Mr. Yeung has his own construction practice, providing both contentious and non-contentious legal services involving infrastructure and building projects, has established an adjudication mechanism for the security of payment legislation, and has prepared standard construction contract documentation for the public sector.

Olusola Adegbonmire C.Arb FCIArb
Chair, Ciarb Nigeria Branch, Sola Ajijola & Co.

Mrs. Olusola Adegbonmire is a Legal Practitioner and Partner in the Law Firm of Sola Ajijola & Co. where she has practiced since 1987 which is almost 40years. She obtained her Bachelors Degree in Law (LL.B) from the University of Ife in 1984 and a Masters Degree in Law (LL.M) from the University of Lagos 1987 and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1985. Mrs. Adegbonmire is a Fellow and Chartered Arbitrator of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) Nigerian Branch. She is currently the Chairman, of the Nigerian Branch of the Ciarb.

She is the co-author with Mrs. Obosa Akpata of the second edition of the book "The Nigerian Arbitration Law in Focus". Mrs. Adegbonmire is currently on the board of the Kigali International Arbitration Centre where she has trained and supported the growth of arbitration for the last 12 years. She is an Accredited Mediator of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), and a member of the Panel of Neutrals of the Lagos Multidoor Court where she arbitrates and mediates extensively. She is also on the Lagos Multi Door Court Training Faculty which runs a bi-annual Mediation Skills Training (MST) Program.

Yolanda García Rubio
Partner, CONEXIG Spain

Yolanda holds a B.Sc. in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering from the University of Oviedo and two M.Sc. degrees in Industrial and Technological Management and International Management from the Escuela de Organización Industrial, Madrid.

With nearly 30 years of experience, she specializes in cost estimating, contract management, project control, claims, and arbitration quantum across major international projects in sectors such as energy, infrastructure, and oil and gas. A Certified Estimator Professional (AACE International), she has also served as President of the AACE International Spain Section until May 2025. She is actively involved in professional associations including EJECON and Women in a Legal World (WLW), and is a professor and director of master's programmes in project and contract management at Structuralia and Universidad Isabel II. She is also a guest lecturer and author of Advanced Project Management.

Sonsoles Moreno Cereceda MCIArb
Ciarb, Deutsche Bank

Sonsoles Moreno Cereceda is a lawyer and member of the Madrid Bar Association (ICAM) since 2000. She currently serves as Manager of the Insolvency, Litigation, and Mediation Department at Deutsche Bank SAEU. A member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Ciarb) since 2019, she is also co-founder and Controller of the Iberian Chapter of Ciarb, covering Spain, Portugal, and Andorra.

Programme (English)

16:00 – 16:15 Reception of attendees

16:15 – 16:30 Welcome remarks
José María García Gómez – ViceDeputy Regional Minister, Housing, Transport, Infrastructure Madrid Autonomous Community
César Pereira C.Arb FCIArb – President, Ciarb
Philip Landolt FCIArb – Chair European Branch, Ciarb
Nazareth Romero FCIArb – Iberian Chapter Chair, EU Branch, Ciarb
Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Spain to be confirmed

16:30 – 17:15 First Round Table: Arbitration Council of the Community of Madrid in the promotion of domestic arbitration
Moderator:
Beatriz Moreno – Lawyer real estate Arbitration Tribunal
Panellists :
Juan Ramón Montero – President, Arbitration Council, Madrid
Jaime Cabrero Garcia – Arbitration Court, General Council of Official Association of Real Estate Agents, COAPIM
Marcelino Pajares – Arbitration partner, Marimón Abogados

17:15 – 17:45 Coffee

17:45 – 18:30 Second Round Table: Dispute Prevention and Mitigation in Real Estate, Energy and Infrastructure Projects
Moderator:
Nazareth Romero FCIArb – Ovoli Romero Abogados S.L.
Panellists:
Man Sing Yeung C.Arb FCIArb – Li & Partners, Hong Kong
Mark Appel – Conflict Management Consultant, Mediator and Arbitrator, ArbDB Chambers, International Dispute Resolution Centre, United Kingdom
Yolanda García Rubio – Partner, CONEXIG, Spain
Olusola Adegbonmire C.Arb FCIArb – Chair, Ciarb Nigeria Branch, Sola Ajijola & Co.

18:30 – 18:45 Q&A and conclusions

18:45 - 19:00 Closing remarks
Sonsoles Moreno MCIArb – Ciarb, Deutsche Bank

Saturday, 11 April 2026

Exclusive Madrid Experience

Meeting Point: Romanticism Museum

10:00 **Start time**
Street San Mateo, 13. 28004 Madrid (Chueca District). Metro: Alonso Martínez; Guests will enjoy a guided visit to the museum, followed by a refined tea with pastries on its elegant terrace, offering a unique atmosphere reminiscent of 19th-century Madrid.

13:00 **Lunch**
We will proceed to a carefully selected traditional Madrid restaurant, where guests will experience a curated menu showcasing the finest Mediterranean Spanish cuisine in a warm and distinguished setting.

14:00 **Afternoon | Madrid Río**
A pleasant walk through the Madrid Río area will lead us to the iconic Café del Río, where guests will enjoy refreshments accompanied by exceptional panoramic views of the city.

18:30 **Conclusion of Programme**
The formal programme will conclude at this time. Guests are welcome to continue the evening at their leisure and experience Madrid's renowned nightlife.

Romanticism Museum Tickets may be obtained at the museum ticket office on the day of the visit.

Online via the official website:

https://www.culturaydeporte.gob.es/mromanticismo/inicio.html

Colecciones - Museo del Romanticismo | Ministerio de Cultura.

Kindly confirm attendance.

To ensure appropriate arrangements, we would appreciate confirmation of your attendance in advance. This will allow us to secure reservations for:

- Lunch at the selected restaurant
- Café del Río

We look forward to welcoming you to an elegant and memorable experience in Madrid!

Programa (Español)

16:00 – 16:15 Recepción de los asistentes

16:15 – 16:30 Palabras de bienvenida
José María García Gómez – Viceconsejero de Vivienda, Transportes e Infraestructuras de la Comunidad de Madrid
César Pereira C.Arb FCIArb – Presidente del Ciarb
Philip Landolt FCIArb – Presidente de la Sucursal Europea del Ciarb
Nazareth Romero FCIArb – Presidente del Capítulo Ibérico de la Sucursal Europea de Ciarb
Embajador del Reino Unido en España (por confirmar)

16:30 – 17:15 Primera Mesa Redonda: El Consejo de Arbitraje de la Comunidad de Madrid en la promoción del arbitraje nacional
Moderadora:
Beatriz Moreno – Abogada del Tribunal de Arbitraje Inmobiliario
Ponentes:
Juan Ramón Montero – Presidente del Consejo Arbitral de la Comunidad de Madrid
Jaime Cabrero – Tribunal de Arbitraje. Consejo General de la Asociación Oficial de Agentes Inmobiliarios (COAPIM)
Marcelino Pajares – Socio Arbitraje, Marimón Abogados

17:15 – 17:45 Café

17:45 – 18:30 Segunda Mesa Redonda: Prevención y Mitigación de Conflictos en Proyectos Inmobiliarios, Energéticos y de Infraestructura
Moderadora:
Nazareth Romero FCIArb – Ovoli Romero Abogados S.L.
Panelistas:
Man Sing Yeung C.Arb FCIArb – Li & Partners Hong Kong
Mark Appel – Consultor en Gestión de Conflictos, Mediador y Árbitro, ArbDB Chambers, Centro Internacional de Resolución de Conflictos, Reino Unido
Yolanda García Rubio – Socia, CONEXIG, España
Olusola Adegbonmire C.Arb FCIArb – Presidenta, Sucursal Nigeriana de Ciarb, Sola Ajijola & Co.

18:30 – 18:45 Preguntas y respuestas. Conclusiones

18:45 - 19:00 Observaciones finales
Sonsoles Moreno MCIArb – Deutsche Bank

Sábado 11 de abril de 2026: Experiencia exclusiva en Madrid - Museo romántico - Almuerzo - Madrid Río. Plazas limitadas. Inscripción obligatoria.

Lugar

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