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"is one of the world’s most respected and experienced practitioners of Public International Law, specializing for more than 25 years in the representation of Sovereign States in disputes with other States. He belongs to a select group of elite lawyers with extensive experience litigating on behalf of Sovereign States before the International Court of Justice in The Hague, and the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea in Hamburg. (Chambers Global 2010).

Among many other clients and cases, he was Counsel and Advocate for Nicaragua in the historic case of Nicaragua v. United States of America (1984-1986), regarding the illegal use of force in international relations, for Uruguay in the case of Argentina v. Uruguay (2006-2010), concerning international environmental protection and sustainable development, and for the Philippines in Philippines v. China (2013-2016) over maritime jurisdiction and entitlements in the South China Sea.

He has extensive experience representing and advising Sovereign States in land and maritime boundary disputes with neighboring States, including Nicaragua against Colombia in the International Court of Justice (2007-2012); and Somalia against Kenya (ICJ, 2014-present); Bangladesh against Myanmar before the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea (2009-2012); Ghana against Cote d’Ivoire (ITLOS, 2014-present); and in arbitrations under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, including Mauritius against the United Kingdom (2011-2015); Bangladesh against India (2009-2014) and Guyana against Suriname (2004-2007). He served as Mediator, appointed by the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, in the land and maritime boundary dispute between Guatemala and Belize (2000-2002).

He has represented Sovereign States in disputes over transboundary environmental harm, including Ecuador against Columbia; Uruguay against Argentina, and Nicaragua against Costa Rica, before the International Court of Justice.

He has also represented Sovereign States in disputes with foreign investors in the world’s principal arbitral forums, including the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), and the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC). He was counsel to Uruguay in its landmark victory over Philip Morris (in 2016) upholding the lawfulness of Uruguay’s tobacco control regulations promulgated to protect public health.

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