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**SUMMARY**

Arbitrator and experienced domestic, international, and investor-state arbitration counsel.

**NATIONALITIES**

Canadian

**EMPLOYMENT**

OWNER 2021 - Present  
*Romeo A. Rojas Professional Corporation*

- Independent Arbitrator

PARTNER 2019 - 2021  
ASSOCIATE 2016 - 2019  
*Bennett Jones, LLP* Calgary, Alberta

- Practiced in Bennett Jones' Arbitration, International Arbitration, Construction, Trade and Investment, and Aviation practice groups.
- Advised and represented clients in ad hoc domestic and international commercial arbitrations under Alberta's Arbitration Act and International Commercial Arbitration Act, and in administered arbitrations under the ADRI Rules, LCIA Rules and ICC Rules. Subject matters included pipeline construction, refinery construction, gas processing plant construction, transportation systems, purchase and sale agreements, partnership and joint venture agreements, and audits.
- Advised and represented investors and states in relation to investor-state disputes under various bilateral and multilateral investment treaties and free trade agreements.
- Provided advice and support to Bennett Jones LLP corporate practice groups with respect to drafting and negotiating dispute resolution provisions of contracts, particularly provisions for multi-party, multi-contract scenarios arising from complex transactions.
- Advised aviation industry clients in aviation regulatory law, particularly Canadian ownership requirements under the Canada Transportation Act.

ASSOCIATE  
LITIGATION AND INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION GROUPS  
*Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer, LLP*

2007 - 2016  
Calgary, Alberta

- Advised and represented clients in domestic and international commercial arbitrations under Alberta's Arbitration Act and International Commercial Arbitration Act, British Columbia's International Commercial Arbitration Act, UNCITRAL Rules, LCIA Rules and ICC Rules. Subject matters included oil and gas partnership, joint venture and royalty agreements; purchase and sale agreements; transportation agreements; international distribution agreements; pharmaceutical licensing agreements; and telecommunications licensing agreements.
- Advised and represented investors and a Middle Eastern state in investor-state disputes under the ICSID Rules and UNCITRAL Rules in the transportation, energy, telecommunications and agriculture sectors.
- Provided advice and support to Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP's energy, corporate transaction, and securities groups with respect to drafting and negotiating dispute resolution provisions of contracts, particularly provisions for multi-party, multi-contract scenarios arising from joint venture and partnership agreements.
- Acted as Tribunal Secretary in a complex construction dispute under the LCIA Rules involving a two-month hearing.
- Advised and represented clients in general commercial and energy litigation matters and arbitration-related litigation.
- Advised aviation and energy industry clients on aviation regulatory law and prepared submissions to the Canadian regulators on licensing matters. Acted as Special Aviation Counsel to Bristow Group Inc. of Houston, Texas in its acquisition of a minority interest in Cougar Helicopters from VIH Aviation Group for US\$250 million.

FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER (TRADE COMMISSIONER)  
*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade*

2001 - 2007  
Various locations

Assignments included:

- Counsel, Trade Law Bureau, Ottawa, Ontario (September – October 2007)
- Student-at-Law, Trade Law Bureau, Ottawa, Ontario (September 2006 – September 2007)
- Second Secretary (Commercial), Embassy of Canada, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (September 2004 – July 2005)
- Vice-Consul & Trade Commissioner, Consulate of Canada, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (September 2003 – August 2004)
- Liaison Officer for the Premier of Nova Scotia, Team Canada 2002 to Moscow, Berlin and Munich (February 2002)
- Desk Officer (Trade), Maghreb and Arabian Peninsula Division, Ottawa, Ontario (June 2001 – April 2003)

## **EDUCATION**

MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.) <i>University of Calgary</i>	2015 Calgary, Alberta
JURIS DOCTOR (J.D.) <i>University of British Columbia</i>	2000 Vancouver, BC
BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) (FIRST CLASS HONOURS) <i>University of Alberta</i>	1996 Edmonton, Alberta

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- Law Society of Alberta (2008 - Present)
- Law Society of British Columbia (2010 - 2021)
- Law Society of Upper Canada (2007 - 2016)

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Associate Member, 2013 - May 2021; Member, May 2021 - Present)
- ADR Institute of Canada (2021 - Present)
- ADR Institute of Alberta (2021 - Present)
- ICC Canada Arbitration Committee (2015 - 2016, 2019 - Present)
- ICC Canada Arbitration Committee, Latin America Outreach Committee (2020 - Present)
- Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners (Member, 2009 - 2015; Director, 2011 - 2015; Treasurer, 2013 - 2015; Advisory Board, 2015 - Present)
- Canadian Council for the Americas – Alberta (2020 - Present)
- International Bar Association (2008 - 2021)
- Canadian Bar Association (2007 - 2021)
- American Bar Association (2016 - 2021)
- Calgary Bar Association (2007 - 2021)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Co-author, "When Consolidation Fails: Challenges of Parallel Arbitral Proceedings" in *Energy Arbitration*, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed. (Global Arbitration Review, 2020).
- Co-author, "Canada" in *International Comparative Legal Guide on International Arbitration* (London: Global Legal Group, 2016)
- Co-author, "Canada" in *Arbitration World*, 5th ed., (London: Sweet & Maxwell, 2015)
- Co-author, "Canada" in *The International Arbitration Review*, 1st to 3rd eds., (London: Business Law Research, 2010- 2012)
- Co-author, "Arbitrating International Energy Disputes", *BDP Energy Newsletter*, (Spring, 2014)
- Co-author, "You Don't Really Expect Me to Pay This: The Problem of Stale Billings in the Energy Industry" (April 2012) *Oil Sands Review* 52

- Editor, Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners Newsletter, 2013-2015

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- Panelist, University of Calgary International Law Society, “Virtual Round Table: Career Paths in the International Arena” (March 2021)
- Panelist, ICC Canada Arbitration Conference, Tour d’Horizon Panel (Arbitration developments in Latin America and the Middle East) (September 2020)
- Adjunct Professor, University of Calgary Faculty of Law, Law 557: Commercial Arbitration (January 2020 to present)
- Arbitration for Litigators (Bennett Jones Academy) (November 2019)
- Presenter, Petroleum Joint Venture Association – Revisions to dispute resolution provisions of NAFTA/USMCA (October 2018)
- Substitute Lecturer, University of Calgary Faculty of Law, Law 557: Commercial Arbitration, (2016-2017)
- Presenter, "The Keystone Claim - Investment Disputes under the NAFTA", Petroleum Joint Venture Association (Calgary, 2016)
- Co-presenter, "Drafting Effective and Cost-Effective Arbitration Clauses", Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners Spring Symposium (Calgary, 2016)
- Roundtable facilitator, "Smart Disagreements", CBA Alberta Law Conference (Calgary, 2016)
- Faculty member, "A Debate and Discussion of investor-State Dispute Resolution in the Energy Sector", Annual Juris Investment Treaty Arbitration Conference (Washington, DC, 2013)
- Co-presenter, "Limitations Periods and Joint Venture Billings", Petroleum Joint Venture Association (Calgary, 2011 and 2013)
- Presenter, "Alberta Case Law Update", Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners Fall Symposium (Montreal, 2011)

## **COURSES**

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Accelerated Route to Fellowship (2021)
- American Arbitration Association, Arbitrator Ethics & Disclosure (2017)
- AAA/ICDR Canada Arbitrator/Mediator Training Symposium (2015)
- ICDR International Symposia in Advanced Case Management Issues (2013)
- University of Ottawa, Executive Short Program of the Certificate in Arbitration and International Arbitration (2012)
- Georgetown University Law Center, Institute of International Economic Law, Academy of WTO Law and Policy (2006)

## **DIRECTORSHIPS**

- Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners (2011-2015)
- PaceKids Programs for Children with Motor Disabilities (2009-2013)

## **PANEL APPOINTMENTS**

- Vancouver International Arbitration Centre (VanIAC), “Expedited Procedures Panel” (2021 – Present)
- International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), "Canada Expedited Panel" (for cases under the ICDR Canada Expedited Rules) (2015-Present)
- ICDR, "International Expedited Panel" (for cases under the ICDR International Expedited Rules) (2013-Present)

## **INDUSTRY RECOGNITION**

- Who’s Who Legal – Future Leader, Arbitration (2021)
- Chambers and Partners – Canada – Dispute Resolution: Arbitration, Up and Coming (2021)

## **LANGUAGES**

English (native) French (advanced), Russian (intermediate), Spanish (basic), Arabic (basic)