



## PRACTICE AREAS

International Arbitration  
Commercial Litigation and  
Arbitration  
International Trade  
Latin America

## EDUCATION

Universidad Nacional  
Autónoma de México, Law  
Degree (Licenciado en  
Derecho)

Culinary Institute of  
America and Universidad  
Anáhuac del Sur,  
Certificate in Culinary Arts

## ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Mexico

## LANGUAGES

Spanish  
English

## ATTORNEY PROFILE



### Antonio Riva Palacio Lavin Counsel

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Mr. Riva Palacio's practice is wholly international, encompassing international investment, international trade and international disputes such as commercial and investment-treaty arbitration as well as WTO litigation. He divides his time between the firm's offices in Dubai and Beijing.

His arbitration experience includes acting as counsel on both commercial arbitrations and investment treaty arbitrations. He has advised on disputes under most arbitration rules, including the rules of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). He has significant experience under Mexico's arbitration rules, where he has also acted as arbitrator and secretary to the tribunal under the international rules of the ICC, and local arbitration rules CANACO and CAM.

In the field of international trade, Mr. Riva Palacio has experience advising governments, State-owned entities, as well as private parties, producers, traders, and exporters, in antidumping and countervailing proceedings initiated by national authorities. Mr. Riva Palacio has also participated in several WTO disputes both attacking and defending trade remedy measures, laws and regulations.

Mr. Riva Palacio has a strong transactional background gained in Curtis' New York and Mexico offices and has particular experience advising clients with interests in Latin America. Bilingual in English and Spanish, he has advised on many cross-border transactions, including joint ventures with Latin-American parties, infrastructure and trade finance transactions as well as general commercial matters, with a particular focus on the oil and gas sector.

Mr. Riva Palacio has lectured on the law of treaties and international organizations and frequently participates in academic programs on international litigation and advocacy.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Barra Mexicana, Colegio de Abogados (Mexican Bar Association)  
Club Español del Arbitraje  
International Bar Association, Young Lawyers' Committee  
ICC Young Arbitrators Forum  
The Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (ADR Standing Committee and Young Lawyer's Standing Committee)  
LCIA-YIAG, London Court of International Arbitration (Young International Arbitration Group)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition  
Judge at the International Rounds in Washington, D.C., and in the national/regional rounds in Beijing, Mexico, Miami, and Shanghai.  
Member of the Authorial Committee (2008–2010). Member of the Rules Committee (2010–2011).

## News

*June 8, 2015*

### **GAR Highlights Curtis Arbitration Promotions**

*May 8, 2015*

### **Curtis Names Two New Partners and 11 New Counsel**

## Publications

*May 2017*

### **Curtis Washington Trade Update - May 2017**

Daniel Porter, James Durling, Matthew McCullough, Antonio Riva Palacio Lavin, Valerie S. Ellis, Gabriela Alvarez-Avila, Santiago Corcuera-Cabezut, Antonio M. Prida

*April 12, 2017*

### **Curtis Washington Trade Update - April 2017**

Daniel Porter, James Durling, Matthew McCullough, Antonio Riva Palacio Lavin, Valerie S. Ellis, Gabriela Alvarez-Avila, Santiago Corcuera-Cabezut, Antonio M. Prida

*March 15, 2017*

### **Curtis Washington Trade Update - March 2017**

Daniel Porter, James Durling, Matthew McCullough, Antonio Riva Palacio Lavin, Valerie S. Ellis, Gabriela Alvarez-Avila, Santiago Corcuera-Cabezut, Antonio M. Prida

*April 2015*

### **Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards in Mexico**

*Recognition and Enforcement of International Arbitral Awards in Latin America: Law, Practice and Leading Cases; Brill/Nijhoff*  
Claudia Frutos-Peterson, Antonio Riva Palacio Lavin

*2012*

### **The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (El Pacto Internacional de Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales)**

*Mexico, Comisión Nacional de Derechos Humanos 2012*  
Antonio Riva Palacio Lavin

*2009*

### **Commentaries on the Legal Reforms of 2008 to the Mexican**

**Energy Sector (Comentarios sobre las reformas del año 2008 al sector energético mexicano)**

*15 ILSA Journal of International & Comparative Law (Summer 2009)*

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2006

**Sources of Public International Law (Fuentes del Derecho Internacional Público)**

*Derecho Internacional Público. Lara Patrón, Rubén and Gerardo de Icaza (coords.) Mexico, IURE Editores, 2006.*

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2005

**Reviews: Legalized Injustice: Mexican Legal Proceedings and Human Rights (Recensiones: Injusticia legalizada: procedimiento legal mexicano y derechos humanos)**

*18 Boletín Interprocuradurías (nueva época, July–September, 2005)*

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