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Kevin Villanueva Sotomayor is a lawyer from Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP), with undergraduate and postgraduate studies in Civil Procedure Law, International Standard Construction Contracts (Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas - UPC) and Works for Taxation (Universidad Continental).

Kevin has been a senior associate in the Lima, Peru office of Garrigues' Litigation and Arbitration practice since January 2018. He specializes in civil and commercial litigation and arbitration, with an emphasis on construction (private and state-owned).

Kevin is the author of several academic articles on civil matters and dispute resolution.

Experience

International Visiting Professional in Madrid from September 2024 to November 2024.

Senior associate from January 2025.

Associate from January 2021.

Junior since June 2019.

Trainee (Legal Assistant - Professional Practice) since January 2018.

Joined the firm in January 2018.

He completed pre-professional internships at the Peruvian firm Benites, Forno & Ugaz (today Benites, Vargas & Ugaz) and at the Arbitration Unit of the Center for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (CARC PUCP).

He has extensive experience in judicial proceedings and arbitration in civil and commercial matters, with special mention in construction cases under private contracts and public contracts (State contracts, Works for Taxes, Public Private Partnerships and Investment in Assets).

His experience also includes recurrent advice and issuance of legal opinions on contractual matters (private and public).

He recurrently participates in legal due diligence procedures, carried out prior to the signing of mergers and acquisitions (M&A), financing and refinancing transactions, and bond issues. Specifically, his intervention in these procedures consists of identifying and assessing the risks concerning claims that could potentially be argued before a judge or arbitrator, or that are already known by one of them.

He is fluent in Spanish and English.

Academic background

- Bachelor of Laws from Pontifica Universidad Católica del Perú (2018).
- Law Degree from Pontifica Universidad Católica del Perú (2019), magna cum laude.
- Specialization Course in International Construction Standard Contracts (2021) by the Postgraduate School of the Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas, first place in the order of merit.
- Diploma in Works for Taxes at Universidad Continental (2023).

Teaching activity

He is an adjunct professor at Pontifica Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP), in the course of Contract Law and has been an adjunct professor, head of practice and/or teaching assistant in other courses in civil and civil procedural matters, both at PUCP and at Universidad de Lima.

He participates as a speaker in various civil law, procedural and arbitration events.

He also participates as arbitrator in Arbitration Moots.

Memberships

Kevin Villanueva Sotomayor is a member of Lima Bar Association.

Publications

1. Notes about Peruvian Civil Code. Comments on penalty clause. Co-author. Editorial del Instituto Pacífico. 2022.
2. "The Litigation Market: towards the implementation of Private Enforcement instruments". Co-author. Published in the collective work "Paper Justice: Disruptive Reforms to the Justice System". Editorial Palestra and Editorial de la Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP). Centennial Edition of the Law School of the PUCP. 2021.
3. "Effective judicial protection in times of COVID-19: notes on the rebus sic stantibus clause in precautionary matters.". Author. Published in the collective work "Disaster Law: Covid-19 - Volume I: Peru". Published by the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP). Centennial Edition of the Law School of the PUCP. 2020.
4. "The cost of life: tort liability for death". Co-author. Published in the collective work "Civil Liability and Non-Patrimonial Damage". Editorial del Instituto Pacífico. 2020.

5. "How the reform of the Peruvian Arbitration Law will impact after the Odebrecht case". Co-author. Published on the Garrigues website. 2020. https://www.garrigues.com/es_ES/noticia/asi-impactara-la-reforma-de-la-ley-de-arbitraje-peruana-tras-el-caso-odebrecht
6. "Does every good punch lead to a knockout? On the extinctive effects of the statute of limitations." Author. Pólemos web portal, of the magazine Derecho y Sociedad (D&S). 2019. <https://polemos.pe/todo-buen-golpe-conlleva-a-un-nocaut-sobre-los-efectos-extintivos-de-la-prescripcion/>
7. Regularly publishes in Garrigues' Litigation Newsletter and Arbitration Newsletter.