

GEORGETOWN LAW

Graduate Professional Development

Foreign-Trained LL.M. alumni Panel Biographies

February 4, 2009

José Tadeo Martínez, a citizen of Venezuela, obtained his law degree from the Universidad Central de Venezuela in 1999. He received a diploma in International Contracts from the Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha in 2003, a Masters in Private International Law and Comparative Law from the Universidad Central de Venezuela in 2005. He obtained the Fulbright-Laspau scholarship to study the LL.M. in International Legal Studies at Georgetown University Law Center where he graduated in 2006. He currently works as a project attorney at the Legal Department of the Inter-American Development Bank, ascribed to the Private Sector and Non-Sovereign Guaranteed Operations division. Before joining the IDB, Tadeo worked as a Legal Fellow in the Inter-American Investment Corporation (Washington, DC); as an Associate Lawyer in D'Empaire Reyna Abogados (Caracas); and as a solo practitioner (Caracas). He has been a professor and researcher at the School of Law of the Universidad Central de Venezuela since 2000 and has published several articles in the field of Private International Law.

Marwan Maalouf received a Master of Laws in International Legal Studies from Georgetown University Law Center in 2008 and is currently working as a lawyer at Freedom House, a Washington, D.C. non-governmental organization that supports the expansion of freedom in the world. Mr. Maalouf studied law in Beirut and in Europe, and was the President of the Student Board at Saint Joseph Faculty of Law during the Cedar Revolution which forced the withdrawal of Syria from Lebanon. He was one of the leaders of an active movement of law students at that time and led a series of roundtable discussions in the Liberty Camps in Martyrs Square on citizenship, democracy, and civil liberties. Mr. Maalouf worked as a Law Clerk in Lebanon and as a Legal Intern with the International Court of Justice in The Hague. He also was a Co-founder of two organizations in Lebanon – the Chaen Lebanese Center for Policy Studies and Civil Watch Group, through which he led advocacy campaigns for electoral law reform and monitored the performance of the Lebanese Parliament.

Anne Marie Lauschus is an attorney working on public sector transactions of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the development of the private sector in Latin America. Ms. Lauschus is a Colombian citizen who obtained her law degree in 2002 and her Political Science degree in 2005 from the Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia. She also has two advanced law degrees; one in Corporate Law Universidad de Los Andes in 2006 and an LL.M. degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 2008. Before joining the Legal Department of the IDB, Ms. Lauschus worked as Senior Associate for Gómez-Pinzón Abogados and as an Associate for Prieto y Carrizosa, S.A. Attorneys, both prominent law firms in Bogotá, Colombia. She has also worked for the Colombian government from 2003-2004 in a program to restructure the State.

Vanessa Durán Acosta obtained a law degree from Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá, Colombia, and a Masters in commercial law from Universidad de los Andes. She practiced law for four years in the leading Colombian firm of Gómez-Pinzón Zuleta Abogados in the areas of corporate law and arbitration. In 2007, She obtained a LL.M. in International Legal Studies from Georgetown University Law Center. Since then, Ms. Durán has been working with the international arbitration group of Arnold & Porter LLP, in Washington, D.C.

Jan Blöchliger is a foreign associate in the Financial Services Regulatory and Enforcement practice of Mayer Brown LLP in Washington, D.C. Mr. Blöchliger has previously worked in business law firms and a district court in Switzerland. He also held an internship at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington, D.C. Mr. Blöchliger studied law at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland and was admitted to the Bar in Switzerland in 2005. In 2008, he received an LL.M. degree in Securities and Financial Regulation from Georgetown University Law Center. He is fluent in German and English.

Gonzalo Aguirre is working as an international legal consultant in the corporate department of the Washington, D.C. office of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP and is a member of the Latin America Practice Group and the Global Projects Group. Mr. Aguirre is a member of Carey y Cía.'s Banking and Financial Group. His practice areas are banking, financial, and corporate law. He is scheduled to return to Carey y Cía.'s Banking and Financial Group in his native Chile after he finishes his time in the Washington, D.C. firm. Mr. Aguirre served as an Assistant Professor of Commercial Law during 2004 and 2005 and as an Assistant Professor of Constitutional Law during 2000 and 2001, both at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile School of Law. He is a member of the Chilean Bar Association. Mr. Aguirre studied law at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile School of Law and was admitted to the Bar in 2003. In 2008 he received an LL.M. degree in Securities and Financial Regulation from Georgetown University Law Center. He is fluent in Spanish and English.