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Dispute Resolution: Litigation and Arbitration

Karen Werner is the responsible partner in charge of the dispute resolution area at Garrigues office in Chile. With over 15 years of experience, her practice focuses on high complexity conflict resolution, both in litigation and domestic and international arbitration. She has extensive experience in disputes in various industries, including construction, telecommunications, mining, financial industry, real estate, among others. She has also had significant experience in corporate and shareholder disputes.

She has relevant experience in insolvency and restructuring proceedings.

Experience

In her professional experience, Karen Werner has worked as a litigator in prestigious Chilean and international law firms.

In 2009, she joined Cariola, Diez & Pérez Cotapos' litigation and arbitration team as an associate.

In 2013, she joined Gutiérrez, Waugh, Jimeno & Asenjo, a boutique firm specialized in dispute resolution, as a senior associate.

After completing her master's studies at Columbia where she obtained an LLM degree, she joined Covington & Burling's international arbitration team in New York as an international associate.

In 2019, she joined Bofill, Mir & Alvarez Jana as a partner in charge of the litigation area, which later split to form a new boutique firm, Jana & Gil Dispute Resolution, where Karen Werner joined as a founding partner and managing partner.

Academic background

Karen Werner has a law degree from Pontifical Catholic University of Chile.

She also holds an LLM degree from Columbia University in New York, where she graduated as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.

Teaching activity

- Professor, course on Constitutional Rights Litigation. Universidad de Chile, 2023 - 2024
- Assistant Professor, Procedural Law. Universidad de Los Andes 2012 - 2013.
- Teaching Assistant, Constitutional Law. Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 2004 -2006.

Memberships

- Chilean Bar Association
- Woman Lawyers Committee, Chilean Bar Association.

Distinctions

- Chambers & Partners (Chile)
  Band 6 (2025)
- Chambers & Partners (Chile and Global)
  Up and Coming, Litigation (2022-2024)
- The Legal 500
  Next Generation Partner in Dispute Resolution, Litigation and Arbitration (2022-2024).
- The Legal 500 Awards 2024
  Next Generation Partner of the Year, all categories.
- Leading Lawyers 2024
  Abogada Joven destacado en Litigación Civil.
- Best Lawyers 2024
  Destacada en Litigios Civiles.
- Benchmark Litigation 2021
  Litigation Star
  Nominada a Mejor Abogada Litigante Joven de Chile.

Publications

- "Chambers Global Practice Guides International Arbitration (Chile)". 2022. Chambers and Partners Legal Publishers.
- "The Practicioner’s Guide to Global Investigations Volume II: Global Investigations around the World (Fourth Edition)”. 2020. Global Investigations Review, Law Business Research.
- “Law and Practice in Chile: Chambers Legal Practice Guides, Litigation". 2014. Chambers & Partners Legal Publishers.