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Clifford J. Hendel has been a partner in the Madrid firm of Araoz & Rueda since 1997.

Born and educated in the United States, he is a dual US-French citizen. He speaks English, Spanish and French fluently. He is admitted to practice in New York (1985), England and Wales (1995), Paris (1996) and Madrid (2000), and thus is simultaneously an attorney, solicitor, *avocat à la cour* and *abogado*.

Before joining Araoz & Rueda, he was a corporate associate and later Of Counsel in the New York and Paris offices of a leading global law firm. He started his legal career as judicial law clerk in the United States Court for the District of Connecticut, after obtaining a J.D. from the University of Connecticut (*Cum Laude*) and a B.A. from Wesleyan University (*Magna Cum Laude*).

Having practiced for over 25 years in an international context, the larger portion of this time being based in Europe (including four years in Paris), Mr. Hendel has extensive experience in international financial transactions, particularly secured transactions and other structured and leveraged financings involving a wide range of projects and assets, and in advising on international mergers and acquisitions.

In the area of international arbitration, he has acted as counsel, sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and Chair in numerous arbitral proceedings, both ad-hoc and administered by institutions such as the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and the *Corte de Arbitraje de la Cámara de Comercio e Industria de Madrid*.

He is included in the ICC's US and French national lists of arbitrators and has been appointed by the ICC as sole arbitrator, Chair and co-arbitrator in matters involving a variety of applicable laws, particularly Spanish and French law.

He is a member of the American Bar Association (ABA), the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), the International Bar Association (IBA), the *Union Internationale des Avocats* (UIA) and other professional associations. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a member of the Global Panel of Neutrals of the International Institute for Conflict, Prevention & Resolution (CPR), an Accredited Mediator of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) and a Mediator of the *Centro de Mediación y Solución de Conflictos* (CEMED).

He is Chair of the Spain Chapter of NYSBA's International Practice Section and a member of the Governing Board of the *Club Español de Arbitraje*, the *Asociación Latinoamericana de Arbitraje (ALARB)*, the LCIA's European Council and the Advisory Board of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA). He is also moderator of ITAFOR, the *ITA Foro de Arbitraje Latinoamericano*.

Mr. Hendel has frequently served as an arbitrator in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot competition in Vienna and in preparatory competitions in Madrid, as well as in similar Spanish language competitions. He has been an adjunct professor of law at Madrid's Instituto de Empresa, teaching International Contracts in its international LLM, and has lectured on international arbitration in the context of international M&A and project finance transactions at Madrid's Universidad de Alcalá de Henares and on sports arbitration at Madrid's Universidad Rey Juan Carlos.

He has been rated as "Recommended Individual" in Arbitration in Chambers & Partners, PLC Which Lawyer, The Legal 500 EMEA and European Legal Experts in all editions since 2000. Special distinction as "Most in demand arbitrator" in Chambers & Partner Global Guide editions since 2009. Included in the list of "Best Lawyers in Spain" of the legal directory Best Lawyers in the categories of International Arbitration, Arbitration/Mediation and Corporate/M&A in editions since 2010. He has also numerous recommendations in the above-mentioned legal directories in the areas of Banking & Finance and Corporate.

He has written and lectured on a broad variety of legal and practice topics.