

Mariana Silveira

Ms. Silveira has over 10 years experience working in areas and issues related to international and commercial law. After graduating from law school in 1991, she practiced law for four years in Montevideo, Uruguay, including work as an attorney at one of the major law firms in the country. Ms. Silveira conducted litigation work (in civil, commercial and labor cases), legal research and consulting activities in civil, commercial and international trade issues. In 1995, she was granted a Fulbright scholarship to study at the University of Arizona, and she received her Master's degree in international trade law in May 1996. Since 1996, she has been an attorney at the National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade (NLCIFT), headquartered in Tucson, Arizona, which has been a key advisor to official U.S. delegations at trade-related meetings and conferences regarding Latin America. Presently, she is the Research Director of the NLCIFT. In such capacity, her activities include research, drafting proposals, guidelines and comparative studies in different areas of the law (including secured transactions, multimodal transportation, investment securities, securitization, alternative dispute resolution, electronic documentation, consumer protection, family law issues and customs issues), as well as representing the NLCIFT before various national, regional and international organizations - the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the World Trade Organization, the Organization of American States and the Hague Conference on Private International Law.