



CYNTHIA ABIGAIL CÁRDENAS REAL

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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AREAS OF INTEREST

- National and international commercial arbitration
- Administrative Law
- Constitutional Law
- Civil Law

COMPETENCIES

- Drafting memorials, written submissions, and oral pleadings in simulated cases involving international sales of goods and complex commercial contracts.
- Effective teamwork under demanding conditions, coordination of case strategies, and joint preparation of oral hearings in competitive contexts.
- Strong oral advocacy in Spanish and English, including the presentation of legal arguments before simulated arbitration panels.
- Legal reporting, regulatory analysis, and specialized design and structuring of commercial and contractual instruments.
- Advanced research in international commercial arbitration, business law, and contracts, geared toward building coherent and persuasive advocacy.
- Proficient in office tools and digital collaboration platforms for handling documents, coordinating communications, and supporting team-based legal work.

PROFILE

Abigail is a Law and International Relations student with a particular focus on public law, national and international commercial arbitration, and complex dispute resolution. Her background reflects both academic excellence and a strong orientation toward legal argumentation, research, and critical analysis of cases. She has undertaken early professional experiences in the public sector and in private firms, enabling her to become acquainted with the practical realities of litigation.

She has been recognized on the Chancellor's Honor List at Universidad San Francisco de Quito for her outstanding academic performance. Her profile is marked by intensive participation in arbitration and oral advocacy competitions, including representing USFQ at the 33rd Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. She has acted as an oralist in the international commercial arbitration competition held in Lima and in the 2025 national arbitration and banking law competition. These experiences have enhanced her capacity to build procedural strategies, handle complex mock disputes, and collaborate in high-pressure teams, reinforcing her commitment to arbitration and dispute resolution.

EDUCATION

- Fifth-year Law student at Universidad San Francisco de Quito (2021 – present)
- Third-year International Relations student at Universidad San Francisco de Quito (2022 – present)

EXPERIENCE

Paralegal – **Tesseract Bureau**
November 2025 – Present | Quito, Ecuador
Contributes to the preparation of judicial and arbitral writings, undertakes legal research, and coordinates



LANGUAGES

Spanish – Native

English - B2

documentation for complex litigation and commercial arbitration cases.

International Cooperation Intern – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility
December 2024 – March 2025 | Quito, Ecuador
Contributed to the drafting of reports and NGO agreements, and to the review of documentation required for the registration, tracking, and evaluation of international cooperation projects.

Paralegal – Lawyers, litigation, negotiation and conciliation S.A.S.
February – May 2024 | Quito, Ecuador
Assisted in drafting claims and defenses, managing procedural steps in judicial cases, and performing legal research to develop effective litigation strategies.

Tutor – Learning Center Universidad San Francisco de Quito
January – December 2024 | Quito, Ecuador
Providing personalized tutoring in Civil Law, reinforcing theoretical and practical course content, and offering academic support to lower-level students.

CERTIFICATIONS

- 33rd Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot – Vienna – Team Member representing USFQ (March–April 2025)
- *Academic event: ¿Otra constituyente? Reflexión sobre las propuestas de cambio constitucional en la actualidad* – CEDEC (2025)
- International Commercial Arbitration Competition, Lima – Oralist, reached Quarterfinals (September 2025)
- National Banking Law Competition (ASOBANCA) – Oral Advocate, First Place (July 2025)
- National Arbitration Competition – Team Oral Advocate (July 2025)

November-2025

