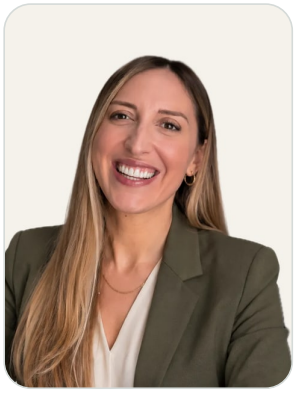
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NATIONALITY	Spanish
RESIDENCE	Valencia, Spain
AVAILABILITY	Arbitrator · Tribunal secretary · Mediator

PROFILE

Pilar Prados is a Spanish-qualified lawyer, admitted to the Madrid Bar (ICAM) since 2010. Her career is built around a strategic international axis linking Spain, Brazil, the United States and Latin America. After her LL.M. at Columbia Law School, she gained experience in New York as part of the Chaffetz Lindsey legal team, specializing in ICC and ICDR international arbitrations in the construction sector in Latin America. She then spent three years in Cuatrecasas's São Paulo office, leading arbitration defenses and advising companies and private equity funds on cross-border transactions in Brazil.

After her time in elite legal practice, she moved into technology. As co-founder of Bounsel (a contract management platform) and Maistik (an artificial Intelligence development studio), she knows first-hand how a business really works: how it is financed, how it contracts, and how software and AI are built. That entrepreneurial experience gives her a unique competitive advantage in unpacking the technical complexity of technology disputes.

Today, free of executive duties and of the conflicts of interest that come with large firms, her independent practice is strictly set up to accept appointments as a neutral in dispute resolution.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2026 – Present	**Founding partner** Dacord · Valencia
2024 – Present	**Co-founder** Maistik · Valencia
2018 – Present	**Co-founder** Bounsel · Valencia
2017 – 2018	**Legal Counsel** Willowi · Valencia
2015 – 2017	**Associate Brazil** Cuatrecasas · São Paulo
2014 – 2015	**Foreign Associate** Chaffetz Lindsey LLP · New York
2010 – 2013	**Associate PPAI** Cuatrecasas · Madrid · São Paulo · Barcelona

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EDUCATION

2014	**Master of Laws (LL.M.)** Columbia Law School · New York
2012	**Specialization in Brazilian Corporate Law** FGV São Paulo · São Paulo
2010	**Master in Stock Exchange and Financial Markets** IEB · Madrid
2010	**Law Degree** Universidad Complutense de Madrid · Madrid

BAR ADMISSION

2010	**Spain** Ilustre Colegio de la Abogacía de Madrid

LANGUAGES

Native	**Spanish**
Bilingual	**English · Portuguese**
Limited working proficiency	**French · German · Catalan**

RELEVANT CASES AS PARTY COUNSEL

Construction Brazil	I represented a Brazilian construction company against a Brazilian state-owned oil company in an ICC arbitration regarding the construction of an FPSO vessel.
Infrastructure Mining	I represented a Bolivian company against one of the world's largest mining companies in a UNCITRAL / ICDR arbitration regarding the construction of a power transmission line between Chile and Argentina.
Post-M&A Environment	I represented the sellers of a Spanish energy production group against a US listed corporation in an ICC arbitration over post-M&A and environmental disputes.
Energy Project finance	I took part in an ICC arbitration over a project-finance dispute concerning a power plant in Guatemala.

SELECTED TRANSACTIONS

Management buyout	I advised KKR on the divestment of the Spanish subsidiary of IT group ACECO in Brazil.
Joint venture	I advised Patria Investments / Blackstone on the negotiation and execution of the joint venture between Smartfit and its Panamanian partner for fitness centers in Colombia.
Pharma	I advised IFC on the divestment of the pharmaceutical group's Brazilian subsidiary and the negotiation of related commercial agreements.
Private equity	I advised Mercapital on the acquisition of 70% of Rubaiyat, the Spanish-Brazilian restaurant chain, and its Latin American expansion.
M&A Brazil	I advised Ayesa on the acquisition of a Brazilian engineering firm.
Energy	I took part in establishing the Spanish division of the Iberian Energy Market Operator (MIBEL), in accordance with the Santiago Agreement between Spain and Portugal.

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TEACHING

2026 – Present — **Trainer, Negotiation workshop**
Universitat Politècnica de València · Valencia

2024 – Present — **Lecturer, Master in Legaltech and Compliance**
University of Valencia · Valencia

2024 – Present — **Trainer, Negotiation workshop**
INCIBE · Valencia

2019 – 2020 — **Lecturer, Tech Applications and Coding for Lawyers**
Esade · Barcelona

PUBLICATIONS

Retos Contemporáneos del Arbitraje Internacional
Tirant lo Blanch (Mexico) | Héctor Flores Sentíes (Editor) · Sep 1, 2018
Chapter: La Carga de la Prueba y la Admisibilidad en Arbitraje Internacional: Asuntos que Merecen una Temprana Audiencia (pages 99-128), co-author with J. Permesly and D. Guevara.

Burden of Proof in International Arbitration
Spain Arbitration Review | Club Español del Arbitraje · Nov 1, 2017
La Carga de la Prueba y la Admisibilidad en Arbitraje Internacional: Asuntos que Merecen una Temprana Audiencia (Publication No. 30/2017), with J. Permesly (Skadden) and D. Guevara (Walsh Guevara)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2021 · 2025 — **Valencia Digital Summit**
Valencia

2023 — **South Summit**
Madrid

2022 — **Slush**
Helsinki

2011 – 2012 — **Spanish Chamber of Commerce in Brazil**
São Paulo

COMMITTEES

2021 – Present — **Startup Valencia**
Seed Advisor, Startup Valencia committee

2020 – Present — **Fundación Mutualidad**
Youth Advisory Board Member

2018 – Present — **Valencia Legal Hackers**
Co-founder

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2026 – Present — **IBA · Arbitration Committee**
Member

2026 – Present — **IBA · Latin American Regional Forum**
Member

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2026 – Present
IBA · Women Lawyers' Committee
Member

2026 – Present
ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (ICC YAAF)
Member

2026 – Present
Young ICCA
Member

2018 – Present
Columbia Club of Spain
Member

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

2026
Specialist in ODR Mediation
Escuela Internacional de Mediación

2025
Certified Mediator
Ministerio de la Presidencia, Justicia y Relaciones con las Cortes

2025
Expert in Civil, Commercial and Family Mediation
Escuela Internacional de Mediación

2017
Online Course on EIB Environmental & Social Sustainability Management
Frankfurt School of Finance & Management

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2022
Google for Startups Women Founders Academy
Madrid

2022
Scientist and Innovator
Ministry of Science and Innovation of Spain (FECYT)

2020
Premio Talento Joven CV
Levante-EMV and Bankia

2019
Innovatia 8.3 Award
Spanish Women's Institute (Ministry for Equality)

2019
Women in Entrepreneurship
European Young Innovators Forum · Madrid

2010
Cuatrecasas · Pro International Legal Practice Program (PPAI)
Program reserved for a small group of young lawyers to rotate across practice areas and offices, complete an LL.M. and practice at a US law firm. Rotations in International Arbitration, Corporate and Tax in Madrid, São Paulo and Barcelona.

2005
IEB-CECA Honor Scholarship
IEB

2005
Madrid Excellence Award
Madrid's Department of Education