



Guanes, Heisecke & Piera
Abogados

Dr. Alejandro Piera

Alejandro Piera is a founding partner at the Asuncion-based law firm of Guanes, Heisecke & Piera Attorneys at Law (GHP). His areas of practice include aviation, arbitration, corporate, competition, foreign investment, cross border, insurance, information technology, transportation and maritime, and sports law. In May 2017, the 67th FIFA Congress appointed Alejandro Vice-Chair of FIFA's Disciplinary Committee.

At GHP, Alejandro is in charge of the firm's foreign investment, cross-border, arbitration, and international practice. As part of an Alliance with two prestigious international law firms, Alejandro leads GHP in acting as the primary external legal services provider for a renown international organization in 43 jurisdictions. On numerous occasions, he has served as an international consultant for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the various governments. Alejandro is an arbitrator of the Shanghai International Arbitration Center, and the Paraguayan Chamber of Arbitrators and Mediators (CAMP). Also, he is a columnist of the business journal *5 Dias* (www.5dias.com.py/search/piera) and the President of the Paraguayan ItchLaw Association (APADIT).

Alejandro's legal practice has benefited from a significant international exposure. For a number of years, Alejandro served as Permanent Advisor to the Diplomatic Mission of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on the Council of ICAO in Montreal, Quebec. As *rapporteur* of ICAO's Legal Committee, he substantially contributed to the modernization of the Tokyo Convention 1963 – a process that ultimately led to the adoption of the Montreal Protocol 2014. Alejandro was elected vice-chair of ICAO's Legal Committee.

In the past, based in Montreal, Alejandro also served as IATA's Senior Legal Counsel. At IATA, Alejandro was responsible for international regulatory matters and international lawmaking at ICAO. In addition to being extremely familiar to the environment of international organizations, Alejandro has hands-on experience on international drafting, international negotiations, stakeholder management, and engagement of representatives of the civil society.

Alejandro taught for a number of years at the National University of Asuncion. At present, Alejandro serves as external instructor on international law courses of IATA Training, and as a guest lecturer in post-graduate courses at the Catholic University of Argentina, the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) and the Institute of Air and Space Law of the Argentine Air Force (INDAE). Alejandro has lectured in Canada, the United States, Asia, Europe and Latin America. He is a frequent speaker at various international law *fora*.

Alejandro has written extensively. Amongst others, in 2015, Eleven International Publishing released his new book titled *Greenhouse Gases from International Aviation: Legal and Policy Issues*. Alejandro holds a doctorate (PhD) and LLM degrees from McGill University. In 2016, the *Association des Professeures et Professeurs de Droit du Quebec* awarded him the prize of best doctoral thesis 2015. He also holds a BCL from the National University of Asuncion.