



**Gabriel Mulero Clas**  
**Foreign Qualified Lawyer**

Gabriel Mulero Clas joined Corbett & Co. in 2013 as a Foreign Qualified Lawyer. He deals with large international construction and engineering projects and disputes.

Gabriel has been recently involved in complex multi-million-dollar claims, dispute adjudication board and ICC & SIAC arbitration proceedings as advisor, representative and advocate, as necessary. He has acted for governments and ministries, international contractors, consultants, development banks and aid agencies on construction projects including power plants, airports, seaports, roads and railways in Europe, South Asia, West & East Africa, Central America, the Caribbean and the UAE in FIDIC and other forms of contract. His experience includes assisting on matters concerning the widely reported case of *Obrascon Huarte Lain SA v Her Majesty's Attorney General for Gibraltar* in both the Technology and Construction Court and the Court of Appeal of England and Wales. He has also presented for Cornerstone Seminars and is the author of *Chapter 20 – Employer's and Contractor's Claims* in the book *FIDIC 2017 – A Practical Legal Guide* published in November 2020.

Gabriel holds a Master of Laws (Merit) from University College London, a Juris Doctor (Cum Laude) from the University of Puerto Rico and two Bachelor of Arts in Economics and International Relations (Cum Laude) from Boston University. He is an attorney at law from the US jurisdiction of Puerto Rico with working experience in English, Spanish and French.

He moved to London in 2010 for his Master of Laws focusing on International Arbitration, Comparative Contracts, International Trade and International Finance. He obtained a distinction on his dissertation on electronic commerce and standardised contracts in the United States and Europe. He then worked with a Spanish and British data management company advising on partnership agreements and a start-up merger. Before joining Corbett & Co., Gabriel worked for Linklaters LLP where he was involved in multi-million-pound banking and financing projects and from where he was seconded to ABN AMRO Bank London to advise on contractual matters.

Before moving to London, Gabriel developed his own legal practice in Puerto Rico where he advised clients on contracts, labour issues and family disputes including an agency of the Government of Puerto Rico.

**Citizenship:** United States of America

**Languages:** Spanish & English (Native/Bilingual) and French (Proficient)

## Expertise

Subject	Description	Country
<b>Roads</b>	Advising a government foreign aid agency on a multi-million-dollar development commitment regarding road refurbishments. The advice involved questions of bilateral foreign aid agreements, contract terms of an amended FIDIC 1999 Red Book in French and bonds.	West Africa
	Acting for the contractor in ICC arbitration proceedings seated in Paris in respect of claims arising from a FIDIC 1999 Yellow Book on a motorway project. The arbitration involved delay and disruption claims amongst others on a €65 million project.	Romania
<b>Railways</b>	Acting for the contractor on DAB proceedings and subsequent ICC arbitrations in respect of two high-speed railway FIDIC 1999 Red Book projects the total costs of which were in excess of €160 million. The arbitration involved significant delay and disruption claims and sub-contractor claims, among others.	Romania
	Advising the contractor on dispute avoidance and resolution in respect of change order claims arising out of a bespoke turnkey contract for the construction of a US\$ 1 billion railway project.	UAE
<b>Energy &amp; Dams</b>	Acting for the employer in relation to delay and additional payment claims in excess of €900 million concerning a large hydroelectric power project under an amended FIDIC Silver Book 1999.	Africa
	Acting for the employer on a DAB proceeding in respect of a multi-million-dollar hydroelectric power project under a FIDIC Pink Book 2010. The DAB involved a variation and significant delay and disruption claims.	East Africa
	Advising a regional development investment bank on the termination of a FIDIC 1999 Yellow Book project for the construction of a major hydroelectric power plant.	Eastern Europe
<b>Dredging &amp; Ports</b>	Advising the employer in respect of claims for delay damages and defects concerning the construction of a cruise ship pier and associated dredging works under an amended FIDIC Yellow Book 1999.	Caribbean

<b>Dredging &amp; Ports (continued)</b>	Acting for the developer in an ICC arbitration against a consultant engineer regarding the construction of a new breakwater in a project relating to the construction of a container terminal.	West Africa
<b>Buildings</b>	Advising the contractor on a series of claims in a project for the construction of a specialised building.	Eastern Europe
<b>Airports</b>	Acting for the employer in a SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore concerning a US\$60 million FIDIC Pink Book 2010 project for the extension of an airport runway, apron and international terminal building. The disputes concerned termination and delay claims, amongst others, and included an interim measures emergency arbitration.	South Asia
	Member of the legal team acting for the Government of Gibraltar in the Technology and Construction Court and the Court of Appeal of England and Wales against a Spanish contractor in relation to a dispute arising out of a £30 million FIDIC 1999 Yellow Book contract. The dispute concerned the design and construction works to a road and tunnel under the Gibraltar Airport runway.	Gibraltar
<b>Other</b>	Advising a consultant joint venture on termination and variation claims concerning the design and construction supervision of an urban upgrading project.	Caucasus

## Career

Date	Location	Company	Position	Description
2009-2010	Puerto Rico, USA	Solo Practitioner	Attorney at Law	Legal advice, court advocacy and drafting.
2012	London, UK	Ethos Data Ltd	In-house Legal	Contract review and drafting.
2012	London, UK	Linklaters LLP- ABN AMRO Bank NV, London Branch	Legal Seconded	Contract review and drafting, legal research and advice.
2012-2013	London, UK	Linklaters LLP	Banking and Finance & Projects Paralegal	Project closing, document execution advice, assistance and quality assurance.

Date	Location	Company	Position	Description
2013 to date	London, UK	Corbett & Co.	Foreign Qualified Lawyer	International construction dispute avoidance and resolution, drafting, advice, legal research and advocacy.

## Education

Institution	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained
Boston University (2001-2004)	Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Bachelor of Arts in International Relations (Cum Laude Honours)
University of Puerto Rico (2005-2008)	Juris Doctor (Cum Laude Honours)
University College London (2010-2011)	Legum Magister (Merit with Distinction on dissertation)

## Publications

‘Chapter 20 - Employer’s and Contractor’s Claims’ in book FIDIC 2017 – A Practical Legal Guide (2020)

Articles in Construction Law at Large (Corbett & Co’s online knowledge hub & newsletter), including:

- ‘Del tiempo y dinero en contratos FIDIC durante Covid-19’ (2020)
- ‘Unintended Consequences of the FIDIC 2017 Clause 20.1 Claims Classification System’ (2018)
- ‘The Risk of Relying on the Obrascon Case’s Ruling on Sub-Clause 20.1 Claim Notices’ (2017)

## Memberships of Professional Bodies

Enrolled in the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico (USA) Roll of Attorneys

Member, International Bar Association (IBA)

Member, Society of Construction Law (SCL)

Member, ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (ICC YAF)

Member, London Court of International Arbitration Young International Arbitration Group (LCIA YIAG)