



Prof. Hugo Gabriel ROMERO MARTÍNEZ

Present position:

- **Professor** (2008-present), teaching *International Trade Law* and *NAFTA*. He holds the Chairs of *International Trade Law* (since 2007) and *NAFTA* (since 2012) at the Faculty of Law of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (*UNAM*). Regularly he is a speaker in conferences and has written specialized articles (see references below).
- **Partner of RRH Consultores S.C.** in Mexico City, and focuses his practice on international trade and investment law, as well as in arbitration (2019-present).

Experience as a panelist:

- Member of the non-national list of the Central American Economic Integration Secretariat (SIECA), where he was panelist in a complex case (MSC-01-16), and he is currently panelist in an ongoing case.
- Member of the list of panelists of the Mexico' List of the Chapter 10, Trade Remedies, of the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States and Canada (USMCA).

Professional experience:

- **Official at the Mexican Ministry of Economy** (2004-2019), as Deputy-General Counsel for International Trade at the Mexican Ministry of Economy (2017-2019), Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the WTO in Geneva, Switzerland (2012-2017), Director at the Office of the General Counsel for International Trade, Ministry of Economy (2004-2012):
 - **Part of the teams of defense of Mexico in different stages of international trade and investment disputes** (from 2004 to 2017) (investor-state arbitrations, WTO disputes, disputes under RTAs):
 - **Part of Mexico's negotiating teams in various agreements such as:**
 - USMCA – as Lead of Mexico in the Trade Remedies Group and as member of Mexico's team in the Legal and Institutional Group
 - Modernization of the Mexico-EU FTA – as part of the Dispute Settlement on Investment Section, and Institutional Matters and as member of the team negotiating the reservations of services and investment
 - Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership CPTPP – as Mexican Lead of the Legal Group
 - Mexico-Peru FTA – member of the negotiating team of the Services and Investment Chapters, and participation to the legal scrub
 - Mexico-Central America FTA - member of the negotiating team of the Services and Investment Chapters, and participation to the legal scrub
 - Other FTAs (Mexico-Japan, Mexico-Costa Rica, Mexico-Nicaragua) – as member of the team negotiating the reservations of services and investment
 - Numerous BITs as member of the negotiating teams



- **Advised on international trade and investment law**, e.g.: As Deputy General Counsel “A” at the Office of the General Counsel for International Trade, Ministry of Economy, provided legal advice with regard to Free Trade Agreements signed by Mexico, as well as other international trade agreements, including the WTO, the Latin-American Association of Integration (ALADI), and Bilateral Investment Treaties signed by Mexico.

Education:

- Bachelor degree of Laws (2004) and Master’s degree of Laws (2009), degrees at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).
- Doctorate (ongoing): On January 2020, he started his research on the multilateral investment court at the Doctorate Program of UNAM.

Memberships:

- Member of the Advisory Board of the Latin American Journal of International Trade Law, UNAM.
- [Member](#) of the ISDS Academic Forum (2020), UNCITRAL.

Languages:

- English: fully proficient & Spanish: native.

Publications:

- “Órgano de Apelación. En búsqueda de alternativas”, *Tiempo de derechos*, November, 2020, pp. 16-19, <http://www.tiempodederechos.mx/revista-no-31/>
- “La seguridad nacional en la política comercial actual”, en *Abogado corporativo*. Revista de Análisis Jurídico, Asociación Nacional de Abogados de Empresa, mayo-junio 2019, pp. 74-80.
- “Latin American Countries in the WTO Dispute Settlement System”, *RTA Exchange Blog*, 6 December 2017, <https://rtaexchange.org/blog/view?id=4000>
- “Las principales disposiciones sustantivas del nuevo acuerdo de la OMC: el Acuerdo sobre Facilitación del Comercio”, en *Pauta*, Boletín informativo del Capítulo Mexicano de la Cámara Internacional de Comercio, A.C., y de la International Chamber of Commerce México (ICC México), núm. 80, enero 2017, pp. 5-20.
- “El nuevo integrante de los Acuerdos Multilaterales sobre el Comercio de Mercancías: el Acuerdo sobre Facilitación del Comercio de la OMC. Sus disposiciones sustantivas”, en *Revista Latinoamericana de Derecho Comercial Internacional*, U.N.A.M., núm. 1, vol. 3, 2015, pp. 1-35, ISSN: 2007-7440.
- “Unwritten Measures: Reflections on the Panel Reports in *Argentina – Measures Affecting the Importation of Goods*”, coauthor Fernando Piérola, *Global Trade and Customs Journal*, num. 1, 2015 pp. 54–58, ISSN: 1569-755X.
- “Comercio Internacional de Servicios. Disciplinas del GATS y el TLCAN”, en *Temas Selectos de Comercio Internacional*, México, Porrúa, Facultad de Derecho, U.N.A.M., 2008, ISBN: 9789700773810, pp. 371-392.
- “Interpretación y aplicación del segundo párrafo del artículo 131 constitucional”, en *México y el Comercio Exterior*, México, Novum, 2012, (ISBN:978-607-7986-70-6).