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Academic Appointments

Winter, 2022 **Visiting Professor of Law**, Harvard Law School

October 2019 – Present **Full Professor of Law**, David A. Clarke School of Law

May 2019 – Present **Visiting Professor of Law**, Georgetown Law Center

July 2017 – September 2019 **Associate Professor of Law**, David A. Clarke School of Law

July 2014 - June 2017 **Assistant Professor of Law**, David A. Clarke School of Law

Education

Harvard Law School
Juris Doctor, 2004

University of Oxford, Trinity College
Doctor of Philosophy, 2001
Honors: Marshall Scholarship, 1997
Dissertation: Evolution Not Revolution: The Constitutional Decolonisation of the Eastern Caribbean (Supervisor: Dr. John G. Darwin)

Cornell University, College of Arts and Sciences
Bachelor of Arts, 1997, *magna cum laude* and with distinction in all subjects
Honors: College Scholar
Golden Key National Honor Society

Courses Taught

Remedies, Constitutional Law I, Constitutional Law II, Public International Law, Conflict of Laws, International Business Law

Legal Practice

Professor Cox Alomar is admitted to the practice of law in the District of Columbia, the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Prior to joining the law faculty, Professor Cox Alomar practiced law in some of the most prestigious international law firms in Washington, D.C., acting on behalf of clients on a wide array of dispute resolution and transactional matters. More specifically, he has acted as counsel on eight international arbitrations before the World Bank's International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) representing, among others, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of the Philippines and Électricité de France.

Scholarly Agenda

Professor Cox Alomar's scholarly interests range widely, from the constitutional aspects of decolonization in the peripheral jurisdictions of the British, French and Dutch Empires in the postwar period, to the juridical penumbras of bilateral investment treaty interpretation within the framework of investor-state international arbitration.

Books

2023, Carolina Academic Press (forthcoming) *The Law of the U.S. Territories* (with Neil Weare and Anthony Ciolli)

2022, Oxford U.P. (forthcoming) *The Puerto Rico Constitution*

2015, Ediciones Callejón [En La Encrucijada](#)

2009, Ian Randle Publishers [Revisiting the Transatlantic Triangle: The Constitutional Decolonization of the Eastern Caribbean](#)

Articles

Identités, relations internationales et géopolitique de la Caraïbe : les acteurs territoriaux des Etats-Unis et de l'Union Européenne : une étude en contrastes? *Études caribéennes* (Avril 2019)

[La problemática de la cláusula sombrilla en los Acuerdos Cubanos de Promoción y Protección Recíproca de Inversiones](#), *Foreign Investment Law Journal* (2019)

Cuba's Constitutional Moment, *Texas Hisp. J. L. & Pol'y* (2017)

[Investment Treaty Arbitration in Cuba](#), 48 *U. Miami Inter-Am. L. Rev.* 1 (2017)

The Reparation Question in the Context of Unlawful Expropriations, *Journal of Damages in International Arbitration*, Vol. 3 No. 1 (2016)

La Nación en la encrucijada, 84 *Rev. Jur. U.P.R.* (2015)

Estudio jurídico-normativo sobre la reconstitución del sistema de justicia juvenil de Puerto Rico, 49 *Rev. Jur. Univ. Inter.* (2015)

Book Chapters

Juris Publishing (2021) *The Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards in Puerto Rico*, in *THE RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN ARBITRAL AWARDS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN* (Lawrence Newman and Manuel Gómez eds.)

Ediciones Olejnik (2020) *La figura del tercero desde la óptica del derecho internacional privado norteamericano*, in *Contratos y Terceros* (Leonardo Pérez Gallardo ed.)

Harvard U.P. (2015) *The Ideological Decolonization of Puerto Rico's Autonomist Movement*, in *Reconsidering the Insular Cases: The Past and Future of the American Empire* (Gerald L. Neuman and Tomiko Brown-Nagin eds.)

Juris Publishing (2015) *The Reparation Question in the Context of Unlawful Expropriations*, in *Investor Treaty Arbitration and Natural Resources*

Amici Briefs

[Fitisemanu v. United States, et. al.](#) (10th Circuit)

[Financial Oversight and Management Board v. Aurelius](#) (U.S. Supreme Court)

Academic Presentations

May 4, 2021, House of Representatives of Guam, (offered testimony at public hearing on the U.S. Supreme Court's Insular Cases)

February 25, 2021, George Washington Law School (Trends in Investment-Arbitration in Latin America)

January 14, 2021, American Constitution Society (D.C. Chapter) (Sovereignty and Status Series: Puerto Rico 2020 Statehood Referendum)

December 16, 2020, New York City Bar (Decolonizing Justice: The Right to Self-Determination in Puerto Rico)

September 25, 2020, U.S. House of Representatives (Committee on Natural Resources) (offered written testimony on the Puerto Rico 2020 Statehood Referendum)
September 20, 2019, Hunter College (CUNY) (Puerto Rico's Constitutional Status)
May 6, 2019, Università di Firenze, Italy (American Conflict of Laws)
February 26, 2019, George Washington Law School (International Law and Self-Determination)
January 25, 2019, Unión Nacional de Juristas, Cuba (American Conflict of Laws)
December 6, 2018 Universidad del Este, Puerto Rico (The Unincorporated Territories of the United States)
November 9, 2018 Université de Bordeaux, France (The Legal Decolonization of Subaltern Peripheries)
October 23, 2018 U.S. Congress (The Contributions of Chancellor Jaime Benítez)
October 18-19, 2018 University of Cartagena, Colombia (Investment Treaty Arbitration)
September 19, 2018 George Washington Law School (What Kavanaugh Means for Civil Rights)
July 12, 2018 Casa de América, Madrid (Puerto Rico's Constitutional Crisis)
April 13, 2018 Rutgers Law School (The Crisis in Puerto Rico: Citizenship)
February 26, 2018 Georgetown University Law Center (Third Party Funding in International Arbitration)
February 21, 2018 David A Clarke School of Law (UDC) (A Conversation with ICSID's Under Secretary General)
December 4, 2017 Tulane University Law School (Cuban Constitutionalism in Comparative Context)
November 14, 2017 American University Law School (International Arbitration in the Americas)
November 9, 2017 David A Clarke School of Law (Cuba, Race and Culture)
October 27, 2017 Harvard Law School (An Unsettled Century of U.S. – Puerto Rico Relations)
October 20, 2017 Princeton University (Bankruptcy and Citizenship: Puerto Rico a 21st Century Colony?)
Sept. 29, 2017 Cornell Law School, Ithaca NY (Cuba's Constitutional Moment)
August 23, 2017 University of Cartagena, Colombia (Comparative Constitutional Law)
June 1, 2017 Institut des Amériques (Paris) (U.S. and E.U. Territories: A Study in Contrasts)
May 12, 2017 Hunter College (CUNY) (Puerto Rico's Status and Plebiscite)
April 26, 2017 ABA Section of International Law (Puerto Rico's Status under International Law)
April 6, 2017 National Council of La Raza (100th Anniversary of the Jones Act)
March 3, 2017 Harvard Law School (Cuba's and Puerto Rico's Constitutional Moment)
January 30, 2017 Columbia Law School (Cuba's New Foreign Investment Law)
October 18, 2016 University of Havana (Investment Treaty Arbitration in Cuba)
August 1, 2015 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference
February 26, 2015 Juris' Ninth Annual Investment Treaty Arbitration Conference
September 12, 2014 Cornell University, Latin American Studies Program
February 19, 2014 Harvard Law School

Recent TV Interviews

[El Jurista \(Bogotá, Colombia\) \(Biden and Latin America\)](#)

February 14, 2021

[CNN En Español \(Biden's Challenges\)](#)

January 22, 2021

[France 24 \(Insurrection at the Capitol\)](#)

January 13, 2021

[CNN En Español \(The 25th Amendment\)](#)

January 12, 2021

[CNN En Español \(Insurrection at the Capitol\)](#)

January 11, 2021

[CNN En Español \(Legal Challenges to Presidential Vote\)](#)

November 17, 2020

[CNN En Español \(The Electoral College\)](#)

November 4, 2020

[France 24 \(Special Referenda in the States\)](#)

October 30, 2020

[CNN En Español \(COVID-19 and Trump Presidency\)](#)

October 3, 2020

[CNN En Español \(Trump's Impeachment\)](#)

September 25, 2019

[ABC 5 \(Resignation of Puerto Rico's Governor\)](#)

August 7, 2019

[CNN En Español \(Puerto Rico's Supreme Court Decision\)](#)

August 6, 2019

[CNN En Español \(Puerto Rico's Constitutional Crisis\)](#)

August 2, 2019

[CNN En Español \(State of the Union\)](#)

July 15, 2019

[Univisión \(Venezuela Crisis\)](#)

February 22, 2019

[CNN En Español \(State of the Union\)](#)

February 11, 2019

[CNN En Español \(The Venezuela Crisis\)](#)

February 5, 2019

[CNN En Español \(Government Shutdown\)](#)

January 2, 2019

[CNN En Español \(Latin America in 2019\)](#)

December 31, 2018

[CNN En Español \(Citizenship Clause of 14th Amendment\)](#)

October 30, 2018

[CNN En Español \(Puerto Rico: 1 Year After Hurricane Maria\)](#)

September 14, 2018

[CNN En Español \(Puerto Rico and the Omarosa Controversy\)](#)

August 15, 2018

Acento TV (Dominican Republic)
May 17, 2018

CNN En Español (Trump, Summit of the Americas, Syria and Facebook)
April 10, 2018

CNN En Español (Puerto Rico's Oversight Board)
April 5, 2018

CNN En Español (U.S. Immigration Reform)
February 15, 2018

CNN En Español (Government Shutdown and DACA)
January 22, 2018

CNN En Español (Puerto Rico in 2017)
January 3, 2018

CNN En Español (President Trump's Asia trip)
November 16, 2017

CNN En Español (US Senate Race)
November 13, 2017

CNN En Español (Economic Impact of Hurricane Irma)
September 6, 2017

CNN En Español (Puerto Rico's Debt Restructuring)
May 2, 2017

CNN En Español (Trumpcare)
March 24, 2017

CNN En Español (Cuba after Trump)
March 21, 2017

CNN En Español (Copyright and the Vatican)
March 1, 2017

C-SPAN (Inter-American Dialogue)
June 1, 2016

CNN En Español (PROMESA Bill)
May 19, 2016

The Puerto Rico Crisis (Universidad del Este)
May 9, 2016

Puerto Rico, Dominican, Caribbean Issues (Acento TV Dominican Republic)
May 6, 2016

Book Launch “La encrucijada” (Dominican Republic)
May 4, 2016

Book Launch “La encrucijada” (Puerto Rico)
February 3, 2016

CNN En Español (launch of second book “En la encrucijada” (2015))
January 29, 2016

El Vocero (launch of second book “En la encrucijada” (2015))
January 18, 2016

Telesur (US Presidential Politics)
November 3, 2015

Telesur (UN Vote on Cuba)
October 27, 2015

Telesur (On DNC Presidential Debate)
October 14, 2015

Telesur (On US – Cuba Relations)
September 29, 2015

CNN En Español (Puerto Rico’s Fiscal Crisis)
September 9, 2015

CNN En Español (the Jones Act)
August 4, 2015

Recent Radio Interviews

NPR’s The Marketplace (Puerto Rico’s Fiscal Plan)
March 29, 2018

NPR’s 1A (Puerto Rico: 51st State?)
June 13, 2017

NPR’s The Marketplace (Tourism and Sport in Puerto Rico)
March 23, 2017

NPR’s The Marketplace (Puerto Rico Fiscal Crisis)
October 22, 2015

NPR’s The Marketplace (Puerto Rico Fiscal Crisis)
September 4, 2015

Selected Op-Ed Columns (Non Exhaustive)

¿Hacia un nuevo orden mundial?
El Listín Diario (República Dominicana)
May 17, 2021

Los desafíos de Joe Biden
El Listín Diario (República Dominicana)
April 17, 2021

Quote in Boston Globe Editorial
September 18, 2018

Interview
O Estado de S. Paulo
May 14, 2017

Las Américas en tiempos de Trump
El País
November 23, 2016

An Unconstitutional Oversight Board for Puerto Rico?
The Hill
May 3, 2016

Puerto Rico ante el foro internacional
El País
March 3, 2016

In Search of a Puerto Rico Strategy
The Hill
November 5, 2015

La encrucijada puertorriqueña
El País
July 8, 2015

Other Legal Employment

WASHINGTON STRATEGY GROUP, *Washington, DC and San Juan*
Managing Partner
2012-2014

REICHARD & ESCALERA, *San Juan, Puerto Rico*
Of Counsel
2010-2012

FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI, *Washington, DC*
Associate
2008-2010

MORRISON & FOERSTER, *Washington, DC*
Associate
2007-2008

WINSTON & STRAWN, *Washington, DC*
Associate
2005-2007

Consulting

I have consulted on issues related to investor state arbitration; in particular to questions of arbitrability, composition of the arbitral tribunal and litigation proceedings to compel to arbitration. I have, moreover, consulted on issues involving government relations among Puerto Rican local authorities and various federal agencies and the U.S. Congress.

Bar Admissions

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

State of New York

District of Columbia

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of International Trade

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico

Languages

English and Spanish (native speaker)