

Juan Fernández-Armesto

Juan Fernández-Armesto is a professional arbitrator. Since 2001 Juan F.-Armesto has acted as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator or chairman in more than 100 proceedings, including investment, commercial and construction arbitrations. He has been President of the Spanish Securities and Exchange Commission (CNMV) (1996-2000), partner of Uría& Menéndez (1983-1996) and Chaired Professor of Commercial Law (1988-2009). In October 1996 Juan F.-Armesto was designated by the Spanish government Chairman of the Spanish Securities and Exchange Commission (CNMV), an institution modelled on the American SEC, and with equivalent powers. As Chairman of the CNMV he chaired more than 200 disciplinary proceedings in matters relating to the securities markets. Between 1983 and 1996, Juan F.-Armesto was partner of the law firm Uría& Menéndez. In 1993 he became the head of the litigation and arbitration area of the firm. In 1978 he started to teach commercial law as Assistant Professor at Comillas University - ICADE in Madrid. He was designated Chaired Professor in 1988 and continued teaching until 2009. Born in New York in 1953, he lived for 10 years in Germany, obtained the Abitur at the German School in Madrid (1972), and then received Degrees in Law (ICADE, Madrid, 1977) and in Business Administration (ICADE, Madrid, 1978) and an Iuris Doctor (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 1983 summa cum laude).

He has been awarded the “Gran Cruz de la Orden de Isabel La Católica”, Spain’s highest civil order.