

Professor Mendes is currently a Professor of Law at the University of Ottawa, where his expertise in the area of international business, arbitration and trade law, public international law, including international human rights law, constitutional law and corporate law and governance are the areas of teaching, practice and consulting. Professor Mendes has also been a project leader for conflict resolution, governance and justice projects in Brazil, China, El Salvador, India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Professor Mendes is a frequent speaker and media commentator on international business law and corporate governance, international commercial arbitration across Canada and the world and has lectured on these topics in the United States, Europe, Asia and Latin America. He has been invited to present numerous briefs to the Parliament of Canada and has acted as an adviser to the government of Canada. In the 2005-2006 academic year Professor Mendes was appointed by former Canadian Prime Minister, Paul Martin, to the post of Senior Advisor in the Privy Council Office in the Government of Canada. In these roles he advised the Government of Canada in the areas of international law, corporate social responsibility, diversity, national security and corporate law and policy. In 2009, Professor Mendes was appointed a visiting professional in the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in The Hague where he advised on legal issues on some of the high profile cases before the Court. He was recently elected Acting President of the International Commission of Jurists, Canada.

Professor Mendes has also been an adviser to several of Canada's largest corporations in the area of corporate social responsibility, ethics and community relations. He has worked with leading private sector companies and associations to establish an International Code of Ethics for Canadian Businesses, which was endorsed by former Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy on September 15, 1997. In 1999, in recognition of his work on business ethics in Canada, the Office of the Secretary General of the United Nations invited Professor Mendes to be an adviser on the Global Compact initiative of the Secretary General. Professor Mendes assisted in the development of the Global Compact, including helping to draft some of the key principles in the Global Compact. Included in his achievements as an adviser to some of Canada's largest companies are the following:

- Advised on and helped develop the ethics, compliance and integrity systems for one of Canada's largest independent oil and gas producers, including drafting the first corporate social responsibility and human rights policy of the corporation.
- Acted as a corporate ethics and integrity external auditor of a multi-billion dollar mining project for a major gold mining company in Peru.
- Acted as a corporate integrity auditor for the Auditor General of Canada in a special examination of the Export Development Corporation of Canada.
- Conducted a cross-Canada workshop sponsored by the Export Development Corporation and the Manufacturers and Exporters Canada on developing ethics and integrity systems focusing on anti- corruption and child labour issues in operations overseas.
- Co-Chaired an international group of companies, experts, international organizations and NGOs in a working group that developed the UN Global Compact's Business Guide to Conflict Impact Risk Assessment in Zones of Conflict.

Professor Mendes has taught, researched, consulted and published extensively in the area of International Business Law and Ethics, Corporate Law and Governance, International Arbitration Law and Practice and Constitutional Law. He is the author, editor or co-editor of eleven books in his areas of expertise.

Since 1979, Professor Mendes has taught at Law Faculties across the country, including the University of Alberta, Edmonton from 1979 to 1984, the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario from 1984 to 1992 and the University of Ottawa from 1992 to present. He was a visiting Professor at the Faculty of Law, McGill University and the Université de Montréal in 1992. He was appointed in 1995 by the Government of Canada to a two-year term as a member of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal Panel. He was re-appointed in 1997. He also has extensive experience as a quasi-judicial adjudicator under the Ontario anti-discrimination legislation Professor Mendes is also an experienced international commercial arbitrator and a member of the Canadian Panel of Arbitrators under the auspices of the International Chamber of Commerce's Court of Arbitration. He has acted both as a sole International Commercial Arbitrator and as a member of International Commercial Arbitration Tribunals. His special interest and expertise in

international dispute settlement, mediation and commercial arbitration is in the area of how cross-cultural issues affect the outcomes of major commercial and extractive industries disputes with local communities and national governments. He was also awarded a Visiting Fellowship at Harvard Law School in 2013.

Born in Kenya, East Africa of parents whose ethnic origins hail from Goa, India, Professor Mendes obtained his Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Exeter, England, where he ranked first in his graduating class. He obtained his Master of Laws degree from the University of Illinois in the United States. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1986. He is a citizen of both the United Kingdom and Canada.