

DAMARIS YOUNG



Damaris YOUNG PAN

BORN

01 APRIL 1984

EDUCATION

Master in Olympic Studies, German Sport University, Germany (2022);
Master of Executive Management of Sports Organizations (MEMOS),
University of Lleida, Spain & International Olympic Committee, Switzerland
(2015); Official Master in Sports Laws, University of Lleida and INEF
Catalunya, Spain (2012); Bachelor in Law and Political Sciences, Magna
Cum Laude, Santa Maria La Antigua University, Panama (2009); Bachelor in
Criminal Justice, Minor in Psychology, Magna Cum Laude, Lincoln
Memorial University, USA (2006); Diplomas in Arbitration, Mediation and
Conciliation and in Taxes and Fiscal Law, Santa Maria La Antigua University,
Panama (2014); IOC Certified Director for National Courses in Sports
Administration and Sports Management Courses (2014).

CAREER

Founding partner, Damaris Young Law Firm (2009 -); Invited Professor,
University of Lleida – INEFC and University of Panama (2015 -); Advisor of
his Excellence Laurentino Cortizo, Constitutional President of the Republic
of Panama (2019 - 2020); Solís, Endara, Delgado & Guevara Law Firm (2007
– 2008); Assistant Professor, Panamerican University (2007); Legal
Assistant, Farmer Helton Judicial Center, USA (2006).

SPORTS PRACTISED

Basketball, Football

SPORTS CAREER

Gold Medal – IX Juegos Deportivos Centroamericanos – Panama Senior Basketball Team (2013); Gold Medal - Soccer varsity team of the Santa Maria La Antigua University, World Inter-university Sports (IFIUS) Budapest, Hungary (2008); Lincoln Memorial University, Basketball Varsity Team, USA, NCAA II, South Atlantic Conference (2004 – 2006); Bronze Medal - Juegos Deportivos Estudiantiles Centroamericanos del Consejo del Istmo Centroamericana de Deporte y Recreación (CODICADER) –Basketball Team, Fermín Naudeau Institute (2001 - 2002).

SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

President and CEO of the National Olympic Committee of Panama (2021 -2024); Member of the National Council of Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation of Pandeportes (Ministry of Sports in Panama) (2022 - 2024); Member of Executive Committees: South American Sport Organization (ODESUR) (2022 - 2026), Centro Caribe Sport Organization (Centro Caribe Sports) (2023 - 2027), Central America Sport Organization (ORDECA) (2021 - 2024); President of the Appeal Panel of the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) (2016 -); President of the Coordination Commission of the South American Beach Games (2023); President of the Women, Equity and Safe Sport Commission of the South American Sport Organization (ODESUR) (2024 – 2026); Member of the Coordination Commission of the Panamerican Junior Games Asunción 2025, Panam Sports (2022); Vice President of the Disciplinary Commission of the Panamanian Soccer Federation (FEPAFUT) (2014 -); President of the Electoral Independent Commission of the Panamerican Weightlifting Federation (2023 - 2024); Member of the Reforms and Governance Commission of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) (2020 – 2021); Member of the Electoral Independent Commission of the Panamerican Weightlifting Federation, (2020); Legal and Management Adviser of the NOC of Panama (2013 -2021).

IOC HISTORY

Member of the Athlete's Entourage Commission (2015 -).

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Awarded for her career and dedication as a promoter of Women's Human Rights, Sports Category, Ministry of Women of the Government of the Republic of Panama (2023); Ambassador for Equal Opportunities, Ministry of Women of the Government of the Republic of Panama (2022); Forbes Magazine's 100 most powerful women in Central America (2022); GESE Group 25 most outstanding women in Panama (2022, 2024); Outstanding Woman Award, Panamanian Association of Business Executives (APEDE) (2021); Alberto Madella Award, IOC (2015).

MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Board of Directors, Ibero-American Institute of Sports Law (2016 - 2020).

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Authorized Lawyer, Supreme Court of Justice of Panama; Authorized Public Translator, Ministry of Education.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Author of a number of publications regarding sport governance, the practice of physical activity, the Panamanian sport system and the participation of women in sport in Panama.



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