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EXPERIENCE

HOGAN LOVELLS LLP

2015–present

Senior Associate, International Arbitration

Paris, France (2015–2018) and Houston, Texas (2018–present)

I represent companies, states, and state-owned entities in commercial and investment arbitrations, as well as multi-jurisdiction litigation. An adaptable litigator, I manage cases in diverse forums (from SDNY to the World Bank to the courts of Paris), with particular expertise coordinating large, international disputes that give rise to parallel proceedings in multiple jurisdictions. In doing so, I lead strategy development; supervise large teams of lawyers, local counsel, outside advisors, and experts; draft pleadings and dispositive motions; argue at hearings before courts and arbitral tribunals; and prepare, present, and cross-examine witnesses in adversarial proceedings. I maintain an active pro bono docket in addition to my billable work, and serve on firm committees relating to energy disputes, global enforcement, and women in arbitration.

Representative cases include:

- advising Canadian investor in \$2.8 billion NAFTA claim against Mexico, while managing parallel ICC arbitration against ex-partner and criminal proceedings in Mexico against client representatives;
- obtaining full victory on all claims for US energy company in LCIA arbitration relating to the operation of petrochemical facilities in France; and
- defending PDVSA in \$350 million securities litigation in SDNY, seeking discovery in 9 countries and resisting global enforcement by bondholders;
- defending EPC contractors in \$350 million UNCITRAL arbitration related to international mining mega-project.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

2014–2015

Judicial Clerk to Judge Lee H. Rosenthal

Houston, Texas

In addition to district court work (including two jury trials, one bench trial, and over 75 written opinions), participated in five appellate sittings by designation before the 5th, 6th, 9th, and 11th Circuits.

UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO)

2013–2014

Postgraduate Legal Fellow, Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs

Paris, France

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, *New York, New York*

Juris Doctor, 2013

Honors: Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar (all years)

Parker School Certificate of Achievement in Foreign and Comparative Law

Research: Restatement of International Commercial Arbitration (with Prof. George Bermann)

Moot Court: Concours international d'arbitrage de Paris, 2012

Journal: Articles Editor, *Columbia Journal of European Law*

INSTITUT D'ÉTUDES POLITIQUES (SCIENCES PO), *Paris, France*

Master Droit Économique, 2013

Specialty: Global Governance Studies

RICE UNIVERSITY, *Houston, Texas*

Bachelor of Arts, 2010

Majors: Political Science, French Studies

Honors: Pi Delta Phi

Activities: Senior Editor, *The Rice Thresher*

LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

CHAIR, YOUNG ITA: Lead 3,000-member organization of young arbitration practitioners (overseeing conferences, publications, and mentorship program) and serve on the Executive Committee of the Institute of Transnational Arbitration.

HOUSTON BAR ASSOCIATION, FEDERAL PRACTICE SECTION: Council member since 2018 and various officer positions, including Treasurer (2020), Chair-Elect (2021), and Chair (2022).

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Board member, ArbitralWomen (2022–2024); Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation; active in industry groups related to energy, foreign relations, and arbitration, as well as philanthropic organizations and alumni committees.

ADMISSIONS AND LANGUAGES

ADMISSIONS: Texas (2013); Paris, France (2015); SDTX, NDTX, EDTX, 5th Circuit, 9th Circuit.

LANGUAGES: English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (reading/research)