RIKKI STERN

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SUMMARY

I am a highly skilled international lawyer with ten years of experience in commercial law, arbitration, and investment disputes at top-ranked international law firms. I have represented both investors and host state governments in high-value disputes across a wide range of industries, including oil and gas, renewable energy, mining, banking, telecommunications, water and sewerage, health care, and pharmaceuticals. I am regularly called upon to answer complex commercial legal questions and provide technically accurate, creative, and compelling legal solutions.

EXPERIENCE AND NOTABLE REPRESENTATIONS

King & Spalding LLP, Atlanta, Georgia

Senior Associate, March 2021 - present

- Represented renewable energy investors in investment treaty arbitrations against EU Member States that reneged on promises of stable tariffs designed to attract investment
- Developed legal strategy to contest the resolution of a solvent but temporarily illiquid bank under the applicable bilateral investment treaty
- Handled all aspects of commercial contractual disputes related to the production of liquified natural gas
- Represented life sciences company in royalties dispute with East Asian research collaborator

Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP, Atlanta, Georgia

Associate, March 2020 - February 2021

- Represented a commercial power plant located in southern Africa in a joint venture dispute
- Demonstrated that changes in North African water and sewerage regulations discriminated against foreign investors under the relevant bilateral investment treaty

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, New York, New York and London, England

Associate, October 2013 - February 2020

- Defended host country's treatment of troubled banks during the financial crisis in investor-State arbitrations
- Defended Kazakh businesses against allegations of fraud and misuse of company funds
- Represented central Asian and Middle Eastern investors in telecommunications joint venture dispute
- Represented Russian athletes in numerous anti-doping proceedings
- Represented Italian telecommunications company in a joint venture dispute arising out of the privatization of the telecommunications industry in Brazil
- Demonstrated that poor corporate governance was circumstantial evidence of bribery and corruption, which violated contractual representations and warranties regarding a West African mining joint venture

International Society for Red Cross/Red Cresent Societies, Geneva, Switzerland

Intern, Summer 2011

- Researched the intersection of human rights and health inequities
- Proposed a framework for using human rights law to reduce health inequities and make progress on the Millennium Development Goals

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, New York, NY

J.D., *cum laude*, Robert McKay Scholar (top 25% of class based on GPA after four semesters), May 2013 International Human Rights Clinic; Annual Survey of American Law, Articles Editor

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

B.A. in Sociology and Science in Human Culture, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, May 2008

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Admitted to the bars of New York and Georgia. Member of ArbitralWomen.