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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTER, *Executive Director* 2017 – *present in New York, New York*

Leads Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Advisory Council and Global Advisory Board; oversees all organizational operations; collaborates with stakeholders and thought leaders to advance scholarship and best practices; develops educational programming and trainings on the role of New York (application of New York law, New York as seat) in international arbitration.

AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION, *Director* 2013 – 2017 *in New York, New York*

Promoted to manage the New York Large Complex Caseload (LCC), with an average of eighty multi-party, commercial arbitration and mediation cases, in industries including financial services (funds, shareholders, commodities); entertainment and media (broadcast, production, and derivative rights); healthcare (partnership dissolutions); legal services (fee disputes); and insurance-reinsurance (casualty, life, health). Adjudicated administrative challenges, reviewed arbitral awards, and advised on Commercial Rules updates. Also reviewed candidates for entry to the LCC roster, shepherded diversity initiatives, and led collaborations and conferences. 2017 President's Award Recipient. Team Lead on New York Diversity and InnovAAAation Committees.

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION, *Case Counsel* 2011 – 2013 *in New York, New York*

Managed an average of ninety multi-party, commercial arbitration and mediation cases on the European and Sub-Saharan Africa Desk, in industries including food and beverage (distribution contracts); energy (refineries, wind, oil); construction (transit authorities, luxury hotels, real estate); and pharmaceuticals. Reviewed awards. Coordinated arbitration conferences and moots.

LEGAL CORPS FELLOWSHIP, *Illinois Tenants Union Attorney* 2011 *in Chicago, Illinois*

Drafted pleadings and discovery and represented tenants in merits hearings in Cook County Circuit Court.

HANOTIAU & VAN DEN BERG, *Legal Trainee* 2010 *in Brussels, Belgium*

Analyzed the implications of European Commission decisions on arbitral awards. Researched individual and corporate nationality on foreign direct investments. Assisted in drafting various institutional and ad hoc arbitral awards.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, *Legal Assistant* 2010 *in Miami, Florida*

Represented the Government in merits hearings in Miami Immigration Court. Drafted memoranda analyzing asylum law, adjustment of status, naturalization, removal, and alien relatives, in addition to issues of international human rights law.

HOUTHOFF BURUMA, *Legal Trainee* 2009 *in Rotterdam, The Netherlands*

Assisted in drafting submissions in investment arbitrations and petitions before the European Court of Justice. Assessed the rights of investors regarding the liquidation of shares in Dutch and Russian bankruptcy proceedings. Edited and updated treatise on Dutch commercial laws. Assisted on presentations of effective discovery techniques in international arbitration.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT, HON. ADALBERTO JORDAN, *Legal Intern* 2008 *in Miami, Florida*

Screened cases to determine necessary causes of action and burdens of proof. Conducted research on issues raised by motions. Drafted memoranda analyzing employment law, franchise law, securities law, and trademark infringement.

LEGAL ACTIVITIES

Adjunct Professor, Fordham School of Law & Cardozo School of Law; Legal Expert, U.S. Department of Commerce, Commercial Law Development Program (Balkans, South Asia); Board Member, American Review of International Law; Associate Editor, Juris Investment Arbitration Conference Volumes; Executive Member, New York State Bar Association International Section & Co-Chair, International Commercial Law Committee; Fellow, American Bar Foundation; Podcast Committee Co-Chair, American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section; Board Member, ArbitralWomen; Co-Founder, Racial Equality for Arbitration Lawyers (2022 Diversity Award Recipient, International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution).

EDUCATION

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW IN NEW YORK, 2011

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW, Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2010

Activities: Morgan Lewis Pro Bono Fellow (founded University Chapter of Lawyers Without Borders); Vice President, Asian American & South Asian Law Students' Associations; Honor Society of Bar and Gavel

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, Bachelor of Arts, May 2005

Double Major: Politics; Theology / Minor: Spanish

Activities: South Asian Students' Association (President); Study Abroad in Madrid, Spain

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

LANGUAGES English (*Fluent*), Tamil (*Fluent*); Spanish (*Moderate Proficiency*); Portuguese (*Beginner*)

NATYA DANCE THEATRE, *Principal Dancer* 1995 – 2005 *in Chicago, Illinois*

Performed in the 2002 Winter Olympics and PBS' EMMY Award Winning *World Stage Chicago*.