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EDUCATION

LL.M., International Economic Law, University of Houston Law Center, 2005

J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 1977
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B.A., English, University of Houston, 1972

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas, 1977

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The 2021 global President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Ann Ryan Robertson is a recognized expert in the field of international arbitration. Named to Global Arbitration Review's "Who's Who Legal: Arbitration" since 2015, in 2024 Ann was designated a WWL Thought Leader: Arbitration, individuals "worthy of special mention owing not only to their vast expertise and experience . . . but also their ability to innovate and inspire." Ann serves as both arbitrator and counsel in international and domestic arbitrations in a variety of complex business disputes across a number of industries. She is an experienced chair, party-appointed, sole and emergency arbitrator. As counsel, she appears as an advocate, designs dispute resolution mechanisms, enforces arbitral awards, and advises and negotiates settlements.

REPRESENTATIVE ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE

- Chair, ICDR arbitration involving captive insurance
- Chair, ICC arbitration involving manufacturing and supply agreement
- Chair, AAA arbitration involving termination rights under exclusive dealer agreements
- Chair, AAA arbitration involving contract for goods and services in the shipbuilding industry
- Chair, AAA arbitration involving fertilizer sales agreement

- Co-arbitrator, LCIA-DIFC arbitration involving settlement agreement arising out of joint venture agreement in health services industry
- Co-arbitrator, ICC arbitration involving seismic services
- Co-arbitrator, *ad hoc* arbitration involving right of first refusal in beverage industry
- Co-arbitrator, ICDR arbitration involving indemnity obligations arising under terminal service agreements
- Co-arbitrator, USMCA Chapter 31 dispute brought by Canada and Mexico against the US regarding rules of origin in automotive industry
- Co-arbitrator, AAA arbitration involving reporting and payment obligations under an executive management agreement in the restaurant industry
- Emergency arbitrator, ICDR arbitration involving claims of fraud, civil theft, conversion and breaches of fiduciary duty and breach of a manufacturing agreement
- Emergency arbitrator, ICDR arbitration involving oil concession rights
- Emergency Arbitrator, ICDR arbitration involving shareholders' agreement and allegations of shareholder dilution
- Sole arbitrator, ICDR arbitration involving manufacturer's warranty claims
- Sole arbitrator, ICDR arbitration regarding termination of a long-term supply contract
- Sole arbitrator, AAA arbitration regarding breach of sales agreement

- Sole arbitrator, AAA arbitration involving railyard development agreement
- Sole arbitrator, *ad hoc* arbitration involving construction issues
- Sole arbitrator, ICDR arbitration involving manufacturing and sales agreement governed by CISG
- Counsel for international oil company in ICDR arbitration involving JOA and offshore Africa oil and gas concession
- Counsel for international oil field services company in ICC arbitration involving contract dispute with Nigerian company
- Counsel for Chinese company in ICC arbitration involving supply contract with Turkish manufacturer
- Counsel for Chinese administrative development district in an ICC arbitration involving Spanish company's development rights
- Counsel for franchisor in an ICC arbitration involving development of franchises throughout the Middle East,
- Counsel for supplier in the fertilizer industry in an ICDR arbitration
- Counsel for an international oil and gas company in a dispute arising under three separate and interrelated contracts in an AAA arbitration
- Counsel for national warranty company in an AAA arbitration involving commissions

PROFESSIONAL AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION QUALIFICATIONS

- Global President, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2021)
- Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Chapter 31 Panelist, United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (one of 10 people appointed by United States government to decide State-to-State disputes)
- Fellow, College of Commercial Arbitrators
- Member, AAA, ICDR, SIAC, HKIAC, CPR, BVI IAC, KCAB, THAC, CAfA and Panels of Neutrals

- Member, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- Trustee, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2013-2019)
- Faculty, CIArb International Diploma in International Arbitration
- CIArb Tutor (Introductory Course); CIArb Assessor (Accelerated Route to Membership); CIArb Examiner and Moderator (Accelerated Route to Fellowship)
- Adjunct Professor, University of Houston Law Center: "International Arbitration Advocacy"
- Instructor, "Commercial Arbitration," A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center, University of Houston Law Center
- Coach, University of Houston Law Center Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot Competition (2003-2020)(team reached final round twice)
- Coach, University of Houston Law Center, Cross-examination Moot in International Arbitration (2023 - present)(team competed in finals twice)
- Council Member, AAA/ICDR (2014-2024)
- Chair, ICDR Task Force on Rule Revisions
- Executive Committee, Institute for Transnational Arbitration
- Co-Chair, ITA Strategic Planning Committee (2020-2021)
- Facilitator, ICDR Symposium
- Past Member, ICC Commission on Arbitration
- Member, Houston International Arbitration Club
- Founding Member, ArbitralWomen
- Member, American Law Institute

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Named, "Who's Who Legal: Arbitration," Global Arbitration Review (2015-2024)
- Named "Who's Who Legal: Arbitration, Thought Leader" (2024)
- Named, The Best Lawyers in America®, International Arbitration/Governmental (2014-2024)

- Named, The Best Lawyers in America®, Arbitration, International Arbitration – Commercial (2023-2024)
- Named, Lawyer of the Year, International Arbitration – Governmental, Houston, The Best Lawyers in America® (2014 and 2017)
- Named, Euromoney Women in Business Law, Commercial Arbitration (2022)
- Recipient, Justice Ruby Kless Sondock Award, Houston Bar Association (2023)
- Recipient, Lifetime Achievement in Advocacy Award, University of Houston Law Center Blakely Advocacy Institute (2023)
- Recipient, Sarah T. Hughes Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section (2022)
- Named, Outstanding Business Leader in Law, Women Who Mean Business, Houston Business Journal (2021)
- Named, "Premier Woman in the Law" by the Association of Women Attorneys Foundation (2020)
- Recipient, Private Sector Achievement Award, University of Houston Law Center (2016)
- Named, One of 30 "Extraordinary Women in Texas Law," Texas Lawyer (2008)

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, "International Energy Disputes After the Invasion of Ukraine: Can it Handle the Flux Capacity?," American Bar Association, International Law Section's Houston Energy Conference, February 2024
- Speaker, "Styles in International Arbitration: European vs. Anglo-American + Latam – Do They Exist, and What Should One Be Prepared for in Today's Practice as Counsel and Arbitrator?," ICC Mexico, August 2023
- Speaker, "A Global View of Cross-Border Dispute Resolution: Stakeholders Share Perspectives on Benefits, Innovation & Challenges, U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)," Advisory Committee on Private

- Commercial Disputes Public Forum, September 2022
- Speaker, “Procedural Possibilities,” CIArb Series on Professional Practice Guidelines for International Commercial Arbitration, April 2022
 - Speaker, “Expert Witness – CIArb Guidelines, International and Domestic Practices,” CIArb Brazil Branch Webinar, March 2022
 - Interviewee, “Rising Arbitrators Initiative (RAI) “Interview the Institution” Series, March 2022
 - Moderator, “Analyzing the ICDR’s Forthcoming Tribunal Secretary Guidelines,” and Speaker, “Reimagining International Commercial Arbitration Over the Next 20 Years: A California Perspective – Part 2,” California International Arbitration Week, March 2022
 - Speaker, “Diversity in Arbitration” and “Amending Rules of Arbitration,” Tel Aviv Arbitration Week, March 2022
 - Moderator, “Veni, Vidi, Vici: Leading Women in International Arbitration in Latin America,” Locke Lord Webinar, March 2022
 - Panelist, “Oral Advocacy,” Comitê de Jovens Arbitralistas/Centro Brasileiro de Mediação e Arbitragem Vis Moot Talk, March 2022
 - Panelist, “Presidential Debate: What Future for International Arbitration?” 7th Conference on International Arbitration and the UN Convention for the International Sale of Goods, February 2022
 - Speaker, “Arbitration – Expanding Opportunities in Nepal,” Nepal International ADR Center Interview Series, February 2022
 - Speaker, “The 2021 ICDR Rules on International Dispute Resolution Procedures,” CIArb Brazil Branch, AAA and ICDR Webinar, December 2021
 - Keynote Speaker, “Conversation with Arbitration Users: Key Decision Drivers in Planning and Preparing for an Arbitration Case,” CIArb Vietnam Chapter and Vietnam Academy for Arbitration Webinar, December 2021
 - Speaker, “Catalyst for Change: How Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Can Facilitate the Global Sustainability Transition,” CIArb 2021 Dispute Appointment Service (DAS) Convention, December 2021
 - Keynote Speaker, “The Rising Momentum in Technology, Sports and Maritime Disputes – Will Construction Disputes Remain Mainstream?” CIArb UAE Branch Program, Dubai Arbitration Week, November 2021
 - Speaker, “Investment Legal Security in Brazil: Arbitration as an Alternative,” CIArb Brazil Branch Roundtable, November 2021
 - Speaker, “Arbitration in a Changing World,” CIArb Young Members Group Global Annual Conference, November 2021
 - Speaker, “Consolidation in Upstream Oil and Gas Arbitrations,” November 9, 2021
 - Speaker, “Embracing Mediation with Arbitration: The Collaborative Tools for Alternative Dispute Resolution, CIArb India Branch Webinar, October 2021
 - Co-Chair, “Climate Change, Global Energy & Environmental Disputes,” CIArb and The IDR Group Webinar, October 2021
 - Panelist, “Beyond the Procedural Issues: Contractual Disputes in Times of Uncertainty,” VII CAM-CCBC Arbitration Congress, October 2021
 - Keynote Speaker, CIArb and Miami Law Alternative Dispute Resolution Capacity Sharing Program: 2021, October 2021
 - Panelist, “Issues Affecting Museums – Part 1,” Locke Lord and Christie’s Webinar, September 2021
 - Keynote Speaker, “Mediation and International Arbitration,” CAM Santiago, CIArb and the Permanent Court of Arbitration Webinar, August 2021
 - Speaker, “28 USC § 1782: What is a Foreign Tribunal?” The Construction Claims and ADR Conference, July 2021
 - Speaker, “ICDRs Revised 2014 Arbitration Rules,” AAA, ICDR and IDR Group Joint Webinar, June 2021
 - Speaker, “CIArb Rules and Guidelines and its use in International and Domestic Arbitration,” CIArb Brazil Branch and CCL Lima Arbitration Center: Current Challenges of International Arbitration and the Role of CIArb Virtual Seminar, June 2021
 - Closing Speaker, CIArb 2021 Roebuck Lecture, June 2021
 - Speaker, “Current Trends in International Arbitration,” Houston Bar Association: International Law Section Panel, June 2021
 - Speaker, “Improving the ADR Landscape in the Caribbean,” Opening Session, Fourth Triennial Conference, May 2021
 - Speaker, “The Evolving Role of the Digital Advocate,” London International Disputes Week, May 2021
 - Speaker, “Fireside Chat With Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Leaders,” CIArb, May 2021
 - Speaker, “Shifting Dynamics of ICDR Rules and Impact for Stakeholders in Asia,” ICDR, April 2021
 - Speaker, “Our Role as Fellows & Opportunities in the ADR Space,” CIArb Kenya Branch, April 2021
 - Speaker, “Third Party Funding in Asia - Latin America Disputes: State of Play and Future Prospects,” CIArb Brazil Branch, March 2021
 - Speaker, “Advocacy: Communication and Persuasion in Arbitration, Adjudication and Mediation,” CIArb West Midlands Branch, March 2021
 - Opening Speaker, CIArb International Women’s Day 2021, March 2021
 - Speaker, “Fireside Chat with Arbitration Leaders – The New ICC and CIArb Presidents,” International Court of Arbitration, March 2021
 - Speaker, “Exploring the New Frontier: The Modern Landscape of International Arbitration,” AIAC & AIAC YPG Virtual Conference, March 2021
 - Speaker, “Recent Experience in Virtual Arbitration Hearings,” 6th Conference on International Arbitration & the UN Convention for the International Sale of Goods, February 2021

- Speaker, "ICDR Tertulia Sessions – Focus on the ICDR Arbitration Rule Revisions," ICDR America's Conference, December 2020
- Speaker, "Dispute Resolution in the Energy Sector: Wither Thou Goest?" Canadian Energy Law Foundation 2020 Jasper Research Seminar, Jasper, Canada, October 2020
- Speaker, "Moneyball for Arbitrators," Locke Lord and Arbitrator Intelligence CLE and Networking Reception, January 2020
- Speaker, "Tips for Improving the Arbitration Process," Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution, January 2020
- Speaker, "The Future of Oil and Gas Arbitrations in Canada and Abroad," ICC Canada Arbitration Committee Annual Conference, Banff, Alberta, Canada, October 2019
- Speaker, "Investment and Commercial Arbitration," VI Arbitration Congress CAM-CCBC, São Paulo, Brazil, October 2019
- Speaker, "Ethics in International Arbitration," Roundtable and Reception of the Launch of the CIArb Brazil Branch, São Paulo, Brazil, 2019
- Speaker, "Arbitrations and Damages," São Paulo, Brazil, 2019
- Speaker, "Paris, France v. Paris, Texas – Comparing International v. Domestic Arbitration," The Annual Conference on ADR, Houston, Texas, May 2019
- Speaker, "International Arbitration Awards – Examining the Data – Discussing the Findings and Trends – Understanding How Arbitrators Approach the Drafting of an International Award," iLaw Conference – The ILS Global Forum on International Law, February 2019
- Speaker, "Evidence in Arbitration: Burden, Standard, Admissibility and Weight," 4th Conference on International Arbitration & the UN Convention for the Sale of Goods, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, February 2019
- Keynote Speaker, Atlanta International Arbitration Society 7th Annual Conference, November 2018
- Speaker, "Joint Operating Agreement Disputes," LCIA/AIPN, London, England, October 2018
- Speaker, "Emergency Arbitrators," ITA-IEL-ICC Joint Conference, Houston, Texas, January 2018
- Speaker, "Mechanics of Arbitration," TexasBarCLE 16th Annual Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution Course, Austin, Texas, January 2018
- Moderator, "The Art of Advocacy – The Civil and Common Law Styles," CIArb International Arbitration Conference 2017, Paris, France, December 2017
- Moderator, "International Arbitration in the Energy and Financial Sectors: Advances Made – Challenges Ahead," ICDR- AAA/ICC/ICSID 34th Annual Joint Colloquium on International Arbitration, New York, December 2017
- Speaker, "Toto, I've a Feeling We're Not in Kansas Anymore (Hot International Arbitration Topics and How These Issues Are Being Addressed by the Courts, Institutions and Legislatures)," The Annual Conference on ADR 2017, Houston, Texas, May 2017
- Conference Co-Chair and Lunch Program Speaker, "Resolving Energy Disputes in Times of Crisis," Energy Arbitration 2017 Conference: Resolving Energy Disputes in Times of Crisis, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, North America Branch, Houston, Texas, April 2017
- Speaker, "Mock Arbitration of Articles 20 & 23, Conduct of Proceedings and the Hearing," The ICDR Miami International Arbitration Conference, January 2015
- Speaker, "Oil and Gas Disputes in North America," ICDR/AIPN Conference: Dispute Resolution in the International Oil & Gas Business, Calgary, Canada, 2014
- Moderator, "Cross Border Energy Disputes," Second Annual ICC Houston Conference on International Arbitration: Energy, Ethics and the

- Effective Management of Arbitration, Houston, Texas, 2014
- Speaker, "Arbitrating in Mexico," US-Mexico Bar Association Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico, 2014
 - Co-Chair, "International Arbitration from the Arbitrator's Perspective," 25th Anniversary ITA Workshop, Dallas, Texas, 2013

BOOKS/JOURNALS

- Author, "The Art of Advocacy: The Common Law Perspective," *The Pluralities and Synergies of Legal Traditions in International Arbitration: Looking Beyond the Common Civil Law Divide*, Kluwer (2024)
- Co-Author, "The New York Convention: The Lynchpin of International Arbitration," *International Arbitration: A Global Guide for Practitioners*, Edward Elgar Publishing (publication pending)
- Author, "Arbitration: Quo Vadis?" *Young Arbitrator Review* (December 2021)
- Author, "Party Autonomy, Manifest Disregard and Vacatur of Arbitration Awards," *Corporate Counsel*, September 20, 2016
- Co-Author, "International Arbitration of Oilfield Services Disputes," *The Leading Practitioner's Guide to International Oil & Gas Arbitration*, October 2015
- Co-Author, "International Arbitration of LNG Disputes," *The Leading Practitioner's Guide to International Oil & Gas Arbitration*, 2015
- Co-Author, "Coming To America: The Use of 28 U.S.C. §1782," *Journal of Arbitration Studies* 25(3), 59-90, 2015

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author, ICDR Publishes Guidelines on the Use of Arbitral Tribunal Secretaries, December 2022
- Author, Locke Lord QuickStudy: ICDR Launches Rules Update, February 24, 2021
- Author, Locke Lord QuickStudy: Second Circuit Holds that 28 U.S.C. § 1782 Does

Not Extend to Private Arbitrations, July 15, 2020

- Author, Locke Lord QuickStudy: Section 7 of the FAA: Compelling Evidence from the Recalcitrant Non-party Witness, June 3, 2020
- Author, Locke Lord QuickStudy: U.S. Supreme Court Holds New York Convention Does Not Conflict with Domestic Estoppel Doctrines, June 1, 2020
- Co-Author, Locke Lord QuickStudy: Foreign Arbitrations and the Use of Section 44(2)(a) of the Arbitration Act 1996, May 28, 2020
- Author, Locke Lord QuickStudy: When Confidentiality and 28 U.S.C. § 1782 Collide: In re Application of Servotronics, Inc., May 21, 2020
- Co-Author, Locke Lord QuickStudy: How the AAA-ICDR® is Meeting the COVID-19 Challenge, April 21, 2020
- Author, Locke Lord QuickStudy: Private Arbitrations and the Use of 28 U.S.C. § 1782: A Patchwork of Availability, April 16, 2020
- Co-Author, Locke Lord QuickStudy: Conversion of Litigation to Arbitration: An Answer to Judicial Delay in the Time of COVID-19, April 8, 2020
- Author, Locke Lord QuickStudy: The FAA and the Bankruptcy Code: A Delicate Balance, March 24, 2020
- Author, Locke Lord QuickStudy: Texas Supreme Court Holds Texas Arbitration Act's Enumerated Vacatur Grounds Are Exclusive, May 24, 2016
- Author/Speaker (with Harrell), "The (Surprisingly Complex) Art of Drafting Arbitration Clauses," International Association of Drilling Contractors, August 2015
- Co-Author, "Locke Lord Focus: International Arbitration," Corporate Counsel, July 22, 2015
- Author, Locke Lord QuickStudy: Legal Descriptions — Texas Supreme Court Holds Specific Controls Over The General, April 22, 2015
- Author, Locke Lord QuickStudy: Fifth Circuit Holds the Word "Replace" in Easement Grant is Ambiguous, April 14, 2015

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas