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Biography

Ollie Armas is Global Head of International Arbitration and also on the leadership team of the firm's Global Enforcement Team (on judgment enforcement and asset tracing/recovery). He is sought out by clients around the world to resolve their most complex and delicate matters in domestic and foreign litigation and before international arbitration tribunals.

With his 30 plus years of experience, Ollie advises clients on matters in a variety of industries including life sciences and health care, consumer, energy and natural resources, investment treaty disputes, construction, and technology.

Fluent in Spanish, with an understanding of Portuguese, he routinely counsels clients on matters connected to Latin America. He is also well-known for his work connected to Asia.

As a sought-after arbitrator, he has handled arbitrations under the rules of many of the major arbitral institutions around the world and has acted as a foreign legal adviser (on U.S. law) in court proceedings in Mexico and Peru.

Representative experience

Defended a Brazilian mining and metals company in alleged product defect litigation in Missouri concerning



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Languages

English
Spanish
Portuguese

Practices

Administrative and Public Law
Banking and Finance Litigation
Commercial Litigation
International Arbitration
Investigations, White Collar, and Fraud
Energy Disputes
Business and Human Rights

materials imported to the United States.

Defended an Argentine oil company in a New Jersey litigation relating to environmental contamination and supposed fraudulent conveyances.

Obtained a defense verdict in the Southern District of New York for a U.S. asset-based lender against an Italian clothes manufacturer (Diesel).

Represented Cayman-based and UK-based investment funds in litigation in Brazil, Bermuda, and Uruguay related to restructuring of debentures.

Represented a manufacturer of human blood sourced products in an ICDR arbitration against one of its business partners.

Represented U.S. multinational in an ICDR arbitration regarding the exercise of a put option in a Taiwanese Company.

Represented an owner in an ICC construction arbitration in Panama with its EPC contractor.

Represented an Abu Dhabi-based owner in an UNCITRAL arbitration regarding the construction of a hotel development in Mexico.

Represented a global pharmaceutical company in an AAA arbitration involving a development and license agreement dispute.

Represented a Peruvian investor in a tax refund arbitration with the Government of Peru.

Represented a U.S. electric utility company in a JAMS arbitration regarding a merger transaction.

On behalf of a Chinese parent, conducted an internal investigation of its Latin American subsidiaries for potential FCPA violations.

Represented a U.S. pharmaceutical in an internal investigation regarding judicial corruption in Mexico.

Industries

Automotive

Diversified Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

Life Sciences and Health Care

TMT

Private Capital

Areas of focus

Construction and Engineering

Public International Law

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., New York University School of Law, 1990

M.P.A., New York University, Wagner Graduate School of Public Administration, with honors, 1987

B.A., New York University, College of Arts and Sciences, with honors, 1986

Memberships

Member, American Bar Association

Member, New York State Bar Association (International Law Section, Chair 2007 and current member of its Executive Committee)

Awards and rankings

- International Arbitration (USA), *Chambers Global*, 2013-2020
- International Arbitration (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2014-2020
- International Arbitration (Latin America-wide), *Chambers Latin America*, 2014-2021
- International Arbitration (Latin America-wide), *Chambers Global*, 2013-2020
- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2018-2019
- Distinguished Leader Award, *New York Law Journal*, 2018
- International Arbitration (Global-wide), *Chambers Global*, 2014-2020
- International Arbitration (USA), Foreign Expert for Latin America-wide, *Chambers Global*, 2014-2019
- Litigation: International Arbitration, Recommended, *The Legal 500*, 2014
- Benchmark: Litigation (NY Star; Products Liability and General Commercial)
- Who's Who of International Arbitration
- Who's Who of International Litigation
- Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration

Latest thinking and events

- Announcements
 - Comparison of International Arbitration Rules, Fifth Edition
- Media Mention
 - Armas takes helm at Hogan Lovells *Global Arbitration Review*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Second Circuit confirms: No discovery for private

Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York (International Commercial Disputes Committee)

Member, International Bar Association

Member, USCIB of the International Chamber of Commerce

Member, London Court of International Arbitration (the North American Users' Council and the Latin American Users' Council)

Member, New York International Arbitration Club

Advisory Committee, Swiss Arbitration Academy (SAA)

Advisory Committee, Argentine Commission of National and Transnational Arbitration (CARAT)

Member, ALARB

Roundtable Group Roster of Experts

Bar admissions and qualifications

New York

Court admissions

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii

Accolades

"Incredibly smart and energetic,"

international arbitrations

■ Published Works

- Enforcing a judgment against an alter ego of a foreign sovereign *New York Law Journal*

■ Published Works

- International Commercial Arbitration in New York *James H. Carter and John Fellas, co-editors, Oxford University Press*

■ Published Works

- International Execution against Judgment Debtors - Mexico Chapter *Thomson Reuters Westlaw*

"spectacular and incredible lawyer"

Chambers Global

"Very thoughtful and inventive; he created arguments others wouldn't have thought of," "excellent experience"

Chambers USA

"Wonderfully sharp," "an incredible lawyer," "we really value him"

Chambers Latin America

"Highly analytical and provides key strategic advice."

The Legal 500
