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Office Managing Partner

New York

Biography

Ollie Armas is the Managing Partner of our New York office. He is sought out by our clients around the world to resolve some of their most complex and delicate matters in domestic and foreign litigation, before international arbitration tribunals, and to conduct sensitive internal investigations.

Just recently, Ollie represented an Asia-based client in a US\$1 billion putative RICO class action, a Saudi agent against its Argentine principal in a US\$100 million+ ICC arbitration, a Brazilian owner in three international FPSO construction arbitrations totaling over US\$1 billion in claims, a Korean conglomerate in an ICSID claim, a Korean contractor in an ICC arbitration involving a combined cycle power plant in Chile, a U.S. healthcare provider in an AAA "mass arbitration" brought by multiple doctors, the Government of Mongolia in defending enforcement of an UNCITRAL and Energy Charter Treaty arbitration award (involving the U.S. Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act), and a U.S.-based client in a FCPA investigation in Latin America.

Ollie leads a multilingual and multicultural team that prides itself on its creative, tenacious approaches to resolving client disputes. The team focuses on energy - oil and gas, power, nuclear, renewables; mining; engineering; manufacturing; licensing; commodities;



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Languages

English
Spanish
Portuguese

Practices

Litigation
International Arbitration
Investigations
Administrative and Public Law
Business Structures
Corporate and Shareholder
Litigation

franchising; agency disputes; financial products and services; M&A (including purchase price and working capital adjustments, and earn outs); shareholder issues; joint ventures; hospitality; electronics; technology; transportation; and pharmaceutical and life sciences.

Ollie has handled arbitrations under the rules of many of the major arbitral institutions, including the ICC, AAA/ICDR, LCIA, ICSID, HKIAC, SIAC, SMA, LMAA, DIAC, and the DIFC. He is also a highly sought after arbitrator. Fluent in Spanish, and with an understanding of Portuguese, he routinely counsels clients on matters involving Latin America. Ollie has acted as a legal advisor in certain aspects of U.S. law in Mexico and Peru, and he has supervised litigation and conducted FCPA investigations in almost every country in Latin America.

Representative experience

Represented an EPC contractor involving a dispute regarding the construction of a combined cycle power plant in Chile.

Represented an owner of a FPSO in a dispute with its EPC contractor.

Defended a Brazilian mining and metals company in alleged product defect litigation in Missouri concerning 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 an owner in an ICC construction

Industries

Energy and Natural Resources

Automotive and Mobility

TMT

Diversified Industrials

Areas of focus

Public International Law, Investment Treaty Protection, and International Arbitration

Commercial Litigation

Construction and Engineering

Financial Services Litigation

Education and admissions

Education

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

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

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

Memberships

Member, American Bar Association

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

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.

Awards and rankings

- International Arbitration (Latin America-wide), *Chambers Latin America*, 2014-2018
- International Arbitration (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2014-2017
- International Arbitration (USA), Foreign Expert for Latin America-wide, *Chambers Global*, 2014-2018
- International Arbitration (USA), *Chambers Global*, 2013-2018
- International Arbitration (Global-wide), *Chambers Global*, 2014-2018
- International Arbitration (Latin America-wide), *Chambers Global*, 2013-2018
- Litigation: International Arbitration, Recommended, *The Legal 500*, 2014
- Benchmark: Litigation (NY Star; Products Liability and General Commercial)

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

Clients and peers say that Ollie is

- Who's Who of International Arbitration
- Who's Who of International Litigation
- Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration
- Super Lawyers, 2010-2017

Latest thinking and events

- Published Works
 - Chapter Publication "Enforcement of ICSID Awards" published in "International Arbitration in the United States," Wolter's Kluwer, (2017)
- Events
 - Young Arbitrators Forum
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - U.S. federal court upholds a party's right to attach the assets of its opponent in arbitration before final award on the merits
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Second Circuit issues opinion in case on enforcement of arbitral awards annulled by foreign courts
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
 - Columbia Law School - Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Comprehensive Course on International Arbitration
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Mitigate the risks you face with supply chain disruption

"incredibly smart and energetic,"
"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
