

Maria Eugenia Ramirez

Partner

Miami

Biography

Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Maria Eugenia Ramirez is passionate about international law. In 2002, she joined Hogan Lovells to establish an international arbitration practice. Maria Eugenia helped create and develop the practice, which over the years has grown exponentially not just in Miami but around the world.

Maria Eugenia continues to focus her practice on international arbitration, with an emphasis on Latin America and the Caribbean. She has represented clients with respect to contract, construction, and telecommunications disputes. She handles international arbitration matters in both English and Spanish before the International Centre for Dispute Resolution of the American Arbitration Association (ICDR), the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).

Maria Eugenia began her legal career in the litigation group of the largest law firm in Puerto Rico. She moved to the mainland United States in the hopes of working with more international clients, choosing Miami due to its proximity to Latin America. Her current practice allows her to travel all around Latin America and the world, an opportunity she did not have in previous positions.

Maria is among Latin American's Top 100 Female Lawyers by *Latinvex*. She has been ranked in *Chambers Global*, Dispute Resolution and Litigation, and received



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Languages

English
Spanish

Practices

International Arbitration
Litigation Services
Technology Litigation
Latin America Regional Practice

Areas of focus

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Construction and Engineering
Construction, Engineering, and
Projects
Treaty Arbitrations and Disputes

the *Daily Business Review's* Most Effective Lawyers - Pro Bono Award in 2017.

Before entering private practice, Maria Eugenia worked for the Honorable Juan M. Pérez-Giménez, U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, in San Juan. She also served as legal counsel and sat on the board of directors of the March of Dimes, Puerto Rico Chapter, also in San Juan. She is the only lawyer at Hogan Lovells licensed to practice law in Puerto Rico state courts.

Maria Eugenia serves on the President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW).

Representative experience

Representing a Spanish investor in an ICSID arbitration against a country in Latin America with respect to a concession agreement related to vehicle inspections.

Representing a Spanish investor in an ICSID arbitration against a Central American country concerning a chicken processing plant.

Representing a Jamaican investor in an UNCITRAL arbitration (administered by ICSID) against a Caribbean nation concerning a landfill in Santo Domingo.

Represented a Venezuelan company against an Italian contractor in an ICC arbitration regarding construction of a Venezuelan fertilizer plant.

Represented a major Spanish contractor in litigation proceedings concerning the construction of Puerto Rico's "Tren Urbano" metrorail system.

Represented a United Kingdom satellite company in an ICC arbitration under English law regarding a breach of contract dispute.

Represented a Salvadoran telecommunications company in arbitral award enforcement proceedings in federal district and appellate courts.

Represented Venezuelan citizens in an ICDR international arbitration, regarding the breach of a share-purchase agreement (Spanish).

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Cornell Law School, 1998

A.B., Georgetown University, cum laude, 1995

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Memberships

Member, President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW)

Administrative Vice-chair, International Litigation and Arbitration Committee, Florida Bar Association, 2009

Fellow, 2014-2015 Fellows Program, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity

Member, Colegio de Abogados de Puerto Rico

Member, Federal Bar Association

Member, Puerto Rico Bar of Florida

Bar admissions and qualifications

Florida

Puerto Rico

Court admissions

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit

Represented a Dominican power entity in an ICC arbitration against a Dominican government agency regarding the sale of electric power.

Represented a Salvadoran telecommunications company under the ICC rules where the arbitrations were conducted in Miami.

Represented a Salvadoran telecommunications company under the ICDR rules where the arbitrations were conducted in El Salvador.

Representing a Central American country in an investment treaty arbitration administered under the ICSID Arbitration Rules related to the expropriation of real estate assets for an ecotourism project.

U.S. District Court, District of Puerto Rico

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Awards and rankings

- International Firms – City focus - Miami, *The Legal 500 Latin America*, 2022
- Latin America's Top 100 Female Lawyers, *Latinvex*, 2019-2021
- Arbitration - Future Leaders, *Who's Who Legal*, 2020
- Nation's Best List, *Lawyers of Color*, 2019-2020
- Dispute Resolution (Puerto Rico) and Litigation (USA), *Chambers Global*, 2013-2014
- Most Effective Lawyers - Pro Bono, *Daily Business Review*, 2007

Latest thinking and events

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 - Hogan Lovells partners named among Latin America's Top 100 Female Lawyers by Latinvex
- News
 - Understanding investment treaties: The relevance of investment arbitration to the tech sector
- News
 - Understanding investment treaties: The relevance of investment protection to the tech sector
- News
 - Understanding investment treaties: Advantages of

investment treaty arbitration

- News
 - Understanding investment treaties: The standards of protection commonly found in investment treaties
- News
 - Understanding investment treaties: The basics of investment protection under investment treaties