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EXPERIENCE

Independent International Arbitration Practice

Managing Member, Ruth Teitelbaum PLLC (March 2021-present)

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Arbitrator, sole practitioner and arbitration expert in international arbitration disputes and international law. Also certified as a CEDR mediator. Recent arbitrator appointments include two commercial arbitrations under the LCIA Rules involving commercial transactions in the oil and gas industry. Served as an expert on New York law in an ICC arbitration involving Bolivian and New York law and insurance guarantees. Listed as an arbitrator on several leading dispute resolution institutions including the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Centro de Arbitraje de México and the Court of Arbitration for Art of the Netherlands.

Tenor Capital Management LLP

Head of Underwriting, Director (December 2015-March 2021)

Managing international legal due diligence and strategy for an SEC registered, 700m private equity fund investing in litigation and arbitration disputes; managing litigation and arbitration budgets, litigation strategy and enforcement of awards and judgments; adviser to the board of a public mining company with international arbitration claim; assessing political and legal risk for large multinational companies with international arbitration and litigation claims.

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer US LLP

Senior Associate (February 2008-December 2015)

Representing US, European and Latin American investors in ICSID, ICC and UNCITRAL arbitrations, both in English and Spanish, across a variety of sectors including energy, gas, mining, intellectual property and manufacturing services. Advising sovereigns on rights under treaties and customary international law.

International Court of Justice

Associate Legal Officer (February 2006-February 2008)

Preparing legal research and drafting support to judges on ICJ disputes concerning issues of jurisdiction, treaty interpretation and rights under customary international law; research on maritime boundary disputes and disputes concerning sovereignty over islands.

American Society of International Law

Managing Editor, International Legal Materials (ILM) (January 2003-January 2006)

Research on current developments in international law including international human rights, international criminal law, international trade and investment law; author of analytical summaries on international legal decisions and treaties; organizing seminars on current issues of international law.

World Bank Administrative Tribunal

Legal Consultant (February 2004-November 2004)

Writing legal memoranda and drafting judgments for international labor law and administrative law disputes involving gender discrimination and wrongful termination; research on World Bank Administrative law jurisprudence and Bank Employment Rules.

International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes, (ICSID)

Assistant Counsel (December 1999-June 2001)

Research and writing concerning requests for arbitration under the ICSID Convention; analysis of requests for arbitration under the screening powers of the ICSID Secretariat; research and writing regarding BITs and NAFTA; handling a variety of procedural issues including the proposal to disqualify arbitrators.

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Legal Assistant (during law school) (October 1998-April 1999)

Research and writing on trademark law and trademark petition procedures; drafting responses to petitioners' requests for revival and reinstatement of trademarks.

U.S. Department of State, Consulate in Recife, Brazil

Commercial Assistant during law school (June-August, 1998)

Drafting weekly cables to other U.S. Consulates in Brazil; interviews in Portuguese concerning privatization of a Brazilian state-owned electric company.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish, French and Portuguese

United Nations Exam Certificate in Spanish (2008); French exam for serving as International Court of Justice Associate Legal Officer (2006) Adjunct professor of Spanish (advanced grammar) and French (levels I, II) at George Washington University (Fall 2002, Fall 2003, Spring 2004)

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (2009); Washington, D.C. (2000); Connecticut (2000)

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law (May 2002) Master of Laws (LLM), thesis on NAFTA Chapter Eleven

George Mason University School of Law (May 1999) Juris Doctor

University of Virginia, (May 1996), Bachelor of Arts, French and Spanish Literature; thesis in French, High Honors

PUBLICATIONS

- Book Chapter, "Document Production: Flexibility and Fragility in International Arbitration." *International Arbitration in Practice*, Kluwer (April 2025).
- Book Review, Antonio R. Parra, "The History of ICSID," *Arbitration International* (September 2024)
- "O Nottebohm and an Imaginary Conversation with Kurt Lipstein," *Arbitration International*, Volume 39, Issue 2 (June 2023)
- "Sharing the Pain of Award Payment and Climate Change Policy: A Collective Fund for ICSID Awards," in Petra Butler, Jean-Pierre Gauci and Georgia Greville (eds), *Small States and International Law*, Brill | Nijhoff (2025).
- "From Lena Goldfields to Crystallex: A Proposal for Collective Financing of Sovereign Award Debt," *Arbitration International*, Tribute Issue in Honor of Johnny Veeder Vol. 2 (2021)
- "The Third-Party Funding Debate: A Misguided Focus on Definitions at the Expense of Policy Considerations," *BCDR International Arbitration Review* 5, no. 2 (2018): 165–180
- "What's Tax Got to Do With It? The Yukos Tribunal's Approach to Motive and Treaty Interpretation," *Transnational Dispute Settlement/Oil and Gas Intelligence Series Advance Publication* (December 2014).
- "Utilities, Government Regulations and Energy Investment Arbitrations," *GAR GUIDE TO ENERGY ARBITRATION*, 63 (October 2015). (Co-author with Nigel Blackaby).

- “The Latest Award from the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal: The Line Between Approximation of Damages and Ruling Ex Aequo et Bono,” *International Decisions, AJIL* Vol. 109 369 (April 2015) (Co-author with Stephen Schwebel)
- “A Look At The Public Interest In Investment Arbitration: Is It Unique? What Should We Do About It?” *Berkeley Journal of International Law, (Riesenfeld Symposium)* Vol. 5 (2010)
- “Case Report on Saipem v. Bangladesh,” *Arbitration International, Arbitration International, (2010) Volume 26, Issue 2*
- “Towards A Presumption of Transparency in Investment Arbitration,” *World Arbitration & Mediation Review* Volume 2 (2008)
- “Recent Fact-Finding Developments at the International Court of Justice,” *The Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals, Vol. 6* (2007)
- “Challenges of Arbitrators at the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal: Defining the Role of the Appointing Authority,” *Journal of International Arbitration, Vol. 23* (2006)
- “Who’s Afraid of Maffezini? Recent Developments in the Interpretation of Most Favored Nation Clauses,” *Journal of International Arbitration, Volume 22* (3) 2005
- “Privacy, Confidentiality and Third Party Participation: Recent Developments in NAFTA Chapter Eleven Arbitration,” *The Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals 2: 249-267* (2003)

CONFERENCES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- UNCITRAL Asia-Pacific Day, “Transparency in Investment Arbitration” (November 2024)
- ICCA Congress, Hong Kong (May 2024), speaker on panel, “Culture, Localisation and Regionalism”
- New York Arbitration Week, Breakfast Roundtable at Herbert Smith, “Leveraging Experts” (November 2023)
- AfIELN International Economic Law conference in Accra, panelist on proposal for collective fund for ICSID award debt (June 2023)
- NYU Litigation Finance and International Arbitration Seminar (Panelist) (February 2023)
- ITA Americas Webinar in Spanish on ESG and Finance (moderator) (April 2023)
- Small and MicroStates conference (BIICL and Institute for Small and Microstates) (October 2022)
- Washington Arbitration Week: Panel on Enforcement of International Arbitration Awards (December 2022)
- Georgetown University School of Law: International Arbitration and Latin America (November 2022)
- EISIL Pre-Conference International Economic Law Workshop (March 2022)
- Sovereign States – a Rorschach Test? ThoughtLeaders4Fire (February 2021)
- The Future of Dispute Financing: Pricing, Profits, and Policy NYU Center on Civil Justice (October 2019)
- Enforcement of Arbitration Awards and Judgments Against Sovereigns, International Section of the New York State Bar Association (June 2018)
- Co-chair of 14th Annual ITA-ASIL Conference on Third Party Funding in International Arbitration: Legal & Ethical Considerations (April 2017)
- Environmental Claims and Investment Arbitration, NY State Bar Association Panel, (May 2017)
- Co-Chair ITA-ASIL Conference on Third Party Funding (April 2017)
- Investor-State arbitration: What Does The Future Hold? NY Bar Association Meeting in Paris, (October 2016)
- Third Party Funding and Security for Costs for Arbitration: a discussion of the draft ICCA-ASIL Third Party Funding Task Force Report, NYIAC (January 2016)
- ABA Spring Conference, Roundtable on ISDS (April 2015)
- Issue Conflict in Investment Arbitration, Report and Debate, ASIL Annual Meeting (April 2015)
- ITA Winter Roundtable Debate, Issue Conflicts in Investment Arbitration (January 2015)

EXTERNAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- General Editor, Arbitration International (previously Deputy General Editor)
- Reporter for the ICCA-ASIL Task Force on Issue Conflict in International Arbitration (2015)
- Member, Executive Committee and Advisory Board of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA)
- Vice-Chair of the ITA Young Arbitrators Initiative Committee (2013-2015)
- Member of ASIL (also served on ASIL Annual Meeting Committee, 2009)
- DC Bar: Elected Member of the International Law Section Steering Committee, member of the International Dispute Settlement transparency working group (June 2005-February 2006, ended membership in Steering Committee due to change of residence from Washington DC to the Netherlands)
- Member, American Society of International Law
- Inter-American Moot Court Competition: Judge, in Spanish and Portuguese (Spring 2001)