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International Partner

Ann Ryan Robertson has over 30 years of experience representing clients in a variety of complex commercial disputes spanning a number of industries, among them oil and gas, banking and finance, insurance, manufacturing, real estate and automotive.

Named 2014 Lawyer of the Year, International Arbitration – Governmental (Houston) by *The Best Lawyers in America*, Ms. Robertson serves as an arbitrator and advocate in both international and domestic arbitrations. She is a member of the U.S. delegation to the NAFTA Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes, a Trustee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and a past member of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Commission on Arbitration. In addition, for over a decade, Ms. Robertson has coached the University of Houston Law Center's Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot team.

Professional Affiliations and Awards

Honors and Activities

- Named, 2014 Lawyer of the Year, International Arbitration – Governmental (Houston) by *The Best Lawyers in America*
- Named, *The Best Lawyers in America*, International Arbitration/Governmental (2014)
- Texas Super Lawyer (*Law & Politics* and *Texas Monthly*, 2009-2013)
- Member, American Law Institute
- Trustee, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Executive Committee, North American Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2006-2012); Chair (2008 -2011)
- Member, ICDR and AAA Panels of Neutrals
- Member, U.S. delegation to the NAFTA Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes (appointed by U.S. State and Commerce Departments)
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Member, Houston International Arbitration Club
- Founding Member, ArbitralWomen
- Coach, University of Houston Law Center Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot Competition (2002-present)
- Past Member, ICC Commission on Arbitration (by appointment)
- Observer, UNCITRAL Working Group II (Arbitration & Conciliation) (February 2010, by invitation)
- Advisory Board, Institute for Transnational Arbitration



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Practices

Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution
International Arbitration
International Arbitration

Education

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

J.D., University of Houston Law
Center, 1977
Order of the Barons

B.A., English, University of Houston,
1972

Selected Publications & Presentations

Speeches

- Moderator, ICDR 11th Annual Miami International Arbitration Conference, “Rapid Fire Debate & Vote: International Dispute Resolution Issues in North America,” Miami (September 2013)
- Co-Chair, 25th Anniversary ITA Workshop, “International Arbitration from the Arbitrator’s Perspective,” Dallas (June 2013)
- Author/Speaker (with Harrell), “The (Surprising Complex) Art of Drafting Arbitration Clauses,” Dispute Resolution Centre, Trinidad & Tobago (April 2013)
- Speaker, “Application of Mandatory Public Law Provisions by Arbitral Tribunals,” ArbitralWomen Forum, Dublin (October 2012)
- Author/Speaker (with Novinger Grant), “A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned: Cost Containment Techniques in Arbitration,” Presented at Locke Lord LLP – September 2012)
- Speaker, “North American Developments in International Dispute Resolution” at the AAA/ICDR conference “Regaining Speed & Economy in Dispute Resolution” (October 2011)
- Moderator, “Advocacy in Damages Claims,” at Foro de Arbitraje 2011 “Arbitration and the Recovery of Damages and Loss of Income – the Mexican Legal Regime and International Practice,” Mexico City, (September 2011)
- Panelist, 9th Annual ICDR International Arbitration Conference, Miami (September 14-16, 2011)
- Keynote Speaker, “Arbitration Highlights from the U. S. of Eh?,” Western Canadian Arbitrators Roundtable, Calgary (May 2011)
- Faculty, ITA-CeCap Americas Workshop; “Commencing an International Commercial Arbitration: Fundamentals and Strategy,” Panama City, Panama (April 2011)
- Speaker, “Arbitration Fairness Act of 2009,” East Asia Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Hong Kong (March 2009)
- Speaker, “Techniques for Controlling Time and Costs in International Commercial Arbitration,” ICC Conference on International Construction Contracts and the Resolution of Disputes (June 2008)

Articles

- Co-Author, “Changes for the Better? Revising the Arbitration Rules,” The Resolver, News from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (May 2010).
- Author, “The Arbitration Fairness Acts of 2009: The United States Anti-Arbitration Bills,” Asian Dispute Review, Published by the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (July 2009).

- Co-Author, “The Law on Overturning Arbitration Awards for Partiality is Confused,” *Commercial & Business Litigation*, American Bar Association, Section of Litigation, Vol. 10, No. 3 (Spring 2009).
- Author, “Fifth Circuit Holds Lawsuit was an Improper Collateral Attack on a Foreign Award,” *Newsletter of the Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association* (September 2008).