

Maria Eugenia Ramirez

Partner
Miami

Biography

Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Maria Eugenia Ramirez is passionate about international law. In 2002, she joined our newly opened Miami office, where Hogan & Hartson (now Hogan Lovells) was seeking bilingual lawyers 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.

Today, Maria Eugenia still focuses her practice on international arbitration, with an emphasis on Latin America and the Caribbean. She has represented clients from El Salvador, Panama, Venezuela, Ecuador, Mexico, Guatemala, Chile, Argentina, Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico 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



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Languages

English

Spanish

Practices

International Arbitration

Litigation

Technology Litigation

Latin America

Areas of focus

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Construction and Engineering

Construction, Engineering, and
Projects

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.

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 has been named one of Latin America's Top 100 Female Lawyers by *Latinvex* (2019). She has also been ranked in *Chambers Global*, Dispute Resolution (Puerto Rico) and Litigation (USA) (2013-2014) and received the *Daily Business Review's* Most Effective Lawyers - Pro Bono Award (2007) for successfully representing a pro bono client in a federal jury trial concerning disability discrimination and retaliation claims.

Representative experience

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).

Treaty Arbitrations and Disputes

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Cornell Law School, 1998

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

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Memberships

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

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

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Colegio de Abogados de Puerto Rico

Member, Federal Bar Association

Member, Puerto Rico Bar of Florida

Bar admissions and qualifications

Florida

Puerto Rico

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

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

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

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

Awards and rankings

- Arbitration - Future Leaders, *Who's Who Legal*, 2020
- Nation's Best List, *Lawyers of Color*, 2019
- Latin America's Top 100 Female Lawyers, *Latinvex*, 2019
- Dispute Resolution (Puerto Rico) and Litigation (USA), *Chambers Global*, 2013-2014
- Most Effective Lawyers - Pro Bono, *Daily Business Review*, 2007
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Latest thinking and events

Hogan Lovells Events

Women in Arbitration Reception
12 November 2019

Published Works

Coffee, Anyone? An Insider's Look at the Gender Disparity in International Arbitration
IILP Review 2019-2020: The State of Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Profession
2019-2020

Media Mention

Court admissions

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Puerto Rico

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Five Attorneys on Being the Only Women in the Room

Law360

29 May 2019

Press Releases

Precedent-setting ICSID arbitration award in favor of the Republic of Panama now final and binding

19 February 2019

Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements

First Women in Arbitration conference

01 January 2019

Press Releases

Hogan Lovells secures precedent-setting win for the Republic of Panama in investment arbitration dispute

15 October 2018