

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
Caribbean Desk
Our legal work in Latin America

Areas of focus

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Treaty Arbitrations and Disputes
Construction and Engineering

Education and admissions

the *Daily Business Review's* Most Effective Lawyers - Pro Bono Award in 2007.

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.

Representative experience

Representing an investor in an ICSID arbitration against a Central American country concerning the construction of two hydroelectric power plants.

Representing US investors in an ICSID arbitration against a Central American country concerning the construction of a housing project.

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

Represented a Spanish investor in an ICSID arbitration against a Central American country concerning a poultry processing plant.

Represented 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.

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.

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, Puerto Rico Bar of Florida

Bar admissions and qualifications

Florida

Puerto Rico

Court admissions

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

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.

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.

Awards and rankings

- International Arbitration (Latin America), *Chambers Latin America*, 2023
- Recommended Lawyer (Latin America), *The Legal 500 Latin America*, 2023
- International Arbitration (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2022-2023
- International Firms – City focus - Miami, *The Legal 500 Latin America*, 2022
- Latin America's Top 100 Female Lawyers, *Latinvex*, 2019-2023
- Arbitration Future Leaders Partners, *Who's Who Legal*, 2023
- 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

- Awards & rankings
 - Hogan Lovells partners named among Latin America's Top 100 Female Lawyers by Latinvex
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells obtains multimillion final arbitration award against the Dominican Republic, involving issues of first impression
- Media Mention
 - 'The Only Woman in the Room': A Latina is Changing the Face of Arbitration in Miami *Daily Business Review*
- News
 - Amendments to ICSID Rules set to come into effect on July 1, 2022
- Awards & rankings
 - 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