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EXPERIENCE

AECOM, Los Angeles, 2016 - Present

Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel, Global Head of Litigation

Responsible for leading Company's efforts to strategically manage disputes world-wide, including complex international and domestic arbitration and litigation, to minimize Company's overall exposure and maximize recoveries. Provide advice and assistance to senior management in preventing, assessing and reducing claims. Provide reports to auditors, actuaries and insurers. Created and led efforts to centralize dispute management and supervise team of in house lawyers now actively managing AECOM's most significant disputes to achieve best outcome while minimizing erosion of profit margins. Draft and implement corporate policies. Reduced external legal spend on claims by more than \$5 million in first full fiscal year. Please see accompanying sheet for details on representative matters.

O'MELVENY & MYERS, Los Angeles, 2014 - 2016

Senior Counsel

Provided advice and assistance to clients in international arbitration, litigation and labor-related matters.

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION, Los Angeles, 1994 - 2014

Associate General Counsel – Litigation

Responsible for strategic decisions, managed outside counsel and directed cost-effective results for wide range of complex international arbitrations, including ICSID, ICC, UNCITRAL and LCIA arbitrations, litigation and governmental investigations. Advised senior management on litigation, corporate governance, and labor and employment matters. Drafted and implemented corporate policies, compliance and training programs. Provided advice on corporate transactions and served as Company's lead internal antitrust counsel. Please see accompanying sheet for details on representative matters.

GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER, San Diego and Los Angeles, 1987 - 1994

Associate

Specialized in general business, securities and labor litigation. Significant trial, arbitration and motion experience, including two misdemeanor trials through the Los Angeles District Attorney's office.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

ARBITRATOR, Chair, AAA arbitration brought by athlete challenging doping sanction (2017)

SPEAKER, "Arbitration Challenged: Reforming Commercial Arbitration In Response to Legitimacy Concerns" ICCA 2018 Congress (2018); "Would Construction Arbitration Benefit From Value Engineering, Or Does It Need A Full Overhaul" GAR Live Construction Disputes (2018); "How To Maximize Efficiency In a Complex Case" AAA 2018 Construction Conference; "The Diversity Dividend: the Power of the Purse," Groundbreaking Women in Construction Conference (2017); "Managing the Client through the Dispute Resolution Process, An Industry Perspective," Construction Super Conference (2016) "The Hottest Oil & Gas Claims For 2015 --And How To Beat Them" Institute for Energy Law 66th Annual Oil and Gas Conference (2015); "Arbitrating in the U.S. - Minimizing Risks" The Essentials of International Arbitration Involving Japanese Companies Conference, Tokyo (2015); "Thinking Like a GC: Updates on Substantive Legal Developments Affecting Energy Companies in 2015 and Beyond" American Conference Institute's Women Leaders in Environmental & Energy Law Forum (2015); "An In-house Counsel's Perspective on the Effective Management of Arbitration," Hong Kong ICC Arbitration Week (2014); "Toxic Tort Litigation Update: Bolstering Defense Strategy by Learning from the Docket," American Conference Institute's 5th National Forum (2014)

MEMBER, Court of Arbitration for Sport (2015 to present); Advisory Boards, Institute for Energy Law (21014-2016), Institute for Transnational Arbitration (2014-2016); Reporter, IBA Arbitration Guidelines and Rules Subcommittee (2015-2016); Corporate Counsel International Arbitration Group (2014-2015)

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EDUCATION

UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW, Los Angeles
J.D. May 1987 – Graduated top 15% of class
Judicial Externship, Hon. David R. Thompson, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, May 1984
Beta Alpha Psi, National Accounting Honor Society

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Board Member, Boarding for Breast Cancer (2016 – Present)
Co-Chair, Chadwick School Annual Fund 2012-2015
Northwestern University Parents Fund Committee, 2012-2016
Trustee, Congregation Ner Tamid of the South Bay, 2008- 2012

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Professional Experience – Representative Matters:

Sport Arbitration:

- Chaired tribunal in AAA arbitration brought by cycling athlete challenging proposed sanction for alleged doping offense. Award rendered in July 2017.

International Arbitration:

- Leading team of lawyers in ICC arbitration in London seeking more than \$150 million in connection with Riyadh Metro construction project.
- Supervising and acting as counsel for AECOM in ICC arbitration in London seeking more than \$40 million in connection with hotel and office complex in Azerbaijan.
- Successfully defended ICC arbitration seeking \$100 million claim against AECOM arising out of termination of Iowa fertilizer plant construction contract; obtained favorable settlement and payment to client.
- Initiated and led team of lawyers prosecuting ICSID arbitration against Republic of Ecuador following expropriation of Occidental Petroleum's assets, and obtained \$2.3 billion award recognized by *Global Arbitration Review* as "The Most Important Published Decision of 2012" and selected as "2013 Global Dispute of the Year, Investment Arbitration" by the *American Lawyer*; led team of lawyers in subsequent annulment proceedings (award reduced to \$1.38B in decision on annulment).
- Successfully brought UNCITRAL arbitration against Republic of Ecuador for return of value-added tax, defended award in subsequent appeals in English courts and collected in excess of \$100 million.
- Defended ICC arbitration seeking rescission of sale of Occidental's Argentina assets, and obtained judgment for Occidental.
- Initiated and prosecuted ICC arbitration in London relating to Peruvian oil and gas operations, and obtained favorable settlement.
- Led defense of UNCITRAL arbitration brought by joint venture partner related to dispute over drilling operations and sole risk provisions.
- Supervised and acted as counsel for Occidental in LCIA and ICC commercial arbitrations relating to production sharing agreements and joint venture agreements in Columbia and Yemen.
- Led defense of Occidental in Maritime arbitration seeking rescission of sale of vessels.
- Counsel for claimants in ICC arbitration dispute over exclusive distribution agreement for mobile device accessories; obtained favorable settlement for client.

Domestic Arbitration:

- Defending AECOM/Tishman Construction in \$50 million AAA arbitration related to work on the Grand Central Terminal in New York.
- Leading AECOM's pursuit of \$80 million claim following termination for convenience of construction contract for Illinois power plant.

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Professional Experience – Representative Matters, cont.:

Antitrust, Securities, Complex Commercial Litigation and Class Actions:

- Successfully obtained dismissal of securities class action against AECOM.
- Defended Occidental in antitrust suits brought against oil and gas companies in multiple jurisdictions relating to exchanges of compensation data.
- Spearheaded defense of FTC antitrust investigation of silicates business and DOJ antitrust investigations of oil and chemical industries' compensation practices closed without action, and SEC investigation of FCPA violations in which no action was taken.
- Defended shareholder derivative actions in Delaware and California relating to executive compensation agreements and disclosures.
- Supervised prosecution of breach of contract action and against Chevron in Oklahoma and New York; resulting in jury verdict of over \$700 million.
- Coordinated defense of more than 30 lawsuits brought by private royalty owners and state and federal qui tam litigants' challenging crude oil and natural gas royalty payments in Texas, Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Wyoming.
- Supervised prosecution of business interruption lawsuit against Lloyds of London relating to bombings of Colombian pipeline; obtained jury verdict in Occidental's favor and settlements in excess of \$100 million.
- Initiated and supervised prosecution of U.S. International Trade Commission claims; obtained anti-dumping orders on imports from China and Spain.
- Obtained appellate reversal after Supreme Court remand of \$30 million punitive damages award on \$254,000 compensatory award for international interference with prospective economic advantage.
- Intervened to prevent environmental plaintiffs from obtaining injunction blocking \$3.5 billion purchase of Elk Hills Naval reserve from DOE.
- Defended actions in U.S. and Peru and responded to employee issues relating to fatal chartered air crash.

Human Resources, Labor and Employment:

- Led team successfully defeating more than 50 cases filed in Peru by former Peruvian employees seeking profit sharing and other labor benefits.
- Investigated and defended wrongful termination, age and gender discrimination, and other labor and employment claims in U.S., Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Oman and Venezuela.
- Successfully defended multiple suits filed in Texas and Peru by former rotational workers for additional retirement, vacation, and other benefits.
- Obtained dismissal of Alien Tort statute lawsuits seeking to hold Occidental responsible for alleged human rights abuses by the Colombian army.
- Assisted in a comprehensive review of company policies and procedures; drafted compliance program and procedures, and provided training to senior executives and employees worldwide.