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Josefa Sicard-Mirabal has vast experience in international arbitration and international business transactions. Her experience includes acting as arbitrator and counsel in international arbitrations administered under the rules of various international and regional institutions, as well as in ad hoc proceedings. In the transactional sphere, she represents international and domestic clients in mergers and acquisitions, project finance, banking and securities matters in the construction, energy, telecommunications, consumer products and hotel industries.

Since 2010 she is an adjunct professor of law at Fordham University School of Law in New York City. She teaches International Business Transactions, LL.M., International Arbitration Practicum, and Introduction to Investor-State Arbitration. She has been a guest lecturer on international commercial and investment arbitration at several law schools including, Harvard University, Columbia University, Boston University, Northwestern University, the Law School at the Università degli Studi di Firenze, and La Sapienza – Università di Roma, Italy, and the Universidad de Montevideo, Uruguay, among others.

Ms. Sicard-Mirabal is co-author of the book, *Introduction to Investor-State Arbitration*, with Yves Derains, Kluwer Law International, 2018. She has authored many articles, appeared on numerous television programs, domestic and foreign newspapers, and is a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars all over the world.

For a period of ten years, she served as an External Member of the Sanctions Committee of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (anti-corruption tribunal). The Sanctions Committee is the second-tier of the IDB Sanctions System. The Committee reviews and makes final decisions on cases concerning fraud and other Bank-prohibited practices committed by beneficiaries of IDB Bank loans for IDB-sponsored projects.

She was the Executive Director (formerly, Regional Director) of Arbitration and ADR for North America for the ICC International Court of Arbitration/SICANA, Inc., and, during the same period, served as Director of Dispute Resolution Services of the United States Council for International Business (USCIB). The USCIB is the U.S. National Committee of the ICC International Court of Arbitration.

She commenced her legal career as a Judge of a Small Claims Court and subsequently as Chief Justice of the Civil, Commercial and Labor Court in La Vega, Dominican Republic where she rendered numerous decisions on commercial, civil, and labor matters. She also had stint sittings as substitute judge at the Court of Appeals of the Judicial Department of La Vega. During her tenure as a judge, she was a Professor of Law at the Universidad Tecnológica del Cibao, teaching

International Public Law and Comparative Law. She continued her legal practice in the United States, first as an associate at the law firm of Thelen, Reid & Priest and then as a Of Counsel at Winston & Strawn and Greenberg Traurig.

A dual-qualified lawyer admitted to the bars of New York State and the Dominican Republic. After receiving a law degree from the Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Santiago, Dominican Republic, she continued her legal studies, attending the Foreign Lawyers Graduate Program, at Fordham University School of Law in New York. She is fully bilingual English/Spanish; speaks French, has working knowledge of Italian, Portuguese and basic Turkish.

Forms part of the USCIB Arbitration Committee leadership and is chair Emeritus of the USCIB Sole Practitioners' Subcommittee. She is also a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR and a member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law.

Ms. Sicard-Mirabal was named one of the "20 Leading Latinas in Business" by Hispanic Enterprise magazine in its 2007 issue and one of the "100 Most Influential Hispanics" by Hispanic Business Magazine in its 2006 issue. In addition, she has received the following awards:

- 2013 "Latino Trailblazer's Award" from LatinoJustice
- 2013 "Award for Excellence in Professional Achievements" from Dominican Week
- 2011 "Professional Achievements Award" from the Presidency of the Dominican Republic
- 2009 "Award for Professional Achievements" from APEC University and Dominican Week
- 2008 "Award for Service to the International Legal Community" from the Dominican Bar Association
- 2007 "Corporate Leadership Award" from the Dominican Women's Development Center
- 2006 "Latino Trendsetters Award" from DTM Magazine.