

Ana C. Reyes

Partner

Ana Reyes Co-Chairs the firm's International Disputes practice group and is a member of its Executive Committee. She focuses her practice on complex litigation and international arbitration. She has handled matters involving foreign governments, foreign officials, multi-national corporations, and international organizations, representing clients throughout the world. Along with her admissions to Bars of the United States, Ana is listed on the Roll of Solicitors in England and Wales.

In 2017, Ana was named as the D.C. Women's Bar Association's Woman Lawyer of the Year in recognition of her international litigation practice and for her efforts in representing the rights of those seeking asylum in the United States. She has been named by *Legal 500* as a "Next Generation Lawyer" in International Disputes (2020) and by *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Local Litigation Star" in both International Arbitration (2019-2021) and Products Liability (2020-2021). And she has been named by *The National Law Journal* in its Winning Litigators list, which recognizes trial attorneys who, "scored great results for clients in high-stakes matters" (2018); in its Outstanding Women Lawyers list, which recognized "the 75 most accomplished female attorneys working in the legal profession today" (2015); as one of "D.C.'s Rising Stars" (2014); and, one of the top 40 minority lawyers under 40 in the country (2011). In 2009, *Legal Times* selected Ana as a "Champion" in its *Champions, Visionaries & Pioneers* special section.

Ana has devoted a substantial portion of her practice to pro bono work, representing refugee organizations and refugees seeking asylum in the United States. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has retained Ana for representation in numerous appellate matters and commissioned her to draft a comprehensive report on asylum law in the United States. Ana was appointed to the Honorary Board for the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies, which has written, "Ana represents the very best of the legal profession: an accomplished and skilled litigator who provides the same high quality zealous advocacy whether she is representing an international corporation, a foreign government, or a refugee child." In 2016, she was honored with the Legacy Award by Unlikely Heroes for her work on behalf of young women escaping persecution by a regional terrorist organization. Her work on behalf of refugees has also received recognition for distinction from the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights (2004, 2008, and 2010) and the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies (2009).

Ana is a Clinical Visiting Lecturer at Yale Law School, where she co-teaches Advocacy in International Arbitration. She has also served as an



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Education

Harvard Law School, J.D., magna cum laude, 2000; Harvard Law Review
Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, M.I.P.P., with distinction, 2014
Transylvania University, B.A., summa cum laude, 1996

Practice Focus

International Disputes
Arbitration
Products Liability, Torts, and Medicine
Civil Litigation and Trial Practice
Law Firm Defense

Recognitions

"Local Litigation Star" for International Arbitration, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019-2021

"Local Litigation Star" for Products Liability, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2020-2021

"Next Generation Lawyer," for International Disputes, *The Legal 500*, 2020

Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown Law School, where she co-taught a course in the use of experts in federal courts.

Ana was born in Montevideo, Uruguay, and grew up in Louisville, Kentucky. She received her B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Transylvania University in 1996. She received her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School in 2000, where she was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. In 2014, Ana also received a Master's in International Public Policy, *with distinction*, from the Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies.

Representative Experience

Though all cases vary and none is predictive, Ana's experience includes representing:

- former President and Minister of Defense of Latin American country in first civil trial against former president in the United States
- partnership in litigation in the United States concerning a fee dispute against an African country
- the government of a Latin America country in litigation in the United States against a foreign entity
- the government of a Western European country in litigation in the United States against a foreign entity
- the government of an Eastern European country in litigation in the United States against a foreign entity
- the government of an Eastern European country in international arbitration
- a company in litigation in the United States against a Western European country
- a global company over a sub-contracting dispute concerning construction of government project in Middle East in International Chamber of Commerce arbitration
- the government of a Latin American country and its Central Bank in International Chamber of Commerce arbitration, and negotiating a universal settlement with three multi-national corporations of all claims that created a fund for victims of the bank fraud

Resources

Publications

"500 Leading Lawyers in America," *Lawdragon* magazine, 2019-2021

"Top 250 Women in Litigation," *Benchmark Litigation*, 2017-2020

Selected to *Super Lawyers*, 2014-2020

"Winning Litigator," *The National Law Journal*, 2018

"Immigration Trailblazer," *The National Law Journal*, 2018

"Legal Lion," *Law360*, June 2018

"Rising Star," Minority Corporate Counsel Association, 2018

WBA Woman Lawyer of the Year, 2017

"Unlikely Heroes," 2016 Legacy Award

"Outstanding Women Lawyers," *The National Law Journal*, 2015

"Minority Powerbrokers Q&A: Williams & Connolly's Ana Reyes," *Law360*, 2015

"Washington, D.C. Rising Stars," *The National Law Journal*, 2014

"Minority 40 Under 40 (Nationwide)," *The National Law Journal*, 2011

Recognized as a "Champion" for her pro bono efforts and advocacy for civil liberties, *The Legal Times*, 2009

Admissions

District of Columbia
New York

- *Ana Reyes and Jonathan Landy Co-Author US Chapter in Dispute Resolution Law Guide*, January 2021
- *Privilege and Ethics in Cross-Border Litigation*, May 2020
- *John Buckley and Ana Reyes Author Chapter in The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Enforcement of Foreign Judgments 2020*, April 2020
- *Ana Reyes Authors U.S. Chapter in Legal Guide to Recognition & Enforcement of Foreign Judgments*, December 2019
- *John Buckley and Ana Reyes Author U.S.A. Chapter in The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Enforcement of Foreign Judgments 2019*, March 2019
- *Cross-Border Confidentiality and The Swaps Antitrust Case*, March 2019
- *Ana Reyes and Matthew Heins Co-Author Questions of Attorney Privilege Abroad*, July 2018
- *John Buckley and Ana Reyes Author U.S.A. Chapter in The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Enforcement of Foreign Judgments 2018*, March 2018
- *9th Circ. Greenlights Foreign Law Issues At Pleadings Stage*, October 2016
- *Representing Torture Victims and Other Asylum Seekers*, Summer 2011

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England and Wales, Roll of Solicitors
United States Supreme Court
United States Court of Appeals for the
First, Second, Third, Fourth, Ninth,
and Eleventh Circuits
United States District Courts for the
District of Columbia and Maryland

Presentations

- *Webinar: International Attorney-Client Privilege and Ethics*, November 2020
- *Ethics CLE: International Attorney-Client Privilege and Ethics*, August 2020
- *CLE Webcast: Enforcing U.S. Judgments Outside the U.S. - International Asset Location and Recovery*, July 2020
- *Williams & Connolly Partners Speak at Women, Influence & Power in Law Conference*, October 2019
- *Ana Reyes Speaks at XVI International Arbitration Conference*, October 2017
- *The Intersection of State Immunity, Diplomatic Immunity, and Claims Against Foreign State Sponsors of Terrorism*, April 2017
- *HCCH Special Commission on the Recognition and Enforcement of*

Foreign Judgments, February 2017

- *Modern Litigation Issues Facing Corporate Counsels*, September 2016
- *Keys to Successful Crisis Management: Leading Your Organization Through Crisis With the Use of Rapid Response Leadership Principles and Technology*, August 2016
- *D.C. Chapter of Harvard Law School Women's Alliance*, October 2015