

Ann Ryan Robertson

International Partner

Ann Ryan Robertson, International Partner in the Houston office of the global firm of Locke Lord LLP, serves as an arbitrator and advocate in both international and domestic arbitrations. Her practice focuses primarily on commercial and energy-related disputes.

Well-versed in the intricacies of international arbitration, Ms. Robertson was named to *Global Arbitration Review's* "Who's Who Legal: Arbitration" for the years 2015 and 2016. Since 2014, she has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*, and in 2014, received the distinction of Lawyer of the Year, International Arbitration - Governmental (Houston) by *The Best Lawyers in America*. Since 2009, *Law & Politics* and *Texas Monthly* have recognized Ms. Robertson as a Texas Super Lawyer in the field of international law and in 2008, Ms. Robertson was honored as one of 30 "Extraordinary Women in Texas Law" by *Texas Lawyer*.

Ms. Robertson is a member of the U.S. delegation to the NAFTA Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes, a Trustee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Board Member of the American Arbitration Association. She is a member of the arbitration panels of the American Arbitration Association, the International Centre for Dispute Resolution, the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration and the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board.

In addition, for the past 14 years, Ms. Robertson has coached the University of Houston Law Center's Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot team which competes each year in Hong Kong.

Professional Affiliations and Awards

Honors and Activities

- Recipient, Private Sector Achievement Award from the University of Houston Law Center (2016)
- Nominated, *Euromoney* LMG American Women in Business Law Awards "Best in Commercial Arbitration" 2016 (Shortlist of 7)
- Named, "Who's Who Legal: Arbitration" for 2015 and 2016 by *Global Arbitration Review*
- Named, 2014 Lawyer of the Year, International Arbitration - Governmental (Houston) by *The Best Lawyers in America*
- Named, *The Best Lawyers in America*, International Arbitration/Governmental (2014-2016)
- Texas Super Lawyer (*Law & Politics* and *Texas Monthly*, 2009-2015)



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Practices

Business Litigation & Dispute
Resolution
International
Arbitration
International Arbitration

Education

LL.M., International Economic Law,
University of Houston Law Center,
2005

J.D., University of Houston Law
Center, 1977
Order of the Barons

B.A., English, University of Houston,
1972

Bar Admissions

Texas, 1977
U.S. Supreme Court

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth
Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Northern
District of Texas
U.S. District Court for the Southern
District of Texas

- Member, American Law Institute
- Named One of 30 “Extraordinary Women in Texas Law” by Texas Lawyer (2008)
- Trustee, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2013-present)
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Executive Committee, North American Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2006-2012)
 - Chair of Executive Committee (2008-2011)
- Member, International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) Panel of Neutrals
- Member, American Arbitration Association (AAA) Panel of Neutrals
- Member, Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA) Panel of Neutrals
- Member, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB) Panel of Neutrals
- Member, U.S. delegation to the NAFTA Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes (appointed by U.S. State and Commerce Departments)
- Member, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- Member, Houston International Arbitration Club
- Founding Member, ArbitralWomen
- Coach, University of Houston Law Center Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot Competition (2002-present)

Affiliations

- Advisory Board, Institute for Transnational Arbitration
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Houston Bar Association

Selected Publications & Presentations

Speeches

- Speaker, “Arbitrating Oil Field Services Disputes,” AIPN/LCIA Conference: Dispute Resolution in the International Oil & Gas Business, London (October 2015)
- Speaker/Author (with Harrell), “The (Surprising Complex) Art of Drafting Arbitration Clauses,” International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC), Houston (August 2015)
- Panelist, “Mock Arbitration of Articles 20 & 23, Conduct of Proceedings and the Hearing,” The ICDR Miami International Arbitration Conference (January 2015)

- Speaker, “Oil and Gas Disputes in North America,” ICDR/AIPN Conference: Dispute Resolution in the International Oil & Gas Business, Calgary, Canada (October 2014)
- Moderator, “Cross Border Energy Disputes,” Second Annual ICC Houston Conference on International Arbitration: Energy, Ethics and the Effective Management of Arbitration (October 2014)
- Speaker, “Arbitrating in Mexico,” US-Mexico Bar Association Annual Meeting, Mexico City (October 1, 2014)
- “BVI and International Arbitration - How Businesses Can Plan for International Arbitration,” BVI Finance Newsletter (September 2014)
- Moderator, “Rapid Fire Debate & Vote: International Dispute Resolution Issues in North America,” ICDR 11th Annual Miami International Arbitration Conference, Miami (September 30, 2013)
- Co-Chair, 25th Anniversary ITA Workshop, “International Arbitration from the Arbitrator’s Perspective,” Dallas (June 2013)
- Panelist, “Ethics and Arbitration: Conflicts of Interest, Canons of Ethics, User Expectations, and Disclosures and Transparency,” State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, International Section, Dallas (June 2013)
- Author/Speaker (with Harrell), “The (Surprising Complex) Art of Drafting Arbitration Clauses,” Dispute Resolution Centre, Trinidad & Tobago (April 2013)
- Speaker, “International Commercial Mediation: Shaping the Future of Commercial Dispute Resolution,” New York State Bar International Section Meeting, Lisbon (October 2012)
- Speaker, “Application of Mandatory Public Law Provisions by Arbitral Tribunals,” ArbitralWomen Forum in connection with IBA Conference, Dublin (October 2012)
- Author/Speaker (with Novinger Grant), “A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned: Cost Containment Techniques in Arbitration” (Anatomy of an Arbitration: Competing Cross-Border Perspectives, Presented at Locke Lord LLP – September 2012)
- Author/Speaker (with Harrell), “The (Surprising Complex) Art of Drafting Arbitration Clauses,” State Bar of Texas In-House Counsel Seminar (August 2012)
- Speaker, “North American Developments in International Dispute Resolution” at the AAA/ICDR conference “Regaining Speed & Economy in Dispute Resolution” (October 2011)
- Moderator, “Advocacy in Damages Claims,” at Foro de Arbitraje 2011 “Arbitration and the Recovery of Damages and Loss of Income – the Mexican Legal Regime and International Practice,” Mexico City, (September 2011)

- Panelist, 9th Annual ICDR International Arbitration Conference, Miami (September 14-16, 2011)
- ITA-CeCap Americas Workshop; “Commencing an International Commercial Arbitration: Fundamentals and Strategy,” Panama City, Panama (April 2011)
- Faculty, 21st Annual Institute for Transactional Arbitration Workshop (June 2010)
- Speaker, “Arbitration Fairness Act of 2009,” East Asia Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Hong Kong (March 2009)
- Speaker, “Techniques for Controlling Time and Costs in International Commercial Arbitration,” ICC Conference on International Construction Contracts and the Resolution of Disputes (June 2008)

Articles

- Co-Author, “International Arbitration of Oilfield Services Disputes,” *The Leading Practitioners’ Guide to International Oil & Gas Arbitration* (2015)
- Co-Author, “International Arbitration of LNG Disputes,” *The Leading Practitioners’ Guide to International Oil & Gas Arbitration* (2015)
- Co-Author, “Coming to America: The Use of 28 U.S.C. §1782,” *Journal of Arbitration Studies*, Vol. 25, No. 3 (September 2015)
- Co-Author, “Appealing an International Arbitration Award,” *Corporate Counsel* (July 17, 2015)
- Co-Author, “Rules for Appointing an Emergency Arbitrator,” *Corporate Counsel* (July 16, 2015)
- Co-Author, “Arbitrator Selection in Multiparty Disputes,” *Corporate Counsel* (July 16, 2015)
- Co-Author, “Drafting the International Arbitration Clause,” *Corporate Counsel* (July 15, 2015)
- Co-Author, “BVI and International Arbitration - How Businesses Can Plan for International Arbitration,” *BVI Finance Newsletter* (September 2014)
- Co-Author, “Locke Lord QuickStudy: AAA/ICDR Introduces Optional Appellate Arbitration Rules” (November 26, 2013)
- Co-Author, “Locke Lord QuickStudy: ISDA Issues Long-Awaited Arbitration Guide” (October 3, 2013)
- Co-Author, “Locke Lord QuickStudy: Summary of Key Changes in New HKIAC Administered Arbitration Rules” (July 25, 2013)
- Author, “Locke Lord QuickStudy: D.C. Court Holds Date Arbitral Award Issued is Date for Appropriate Currency Conversion” (July 3, 2013)

- Author, “Locke Lord QuickStudy: Silence Has a Price – D.C. Court Holds Refusal to Abide by International Arbitration Without Justification” (April 3, 2013)
- Author, “Locke Lord QuickStudy: Judicial Estoppel Trumps Judicial Precedent” (February 27, 2013)
- Co-Author, “Changes for the Better? Revising the Arbitration Rules,” The Resolver, News from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (May 2010)
- Author, “The Arbitration Fairness Acts of 2009: The United States Anti-Arbitration Bills,” Asian Dispute Review, Published by the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (July 2009)