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OVERVIEW

Eric Hager is a partner in the Firm's Quito, Ecuador office. His practice includes appellate, commercial litigation, securities & financial regulatory litigation, complex civil litigation, land use litigation, and trust litigation.

Mr. Hager's experience in complex litigation is varied. He has played key roles in diverse matters in a number of state and federal courts throughout the country and has managed multinational teams on difficult e-discovery and other discovery projects. Mr. Hager has represented a range of clients from the U.S. and abroad, including the former CEO of a publicly-traded company, small and mid-sized businesses, local governments and non-profit organizations. He has also led or participated in appeals in multiple state and federal courts.

Mr. Hager has years of experience working with liability and damages experts in high-stakes commercial litigation. He has also worked closely with experts on foreign law from Ecuador, Colombia and Peru in order to file declarations from foreign law experts in U.S. courts. Mr. Hager has represented clients seeking and opposing discovery in relation to foreign legal proceedings under 28 U.S.C. § 1782, which is a statute allowing litigants to obtain discovery related to foreign legal proceedings using the assistance of U.S. courts. An example of a successful request for discovery under Section 1782, done in conjunction with local counsel, is reflected in the magistrate's report from *In re Solines*, No. MC 18-3680, 2018 WL 2225134 (E.D. La. Apr. 30, 2018). Also, Mr. Hager has assisted clients with requests for international judicial assistance, commonly referred to as letters of request or letters rogatory. In addition, Mr. Hager provides the firm's Latin American clients with assistance in cross-border litigation and transactions.

Prior to focusing on commercial litigation and appeals, Mr. Hager spent over six years primarily representing the firm's clients seeking to hold multinational corporations accountable for human rights abuses. In that role, he took and defended depositions abroad and in the U.S., obtained a reversal on a key issue from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, briefed numerous other appeals, and led discovery-related and other field work in remote regions of Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. Mr. Hager is fluent in Spanish, resides in Quito, Ecuador, and has traveled extensively throughout South America's Andean region on business.

EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Law, Juris Doctor, 2006
American University, Bachelor of Science, 2000

BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts Bar, 2006
District of Columbia Bar, 2007
United States District Court for the District of Columbia, 2007
Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, 2009
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2010
District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals, 2013

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Listed as one of the "FACES of Fort Lauderdale" in Complex Commercial Litigation by Fort Lauderdale Illustrated Magazine, 2020

Columbia University School of Law, Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
Columbia University Journal of Environmental Law, Articles Editor

Fulbright Scholar, Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program, September 2002 to May 2003

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