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#### PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate Practice  
Commercial Fraud Litigation  
Commercial Litigation  
Complex Civil Litigation  
Government Relations Public Policy  
Land Use Litigation  
Securities & Financial Regulatory  
Litigation  
Trust & Probate Litigation

#### 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

#### BIOGRAPHY

Eric Hager is a partner in the Firm's Quito, Ecuador office. His practice includes transnational litigation, appeals, commercial litigation, securities & financial regulatory litigation, consumer finance litigation, general 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.

Mr. Hager has experience briefing a wide range of complicated legal issues. Representative issues include defenses to claims common to commercial litigation, such as claims for breach of contract, fraud, and tortious interference; choice of law, including between foreign and U.S. law; international comity, forum non conveniens, and other defenses typical in transnational litigation; statutory construction of state, federal, and foreign statutes; removal from federal court and remand to state court; the intersection of state property law and federal tax law; standing and capacity to sue; issue and claim preclusion; tolling of the statute of limitations and other timeliness issues; and procedural issues associated with a variety of pre-trial motions, including motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, discovery motions, and motions in limine. Mr. Hager also has experience arguing motions on complex issues before state and federal courts.

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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.

Before joining the Firm in 2009, he practiced as a commercial litigator, primarily working on consumer financial services matters in the Washington, D.C. office of a large national firm.

Mr. Hager is fluent in Spanish, resides in Quito, Ecuador, and has traveled extensively throughout South America's Andean region on business.

### **AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**

- 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