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As a versatile international lawyer, Josefa Sicard-Mirabal has vast experience in international arbitration and international business transactions. Her multifaceted career spans across legal systems, cultures and languages. Josefa is an independent arbitrator and party counsel in national and international arbitration under institutional and ad hoc rules, including. In the transactional sphere, representation has included, international and domestic clients in joint ventures, agency and licensing agreements, mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property, banking and securities matters in the construction, energy, telecommunications, consumer products and hotel industries.

Ms. Sicard-Mirabal is an adjunct professor of law at Fordham University School of Law in New York City. She teaches International Business Transactions since 2017, International Arbitration Practicum for LLM students since 2019, and Introduction to Investor-State Arbitration from 2010-2016. 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, the Universidad de Montevideo, Uruguay and Koç Istanbul University, Turkey, 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.

Ms. Sicard-Mirabal commenced her legal career as a judge in the Dominican Republic where during her eight-year tenure, she rendered a vast array of decisions on commercial, civil, and labor matters. She continued her legal practice in the United States, associated with the law firm of Thelen, Reid & Priest and then as a Of Counsel at Winston & Strawn and Greenberg Traurig.

From 2011 to 2020, she served as an External Member of the Sanctions Committee of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (anti-corruption tribunal). 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. As a Member of the Sanctions Committee, I heard and decided on appeal, more than 45 cases stemming from IDB-bank loans for infrastructure projects in IDB member countries, including Bolivia, Costa Rica, Haiti, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, among others.

From 2006-2015, Ms. Sicard-Mirabal was the Executive Director (formerly, Regional Director) of Arbitration and ADR for North America for the ICC International Court of Arbitration/SICANA, Inc. During the same period, she served as Director of Dispute Resolution Services of the United States Council for International Business (USCIB) – ICC-USA.

Ms. Sicard-Mirabal is a dual-qualified lawyer in New York State and the Dominican Republic. She received 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 admitted to the New York State bar and the Dominican Republic bar. Ms. Sicard-Mirabal is bilingual English/Spanish, speaks French and has working knowledge of Italian and Portuguese and basic Turkish.

Ms. Sicard-Mirabal is part of the ICC-USA Arbitration Committee leadership. She is chair Emeritus of the USCIB Sole Practitioners' Subcommittee. She is a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR and a member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law. She is the Dominican member of the Permanent Observatory on the State of Arbitration in Latin America, for the Latin American Arbitration Association (ALArb); Advisory Board member of the Arbitration Journal of the CEU San Pablo University (Madrid); Board Member of the Latin American International Arbitration of Peru (LIA).

Ms. Sicard-Mirabal is listed on the following Rosters of Arbitrators: American Arbitration Association (AAA); Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA); Center for Conflict Analysis and Resolution of Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú; Court of Arbitration of American Chamber of Commerce of Peru; Arbitration Center of the Caracas Chamber of Commerce (CACC); Guatemala Arbitration Center (CENAC); Alternative Dispute Resolution Center of Santo Domingo Chamber of Commerce and Production (CRC); Panama Center for Conciliation and Arbitration (CECAP); Singapore international Arbitration Centre (SIAC); Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB); and the Chinese International Commercial Court (CICC).

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.