



## Ana C. Reyes

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Ana Reyes, the Co-Chair of the firm's International Litigation practice group, focuses her practice on complex litigation and international arbitration.

She has handled matters for foreign governments, foreign officials, multi-national corporations, and international organizations, representing clients conducting business throughout North and South America, Europe and Africa. Ana has also devoted a substantial portion of her practice to pro bono work, representing refugee organizations and refugees seeking asylum in the United States. 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 also been named by *The National Law Journal* 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 focused her *pro bono* efforts on representing individuals who seek 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. 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). In 2014, 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."

### Education

- Harvard Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2000; Harvard Law Review Harvard Law School, J.D., 1994
- Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, M.I.P.P., with distinction, 2014
- Transylvania University, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1996

### Recognitions

- WBA Woman Lawyer of the Year, 2017
- "Unlikely Heroes," 2016 Legacy Award
- "Outstanding Women Lawyers," *The National Law Journal*, 2015
- "Washington, D.C. Rising Stars," *The National Law Journal*, 2014
- "Minority 40 Under 40 (Nationwide)," *The National Law Journal*, 2011
- "Minority Powerbrokers Q&A: Williams & Connolly's Ana Reyes," *Law360*, 2015
- Recognized as a "Champion" for her pro bono efforts and advocacy for civil liberties, *The Legal Times*, 2009



Ana grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, and received her B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Transylvania University in 1996. Ana 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 the government of a Latin America country in litigation in the United States against a foreign entity
- Representing company in litigation in the United States against European country
- Representing a contracting firm over a dispute concerning the construction of a power plant in Afghanistan in International Chamber of Commerce arbitration
- Representing the Government of 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
- Representing partnership in litigation in the United States concerning a fee dispute with an African country
- Representing former President and Minister of Defense of Latin American country in civil litigation against them in the United States concerning actions taken while in office
- Representing a multi-national pharmaceutical company in nationwide mass action