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Practice Areas

International
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Education

Columbia Law School, JD
1993, Harlan Fiske Stone
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Stanford University, AB 1990

PERRY BECHKY has over twenty years of experience as an international lawyer. Perry has managed significant international cases before federal courts and international tribunals. His clients have included national governments, international organizations, and leading businesses in agriculture, banking and finance, energy, manufacturing, services, and technology. He has represented clients from more than thirty countries on five continents.

Representative Projects

Won challenges against both Indonesian restrictions on trade in automobiles and U.S. antidumping duties on Korean steel under the World Trade Organization (WTO) procedures for resolving intergovernmental trade disputes

Secured dismissal of a federal class action alleging that OPEC violated the U.S. antitrust laws, affirmance by the Eleventh Circuit, and denial of certiorari

Prosecuted claims successfully under political-risk-insurance (PRI) policies for the expropriation of investments in Argentina and India, including the first “lender-side” claim paid by the U.S. Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), the second largest expropriation claim paid by OPIC, and a multimillion dollar arbitral award

Represented clients on various matters concerning bilateral investment treaties (BITs), international investment agreements, and investor-state arbitration

Sat as an arbitrator in an international arbitration (*ad hoc*) arising from a joint venture

Submitted written testimony to California state court as an expert on U.S. economic sanctions law and assisted another sanctions expert in submitting written testimony to an international arbitral tribunal.

Negotiated a commercial and regulatory solution when the innocent buyer of Iraqi crude oil learned that the oil had been exported from Iraq in violation of the terms of the United Nations Oil for Food program

Secured a stay under the Federal Arbitration Act (FAA) of a U.S. lawsuit against a Belgian client in favor of arbitration in Denmark, facilitating a favorable settlement

Represented the Venezuelan state-owned oil company in antidumping litigation and litigation about the act of state doctrine

Secured dismissal of claims brought in New York by a foreign depositor of a U.S. bank



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Counseled the Government of Mexico on the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), including efforts to resolve the sensitive “tuna-dolphin” dispute and to open U.S. markets for Mexican produce

Successfully opposed *certiorari* for a Mexican Government instrumentality, upholding the vacation of a default judgment due to defendant’s good faith claim to sovereign immunity

Wrote amicus briefs to the DC Circuit for the Mexican Government in cases about the constitutionality and implementation of certain provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)

Wrote *amicus* brief to the Second Circuit for a major U.S. financial institution about New York State’s right to liquidate the New York branches of foreign banks

Worked for six months in Tokyo at the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry on WTO disputes

Worked *pro bono* for one month in Tanzania, assisting the prosecution team at the trial of four accused architects of the Rwandan genocide

Represented an Uzbek woman in a *pro bono* takings claim against the U.S. government

Assist other law firms with international commercial arbitration and WTO disputes

Write and lecture about international dispute resolution. Coached Vis international arbitration moot. Co-chair dispute resolution interest group of the American Society of International Law.

Court Admissions

United States Supreme Court

United States Courts of Appeals for the Fourth, Ninth, Eleventh, DC, and Federal Circuits

United States District Courts for the District of DC and the Western District of Washington

United States Court of International Trade

United States Court of Federal Claims