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Marcela's practice focuses on commercial litigation and international arbitration. She also handles probate and fiduciary litigation matters. She has represented clients in state and federal court and in arbitration in a variety of litigation and counseling matters including energy-related and shareholder disputes, corporate investigations, managed health care litigation, personal injury, will contests and trust litigation.

In her international arbitration practice, Marcela has assisted in representing and advising clients in energy-related disputes administered under the AAA/ICDR as well as the ICSID Convention. She also holds a Certificate in Advanced Arbitration Skills from the A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center at the University of Houston Law Center.

Marcela also has experience with domestic and international energy and real estate transactions. She assisted in advising a state-owned Chinese company in the acquisition of oil and gas assets in Latin America and has assisted in renewable energy project financing.

PUBLICATIONS

- "The Right to Health Care in the United States: Local Answers to Global Responsibilities," *SMU Law Review* (2007)

AFFILIATIONS

- Houston International Arbitration Club
- International Centre for Dispute Resolution, Young & International Associate
- ICC Young Arbitrators Forum
- Houston Young Lawyers Association
- Houston Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas

INDUSTRIES

Alternative Energy
Banking/Financial Services
Biofuels
Energy
Health Care
Oil and Gas
Real Estate

PRACTICES

Arbitration/Mediation
Commercial Litigation
Energy Disputes and Litigation
International Litigation
Probate, Wills and Trust Litigation

EDUCATION

JD, 2008, *cum laude*, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, SMU Law Review, Associate Managing Editor (2007)
BA, 2005, *cum laude*, Business and Political Science, Southwestern University

ADMISSIONS

Texas 2008
US District Court for the Southern District of Texas

LANGUAGES

Spanish
French