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Lucila (Luli) I. M. Hemmingsen is dual-qualified in civil law and common law and her practice focuses on international commercial and investment arbitration, and public international law matters, with a particular emphasis in Latin America. Luli advises and represents domestic and foreign companies in commercial arbitrations, as well as foreign governments and investors in investment-treaty arbitrations, conducted in English, Spanish and Portuguese, under civil and common law. She also advises clients on treaty protection structuring and handles proceedings ancillary to arbitration before local courts worldwide. Luli also accepts arbitrator appointments in international disputes conducted in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

In her almost two decades of practice, Luli has handled commercial and investment disputes governed by various substantive laws and conducted under the rules of the ICC, LCIA, AAA/ICDR, SCC, CCBC, NAI, ICSID and UNCITRAL. Her experience runs a broad gamut of industries, including infrastructure and construction, renewable energy, mining, oil & gas, retail, finance and investments, real estate and international trade.

Her clients have praised her for her ability to boil down complex concepts of law from both civil and common law jurisdictions to create winning strategies. Clients' and colleagues consistently refer to her as a "seasoned advocate who is exceptionally sharp", with "extensive experience in large, complex international disputes", a "brilliant lawyer", "pragmatic and conscious of clients' needs", "hard working", and have stressed her "acute legal analysis" and "deep insight regarding the legal and commercial dynamics in Latin America." Luli has been selected by Who's Who Legal as a Future Leader in International Arbitration in 2021 and 2022, and by Benchmark Litigation as a Rising Star, has been recognized by Legal 500 Latin America 2020, 2021, and ranked by Latinvex amongst Latin America's Top 100 Female Lawyers in 2020 and 2021. Most recently, Luli was named one of Crain's New York Business 2022 Notable Women in Law.

Luli graduated from Law School in Buenos Aires and began her career in the litigation and international arbitration department of Marval, O'Farrell & Mairal. Throughout her several years of practice in Buenos Aires, she represented clients in institutional and hoc arbitrations and in a variety of industries, including construction, real estate, and oil & gas.

Luli also maintains an active pro bono practice, including matters involving public international law and human rights law. Luli is also deeply involved in a number of diversity and women empowerment initiatives and organizations. She currently manages the international Mentoring Program for Women in International Law of the American Society of International Law.