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Prior to joining CPR in 2004, Ms. Erickson practiced for over seventeen years with the litigation and arbitration groups of Dewey Ballantine and White & Case, including three years in White & Case's Paris office, where she was admitted to the Paris bar. She has served as an advocate in arbitration proceedings under ICC, ICDR, and UNCITRAL Rules, among others. She is a member of the bars of New York and Connecticut, is a member of the New York International Arbitration Club, and has been trained as a mediator. Ms. Erickson is a native speaker of Portuguese and proficient in French and Spanish.

Ms. Erickson is the author of several book chapters and articles, including: Chapter 47 in *International Commercial Arbitration: 21st Century Perspectives* (Naon and Mason, eds., 2010, rev. 2020), "The Top Ten Questions People Ask About Ad Hoc, Non-Administered or Self Administered Arbitration," *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* (August 2008), "Business Arbitration Can and Should Be Improved in the United

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