

Noted International Arbitration Lawyer Mark Clodfelter Joins Foley Hoag

Addition reflects continued growth in Foley Hoag's International Practice; Clodfelter was former legal advisor to U.S. State Department; Joins as Partner in Washington

(Washington DC, October 19, 2009) – Law firm Foley Hoag LLP announced that prominent international arbitration lawyer Mark Clodfelter has joined the firm as a partner in its Washington office. Mr. Clodfelter has specialized in investor-state arbitration and other international disputes for over 25 years, including seven years as head of international claims and investment disputes for U.S. State Department, and adds another set of key credentials to the firm's growing International Litigation and Arbitration Practice.

Foley Hoag maintains one of the country's premier practices representing sovereign states and others in international disputes involving investment treaty claims, maritime rights, territorial borders and other matters. In the past several years the firm has obtained key victories for Guyana, Ecuador, Chile and Nicaragua in international arbitrations. Recently, the firm won affirmance by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals of a decision on behalf of Venezuela in dismissing claims brought by a pair of mining companies claiming more than \$200 million in damages. The firm represents the government of Georgia in an emergency proceeding before the International Court of Justice stemming from alleged hostilities by Russian troops.

Mr. Clodfelter was previously Of Counsel at Winston & Strawn in its Washington office, where he focused on investor-state arbitration and other international disputes, most recently arbitrations involving Ecuador and Argentina.

As an Assistant Legal Adviser for the U.S. Department of State, Mr. Clodfelter managed the 75-person Office of International Claims and Investment Disputes, which represents the U.S. government in international arbitrations. He has held a number of other roles in government service, including Legal Advisor to the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal and Special Assistant to the Undersecretary for Political Affairs in the State Department.

“Mark is an extremely well-respected practitioner with a remarkable record of winning arbitrations. He brings tremendous perspective to the field of investor-State arbitration, as well as State-to-State disputes, from both his public and private sector experiences,” said Ron Goodman, co-head, with Paul Reichler, of the firm's International Litigation and Arbitration Practice Group. “I have known Mark since our days at the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal in The Hague in the 1980's and we are indeed fortunate to gain such a noted legal talent on our growing team. We look forward to his presence and his contributions.”

Mr. Clodfelter previously worked at Surrey & Morse and, upon their merger, Jones Day. He was a White House Fellow under both the Carter and Reagan administrations and, before moving to Washington, was a three-term member of the Michigan House of Representatives, representing the city of Flint.

Mr. Clodfelter holds an undergraduate degree in Russian and East European Studies, a Master's Degree in Political Science, and a J.D., all from the University of Michigan.