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Andrei Vrabie advises corporate, sovereign, and individual clients on a wide variety of complex disputes, including white collar defense, internal investigations, international arbitration, antitrust, employment, and general commercial litigation matters. He has extensive experience negotiating with the U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of his sovereign and corporate clients, as well as representing international

fund managers and asset securitization trustees in complex civil litigation in both federal and state courts.

Parallel to his role at Holwell Shuster & Goldberg, Andrei serves as general counsel for a New York venture capital firm specializing in early stage enterprise investments—a position that makes him attuned to the needs of in-house counsel, particularly for HSG’s investment fund clients.

Andrei maintains an active *pro bono* practice and was named Empire State Counsel by the New York State Bar Association in recognition of his work. Early in his career at HSG, Andrei helped secure the first injunction against the second iteration of President Trump’s travel ban on behalf of an asylee seeking derivative-asylum status for his wife and young child—Andrei’s client is now reunited with his family and building a new life in the U.S. Andrei’s current *pro bono* work focuses on the intersection between U.S. national security laws and the civil liberties and constitutional rights accorded to religious minorities under U.S. law.

Andrei joined HSG after serving as a law clerk to the Hon. Robert W. Sweet of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Before joining HSG, Andrei was an associate at Shearman & Sterling LLP, where he served as a member of the editorial board of the firm’s Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Digest publication.

While at Columbia University School of Law, Andrei interned for the Hon. Richard J. Sullivan of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, for the Hon. Donald C. Pogue of the United States Court of International Trade, and at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York. Prior to law school, Andrei worked in management consulting at Deloitte Consulting LLP and at the United Nations Development Programme. Andrei is proficient in Romanian, Russian, and Italian.

NOTABLE CASES

- Affiliates of the government-owned investment fund AIMCo, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as securities intermediary, in a \$200 million litigation in the Southern District of New York against AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company arising out of AXA’s improper Cost of Insurance rate increase on a certain group of universal life insurance policies.
- Republic of Uzbekistan in forfeiture proceedings brought by the U.S. Department of Justice in the Southern District of New York seeking the recovery of approximately \$1 billion.

- MARC Restaurants and its owner, Marlon Abela, celebrated wine collector and founder of several Michelin-starred restaurants, in litigation against his former business partners affiliated with the global real estate developer Related Companies, in connection with the high-end A Voce restaurant in the Time Warner Center.
- Independent consultant retained by a major financial institution pursuant to an agreement between the institution and the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Special committee of the board of directors of a major investment bank in connection with its investigation of unexpected derivatives-based trading losses. Represented the committee in related litigation and regulatory inquiries.
- Investment advisor of a fund of funds in an SEC investigation into its accounting practices.
- European industrial company in antitrust proceedings before the Federal Trade Commission relating to its proposed acquisition of a competitor.
- Japanese financial services conglomerate in connection with regulatory inquiries into its LIBOR and TIBOR rate-setting practices stemming from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and SEC in the United States, and from regulators in the United Kingdom and Japan.
- U.S. healthcare company in connection with a foreign bribery investigation into a Brazilian subsidiary.

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Robert W. Sweet, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 2014 – 2015

EDUCATION

- Queen Mary University of London (LL.M., International Dispute Resolution, Anticipated 2021)
- Columbia University School of Law (J.D., 2011; James Kent Scholar; Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar; Articles Editor, *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*)
- New York University, Stern School of Business (B.A., Economics & International Business, *magna cum laude*, 2006)

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York