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Janet Legrand is an experienced international dispute resolution partner who was Senior Partner and Chairman of the Board of DLA Piper from 2009 to 2012. Prior to this, she was head of the firm's Specialist Litigation team and won Legal Business' prestigious Dispute Resolution Team of the Year Award.

With over 30 years' experience and a successful track record in representing Governments, corporates and financial institutions around the world, Janet's dispute resolution skills have been recognised in the legal directories. She has been described in Chambers as winning considerable acclaim for her "dynamic style and keen eye for detail" and in Legal 500 as "a class act" who "knows when to turn the screws".

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- White Collar and Corporate Crime
- International Arbitration
- Banking and Finance Litigation
- International Trade

EXPERIENCE

- Representing the Government of Timor-Leste in its dispute with Australia before the International Court of Justice ("ICJ") concerning the seizure of documents, data and correspondence between Timor-Leste and its legal advisers.
- Securing urgent Provisional Measures Orders from the ICJ requiring Australia to keep the seized material under seal, to ensure that it is not used to the disadvantage of Timor-Leste and not to interfere in any way in communications between Timor-Leste and its legal advisers in connection with the pending treaty arbitration or any future bilateral negotiations concerning maritime delimitation.
- Securing an adjournment of the ICJ proceedings to enable the States to seek an amicable settlement of the underlying issues between them concerning delimitation of permanent maritime boundaries and advising on all related issues.
- Conducting the first ever inter-state Compulsory Conciliation under the LIN Convention on the Law of the Sea, concerning the delimitation of permanent maritime boundaries between Timor-Leste and Australia.
- Representing the Government of the Republic of Zambia in the Country's successful flagship anti-corruption proceedings against its former President and 19 other defendants before the English High Court and Court of Appeal. The four month trial of this ground breaking and politically sensitive case took place in London and Lusaka, with a simultaneous video link between the two court rooms.
- Her successful defence of a US \$55 million vulture fund claim against the Republic of Zambia led to the setting up of a Commission of Enquiry by the US Congress and the enactment of legislation in England, to prevent vulture funds from

purchasing deeply distressed sovereign debt and enforcing it at face value in the English courts.

- The Legal Business Dispute Resolution Team of the Year award was presented to Janet in recognition of her ground breaking work for the Republic of Zambia, which also included the successful defence of a US \$160 million ICC arbitration claim.
- At the invitation of the Paris Club, the Commonwealth Institute and World Bank, respectively, Janet has lectured on Sovereign debt issues to politicians, Finance Ministers and judicial officers of many heavily indebted countries at seminars in Europe, Africa and America.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Education

- Cambridge (Trinity Hall), Law, BA 1980; MA 1983

Memberships

- Vice Chair, Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission
- Audit Committee Member, University of Cambridge
- Board Member, Leadership Foundation for Higher Education
- Advisory Board, New Perimeter (DLA Piper's pro bono affiliate)
- Trustee and Board Member, PRIME (UK legal profession's work experience committed for students from less privileged backgrounds)
- Chair, The Children's Society
- Investigation Committee, Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (2002-8)

NEWS

DLA Piper announces recipients of Global Partner Pro Bono and Community Service, Jeffrey F. Liss awards

20 JUN 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Janet Legrand has received the Jeffrey F. Liss Award, and Richard Klawiter has received the firm's Global Partner Pro Bono and Community Service Award.

DLA Piper advises Timor-Leste on historic maritime treaty

6 MAR 2018

DLA Piper has been advising the Government of Timor-Leste, for more than four years, on its historic maritime treaty with the Australian Government, signed today at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, following the successful outcome of a compulsory conciliation process.
