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Ms. Robles maintains a general civil litigation and appellate practice, representing plaintiffs and defendants in commercial matters. She also has experience in white collar criminal investigations and international arbitration of commercial disputes. Ms. Robles has also contributed to significant pro bono victories in federal and immigration courts.

Ms. Robles received her B.A., magna cum laude, from New York University in 2009 and her J.D. from Yale Law School in 2012. While in law school, Ms. Robles did extensive clinical work in the Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy and Immigrant Legal Services Clinics, contributing to significant victories for civil rights plaintiffs in federal court, for clients in immigration proceedings, and for asylees seeking family reunification.

After law school, she practiced in the Houston office of Vinson & Elkins LLP. She clerked for the Honorable Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr. on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in 2014-2015.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

New York University

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Politics and History, 2009

Yale Law School

J.D., 2012

Law Clerk

to the Hon. Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
2014-2015

Associate

Smyser Kaplan & Veselka, L.L.P., 2015-Present

Associate

Vison & Elkins, 2012-2014

ADMISSIONS

State Courts of Texas

United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS (continued)

- Representation of an executive at an industrial manufacturing company in an investigation by the Department of Justice into an alleged fraud against a major oil company.
- Representation of employees and shipping companies in separate investigations by the Department of Justice into alleged environmental violations offshore.
- Representation of an individual in an investigation by the Department of Justice into alleged fraud in the athletic department of major university.
- Representation of an executive at a classification society during an internal investigation into allegations of public corruption overseas.

Select Criminal Appeal Briefs and Arguments

- *United States v. James*, 616 F. App'x 753 (5th Cir. Sept. 29, 2015) – Addressing constructive amendment of an indictment.
- *United States v. Kaluza*, 780 F.3d 647 (5th Cir. 2015) – Addressing criminal statutory construction and interpretation.
- *United States v. Radley, et al.*, 632 F.3d 177 (5th Cir. 2011) – Addressing manipulation and cornering issues under the Commodities Exchange Act.
- *United States v. Hoeffner*, 626 F.3d 857 (5th Cir. 2010) – Addressing Double Jeopardy Clause issues on interlocutory appeal following a hung jury.
- *United States v. Bohuchot, et al.*, 625 F.3d 892 (5th Cir. 2010) – Addressing issues related to constructive amendment of the indictment and "loss" calculation under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines.
- *United States v. Wade, et al.*, 356 F. App'x 704 (5th Cir. Dec. 17, 2009) – Addressing the admissibility of expert testimony.