

Headline News

Vera Rechsteiner Joins Andrews Kurth's Washington Office

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WASHINGTON -- Vera Rechsteiner has joined Andrews Kurth's Washington office, bringing a cross-border finance, international tax, and M&A practice focusing on the representation of project developers as well as borrowers and lenders in cross-border financings of projects in emerging markets. Thomas Kline, managing partner of the Washington, D.C. office, says, "Vera is a wonderful person and a superb lawyer whom I am pleased to welcome into the firm. She understands the industries she serves and handles complex international transactions with enormous skill and dexterity. Her Latin American-oriented transactional practice meshes nicely with the developing strengths of this office and the direction of the firm overall. She will contribute to the Washington office's achievements for 2005 and beyond."

Ms. Rechsteiner's practice concentrates on the development and financing of energy and infrastructure facilities and tax structuring for energy acquisitions and international project development. She has worked on energy, infrastructure and related projects in the United States and various countries in Asia and Latin America. Her work in international energy transactions has included advising US energy companies in connection with cross-border acquisitions, joint venture tax planning, equipment sale and leasing transactions, and the development and financing of power projects and acquisitions.

In addition, Ms. Rechsteiner has assisted governments in a number of Latin American countries with privatizing their energy industries and restructuring their energy regulatory frameworks. She has also represented private developers, manufacturers, and suppliers in a variety of international commercial transactions, including acting as counsel in connection with major hotel acquisitions and management agreements in the Caribbean, and representing suppliers in the establishment of distribution and licensing arrangements under foreign investment laws in various Latin American countries.

"Andrews Kurth's international platform, particularly in the Latin infrastructure finance markets, is growing steadily, and I am pleased to be a part of that growth and its success," says Ms. Rechsteiner.

Ms. Rechsteiner received her J.D. in 1985 from George Washington University National Law Center and graduated with a B.S.F.S., honors, in 1979 from Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service. She speaks Spanish, French and German. She is also actively involved in the District of Columbia Bar Association, the Maryland State Bar Association, the Inter/American Bar Association, and the American Society for International Law.

Andrews Kurth LLP, founded in 1902, has more than 400 lawyers and eight offices in Austin, Dallas, Houston, London, Los Angeles, New York, The Woodlands and Washington, DC. The firm has an international client base and has experience in all major industries and areas of business law and litigation.