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PROFILE

Dayan (Day) Hochman-Vigil is the only certified Aviation & Space Law attorney in the state of New Mexico, with experience advising clients on global and U.S. regulatory requirements for general and commercial aviation. She was elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 2018 and currently serves on and is Chair of the House Transportation, Public Works, and Capital Improvements Committee, and is also a member of the House Government, Elections, and Indian Affairs Committee.

EXPERIENCE

MANAGING DIRECTOR, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, DHV LAW, ALBUQUERQUE, NM, 2019 – CURRENT

Owner and Managing Director of DHV Law, LLC, the only full-service law firm in New Mexico offering specialization in transportation law issues including aviation and space regulatory law and litigation. DHV Law also offers expertise in employment law, personal injury, insurance litigation and general complex civil litigation issues.

GENERAL COUNSEL, SCEYE, INC., MORIARTY, NM, 2020 - 2023

General Counsel for Sceye, Inc, a company building the world's most advanced, high-altitude platforms to improve people's lives and protect our planet. Oversees all regulatory, litigation and legal strategic requirements in consultation with Sceye CEO Mikkel Vestergaard Frandsen.

NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATOR, 2019 - CURRENT

New Mexico State Legislator, serving as the Representative for NM House District 15.

ATTORNEY, ROYBAL-MACK & CORDOVA, P.C., ALBUQUERQUE, NM, 2017 - 2019

Represented clients and managed all aspects of independent caseloads, including administrative law issues including aviation and transportation law matters; personal injury, wrongful death and insurance bad faith claims, employment litigation and Workers Compensation claims; and business litigation, employment, and corporate regulatory matters.

ASSOC. ATTORNEY, ECKERT SEAMANS, CHERIN & MERLOTT, PA, WASHINGTON, DC, 2015 – 2017

Associate attorney handling aviation matters including counseled domestic and foreign carriers on aviation regulatory compliance and policy issues; managed all aspects of continuing F.A.R. Parts 121, 129 and 135 carrier regulatory needs; and provided client guidance related to aviation accident and incident-related litigation issues.

RESEARCH ATTORNEY, MCGILL UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF AIR & SPACE LAW, MONTRÉAL, QUEBEC, CANADA, 2013 – 2015

Advised the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) on aviation safety and security laws. Contributed to aviation and transportation law-related case notes in internationally acclaimed international law journal, including opinions on various international aviation regulatory issues.

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY, HINKLE, HINSLEY, SHANOR & MARTIN, LLP, SANTA FE, NM, 2011 – 2013

Assisted partners with all aspects of employment, insurance defense and medical malpractice matters by performing a variety of tasks including case evaluations; coverage opinions and client consultations; and taking and defending depositions including identifying and securing expert opinions.

EDUCATION

- Master’s in Aviation & Space Law, MCGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTRÉAL, CANADA, 2014
- Juris Doctor J.D., UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF LAW, 2011
- Bachelor of Arts, Italian Studies, THE COLORADO COLLEGE, 2006

AWARDS / HONORS

- City of Albuquerque “El Grito” Award for Positive Contributions to the City of Albuquerque, 2023
- Albuquerque Business First “40 Under Forty” Award, 2021
- University of New Mexico Alumni Association “Higher Education Distinguished Legislator Award”, 2021
- Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce Legislative Award, 2019 & 2020
- 2015-2016 McGill University Nicolas M. Matte Fellow
- American Bar Association Air & Space Law Forum Scholar, 2015
- McGill University, Nicholas M. Matte Fellow, 2015
- International Aviation Women’s Association (IAWA) Scholarship Recipient, 2015
- President, New Mexico Women’s Bar Association, 2013-2014
- University of New Mexico School of Law Carlos J. Vigil Scholar, 2011

PUBLICATIONS

- “We Will Persevere — Survival and Ingenuity of Iranian Aviation in the Face of Political and Economic Adversity”, McGill University Annals of Air & Space Law (Dec 2015)

- “Regulation (Ec) 261/2004 Carrier Liability After Wallentin-Hermann V. Alitalia: When Extraordinary Is Actually Pretty Ordinary After All”, Aba Young Lawyers Division Air & Space Law Member Publication (Fall 2015)