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Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Audia spent almost 18 years working for multilateral organizations and conceptualizing the legal architecture of thousands of multimillion-dollar projects implemented in developing countries, where she traveled extensively to lead negotiations with high-level government officials. In her new role at the firm, Ms. Audia will draw from her experience to guide private sector companies in international development and business matters, as well as provide counsel to multilateral organizations, non-governmental organizations and government entities on a wide array of issues including United Nations privileges and immunities, due diligence, investigations, funds receipt and disbursement, project design and dispute settlement. Prior to joining multilateral organizations, Ms. Audia worked on Mergers and Acquisitions and was involved in numerous domestic and international transactions.

A seasoned negotiator with extensive experience in multiple jurisdictions, Ms. Audia routinely advises clients on innovative ways to structure project agreements while mitigating risks and ensuring taxpayers' funds are used for their intended purpose. She advises senior officials on complex strategic and legal matters where a solution-oriented approach must be coupled with the ability to protect organizational interests. Noteworthy is Ms. Audia's knowledge and experience in procurement and grant disbursement modalities, including vendor sanctions, bid protests, contract awards and general terms and conditions.

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