

# Eleventh Circuit rules that arbitrators' 'Professional Familiarity' does not support vacatur (Grupo Unidos por el Canal, SA, et al v Autoridad del Canal de Panama)

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Arbitration analysis: On 18 August 2023, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit ruled that professional familiarity among arbitrators and counsel does not support (1) vacatur of an arbitral award under Chapter I of the Federal Arbitration Act (the 'FAA'); or (2) declining confirmation of the arbitral award under Article V of the New York Convention.

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