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Notable cases include representation of Venezuela and its oil company against the multi-billion dollar claims brought by the oil companies ConocoPhillips and ExxonMobil. Other recent arbitrations include disputes in the field of energy (oil & gas and power projects), taxation, banking, and telecommunications for clients in Africa and Asia.

In addition, Ms. Petrelli has experience assisting clients before the Court of Justice of the European Union and regularly advises State clients on various issues of public international law, including treaty interpretation and international human rights.

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