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Mary-Olga (“Mo”) Lovett is Senior Vice President of Greenberg Traurig and a member of the firm’s global Executive Committee. A proven first-chair trial lawyer, Mo is a fierce advocate for her wide range of national and global clients. When reputations are on the line or billions of dollars are at stake, clients turn to Mary-Olga to spearhead the litigation, knowing that she has the experience and tenacity to take even the most complex cases to verdict. She is a strategic thinker who is often called in to lead other litigation teams in complex cases across a variety of industries. Her current representations include leading legal teams defending a global energy giant regarding allegations of billions of dollars of environmental damage, defending a global tech firm in a multibillion-dollar *Lanham Act* case, prosecuting trademark claims for multi-Grammy-winning performers, and acting as lead trial counsel for the target defendant in a 2000-plaintiff Texas state court case arising from an explosion in Houston.

With more than 27 years of experience, she has tried more than 50 cases, with more than \$100 billion at stake. Mo was recently described by a client in *Chambers and Partners USA Guide* as “a trial lawyer who can take cases all the way to final hearing or verdict.” Another client noted, “She’s excellent at impeaching witnesses in depositions as well as in the courtroom. Her memory recall of obscure facts is astounding. She is phenomenal at understanding and remembering the facts of the case and is then able to eloquently lay out her case.” – *Chambers and Partners USA Guide*. In 2022, *Chambers and Partners* named Mo to the elite Texas Trial Lawyer Spotlight Table. The *Houston Chronicle* called her “the Houston attorney pushing to put more women in the courtroom” and South Texas College of Law Dean Michael F. Barry called her “a trusted advisor and true business partner, and she epitomizes the profession of attorney and counselor at law.”

Mo is a frequent speaker on cutting-edge topics in the law such as “Protecting Your Brand in the Era of Cancel Culture” and “Hard Talks with In-House Counsel” Named a Top Mentor by the *Texas Lawyer* in 2020, Mo is passionate about placing women and diverse lawyers in first-chair roles, particularly in high-profile cases, and builds diverse teams to litigate every case she handles.

Licensed in Texas and New York, Mary-Olga’s cases involve a wide variety of complex legal issues, including patent infringement, trademark infringement, theft of trade-secrets, commercial disputes, class actions, employment litigation, and product liability matters. She has tried cases to verdict in state and federal courts in more than 20 jurisdictions. She has also represented U.S. and international clients in appellate litigation before state and federal courts of appeal and the Texas Supreme Court. She is currently listed as one of the Top 100 Attorneys in Houston and has been listed as one of the Top 50 Women Lawyers

in Texas by *Super Lawyers Magazine/Texas Monthly*, She has also been recognized as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in Texas. In 2017, she was named Best in Patent, by *Euromoney's* Guide to the Leading Women in Business Law; she was also shortlisted for "Best in Patent" in 2016, "Best in Litigation" in 2020, and "Best in Technology" in 2021. She has consistently been recognized by *Euromoney's Guide to the Leading Women in Business Law* for Business Law (2014-2022), and Patents (2017-2022). She is also listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Commercial Litigation and *Managing IP* magazine's "IP Stars," in which was recognized as one of the "Top 250 Women in IP." She is a 15 year member and Senior Life Fellow of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the qualifications for which require a minimum of 20 first-chair jury trials to verdict and peer election.

Some of Mary-Olga's most recent verdicts (all cases tried as first chair since 2011):

- Defense verdict in favor of an energy hedge fund accused of fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and gross negligence based on that \$454 million fund's implosion amid market volatility (New York Supreme Court)
- Defense verdict on behalf of *Fortune* 500 navigation-device manufacturer Garmin accused of patent infringement (United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas - Marshall)
- Defense verdict of non-infringement for the country's leading consumer products company, Rank Group Limited/Reynolds in lawsuit alleging willful patent infringement (United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas – Marshall Division)
- Award of \$537 million and assets valued in excess of \$1 billion in favor of client on *alter ego* claims in a dispute involving a global family energy company. (Harris County, Texas)
- Defense verdict for Microsoft, Inc. on claims that its enterprise software caused the failure of an \$85 million online sports-retail business (United States District Court for the Western District of Texas - San Antonio, Texas)
- Defense verdict in a bet-the-company class-action suit alleging violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act for the nation's largest provider of emergency medicine and ambulance services (United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas-Corpus Christi)
- Obtaining multimillion-dollar award of attorneys' fees for prevailing plaintiff in commercial case (Harris County, Texas)
- Defense verdict of non-infringement for global medical device company (United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas – Tyler Division)

A first-generation American on her mother's side and a sixth-generation Texan on her father's side, Mary-Olga received her B.A. from Stephen F. Austin State University and her J.D. from South Texas College of Law in Houston. She was the first person ever to hold the national titles in moot court for both the National Appellate Advocacy Competition (ABA) and the National Moot Court Competition (Association of the Bar of the City of New York/American College of Trial Lawyers).

Concentrations

- Trial and appellate law
- Patent litigation
- Health law
- Product liability litigation
- Commercial and complex litigation
- Trademark litigation
- Trade secret litigation

Capabilities

[Litigation](#) | [Intellectual Property Litigation](#) | [Commercial Litigation](#) | [Health Care & FDA Practice](#) | [Trial Practice](#) | [Appeals & Legal Issues](#)

Experience

Recent Trials

- Obtained defense verdict for Fortune 50 software company on claims of breach of contract, breach of warranty, and fraud in suit alleging the client's software caused failure of Plaintiff's \$85 million online sports company in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (San Antonio Division)
- Obtained complete defense judgment following trial for energy trading hedge fund Motherrock, on claims of misrepresentation, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, gross negligence, and negligence following that \$454 million fund's implosion during a period of extreme market volatility; also acted as first chair on appeal, in which defense verdict unanimously upheld) (New York Supreme Court; New York First Appellate Department)
- Obtained defense verdict in patent infringement suit on behalf of global navigation company in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (Marshall Division)
- Obtained defense verdict in patent infringement suit on behalf of nation's largest consumer products company in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (Marshall Division)
- Obtained defense verdict in patent infringement suit on behalf of global medical device company in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (Tyler Division)
- Obtained judgment of \$537 million and assets valued in excess of \$1 billion for client in dispute over family ownership of multinational energy company (Texas State Court – Harris County, Texas)
- Obtained defense verdict for national health services company in class-action FLSA suit in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (Corpus Christi Division)
- Obtained defense verdict and prevailed on counterclaim for national health services company in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida (Orlando Division)
- Obtained a complete defense verdict on behalf of *Fortune* 500 medical device company and one of its sales representatives, following a four-week trial, (Texas State Court – Harris County, Texas)
- Represented oilfield services chemical company in trade secrets dispute, resulting in eight-figure settlement for client on the eve of trial

Other Representations

- Representation of Fortune 50 software company in multibillion-dollar claims involving alleged violations of the Lanham Act and unfair trade practices.
- Representation of RJ Reynolds Tobacco, Inc. in litigation against the State of Texas regarding interpretation of 1998 Texas tobacco settlement agreement.

- Representation of recording artists, food and beverage companies, online retailers, and health care companies in trademark litigation.
- Representation of oilfield services pipe and alloy company in multiple commercial disputes including bet-the-company trade secrets and commercial cases.
- Representation of Italian company in litigation involving trademark infringement, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and civil theft.
- Represented Hong Kong-based electronics manufacturer in warranty ion.
- Represented national hospital services company in injunctive proceedings regarding suspension of physician privileges.
- Represented online newsletter in defense of defamation claims from blog entries and First Amendment issues.
- Represented Kansas City Southern Railroad in appellate matters involving sovereign immunity.
- Represented national health care provider in federal court litigation challenging constitutionality of Texas tort reform.
- Represented educational software company in trade secret litigation.
- Represented foreign electronics manufacturer in warranty litigation in state and federal court.
- Represented the WNBA in contract dispute.
- National trial counsel for world's largest provider of dialysis services.
- National trial counsel for cardiac perfusion company.
- Represented foreign pipeline company in contract and fraud dispute.
- Represented national health services provider in case involving allegations of unauthorized sale of insurance and fraud.
- Advised multiple clients on structure of transactions to ensure compliance with state and federal health regulations and the corporate practice of medicine doctrine.
- Represented major steel company in mandamus proceeding before the Supreme Court of Texas.
- Represented national emergency physician management services group in case alleging violations of the corporate practice of medicine.
- Represented national health services company as national trial counsel in federal court commercial litigation nationwide, including Texas, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Nevada and Mississippi.
- Represented national dialysis provider in commercial litigation involving non-compete, breach, business disparagement, predatory hiring and tortious interference.
- Statewide counsel for national health care provider in all litigation matters.
- Represented major pharmaceutical company in products liability litigation.
- Statewide counsel for national insurance company on drug related claims and physician indemnity

program.

- Represented foreign oncology group in Texas courts in litigation concerning fraud, defamation and breach of contract.
- Obtained Texas Supreme Court decision abolishing damages for filial consortium.
- Represented clients from pretrial to post-trial including interlocutory appeals, jury-charge development and argument, mandamus proceedings in all courts of appeal, bill of review proceedings, and traditional appeals in Texas intermediate courts of appeal, the Supreme Court of Texas, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Fifth Circuit.

Recognition & Leadership

Awards & Accolades

- Alumni of the Year, South Texas College of Law, 2021
- Honoree, *Texas Lawyer*, "Best Mentors," 2020
- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation, 2012-2023
- Listed, *Chambers USA Guide*, 2022
 - Spotlight Table, Litigation: Trial Lawyers, 2022
 - Litigation: General Commercial, 2022
- Team Member, *The American Lawyer's* "Products Liability Litigation Department of the Year," 2018
- Winner, *Euromoney Legal Media Group's* Americas Women in Business Law Awards, "Best in Patent," 2017
 - Shortlisted, "Best in Technology," 2021
 - Shortlisted, "Best in Litigation," 2020
 - Shortlisted, "Best in Patent," 2016, 2018
- Listed, *Managing IP Magazine's World IP Handbook and Survey*, "IP Stars," 2014-2015, 2017-2022
 - Listed, "IP Stars-Top 250 Women in IP," 2013
- Listed, *The Legal 500 United States*, Dispute Resolution - General Commercial Disputes, 2018, 2020, and 2022
 - "Other Key Lawyer," 2022
- Listed, *Lawdragon 500*, "Leading Litigators in America," 2022
- Listed, *Super Lawyers* magazine, *Texas Super Lawyers*, 2005-2022
 - Top 100 Lawyers in Houston, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2018-2022
 - Top 50 Women Lawyers in Texas, 2015, 2016, and 2018-2020

- Top 100 Lawyers in Texas, 2016
- Corporate Counsel Edition, 2008-2010
- Rising Stars Edition, 2004
- Listed, *Euromoney's Expert Guides: Women in Business Law*, "Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law," 2014-2022
- Listed, *Euromoney's Expert Guides: Patents*, 2017-2022
- Selected, *Houston Business Journal*, "Women Who Mean Business - Outstanding Leaders in Law," 2018
- Listed, *Houstonia* magazine, "Top Lawyer for Intellectual Property," 2013, 2014; "Top Lawyer for Litigation," 2015, 2016
- Team Member, a *Law360* "Employment Practice Group of the Year," 2011 & 2013
- Elected Member, International Association of Defense Counsel, 2012
- Selected, "Bar Register of Women Lawyers," Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers —Inaugural Edition, 2011
- Listed, *H Texas Magazine*, "Houston's Top Lawyers," 2006-2007, 2011-2015
- Team Member, a *Law360* "Appellate Practice Group of the Year," 2010
- Named, *H Inside Houston* magazine, "Houston's Professionals on the Fast Track," 2006-2007
- Elected Member and Senior Life Fellow, American Board of Trial Advocates
- Rated, AV Preeminent[®] 5.0 out of 5.0

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Professional & Community Involvement

- Charter Member, Women's Association of the Eastern District of Texas Bar Association
- Member, Board of Directors, South Texas College of Law, 2020-Present
- Lecturer, University of Houston Continuing Legal Education Foundation, 1995-2001, 2008
- Lecturer, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program, 2000, 2008
- Chair, South Texas College of Law Annual Gala Underwriting Committee, 2007
- Adjunct Professor, South Texas College of Law, 1997-2002
- Lecturer, South Texas College of Law Continuing Legal Education Foundation, 1996-Present
- Senior Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Elected Member and Senior Life Fellow, American Board of Trial Advocates

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Association of Women Attorneys
- Member, Bar Association of the Federal Fifth Circuit
- Member, College of the State Bar of Texas
- Member, Greater Houston Partnership Executive Women's Partnership Committee
- Member, Greater Houston Partnership Homeland Security Committee
- Member, Houston Bar Association
- Member, State Bar of Texas

Credentials

Education

- J.D., South Texas College of Law, 1993
 - National Moot Court Champion, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, January, 1994
 - National Appellate Advocacy Champion, American Bar Association, August, 1993
 - National Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition, March, 1992
 - Lewis F. Powell National Award for Excellence in Advocacy
 - National Order of the Barristers
 - Delta Theta Phi
- B.A., Stephen F. Austin State University, 1990
 - Pi Sigma Alpha
 - Chief Justice, University Supreme Court

Admissions

- Supreme Court of the United States
- Texas
- New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

News, Insights & Events

October 06, 2022 PRESS RELEASE

36 Greenberg Traurig Attorneys Listed in 2022 Women in Business Law Expert Guide

October 05, 2022 PRESS RELEASE

Greenberg Traurig Lawyers Recognized in Lawdragon's Inaugural 500 Leading Litigators in America

August 02, 2022 MEDIA COVERAGE

The Biglaw Firms Associates Rank As The 'Best Of The Best' (2022)

July 28, 2022 PRESS RELEASE

Greenberg Traurig is Among 'Best of the Best' on 2022 BTI Associate Satisfaction Report

June 10, 2022 PRESS RELEASE

170+ Greenberg Traurig Attorneys, 45 Practices Recognized in The Legal 500 United States 2022 Edition

June 01, 2022 PRESS RELEASE

Greenberg Traurig Recognized in Chambers USA 2022 Guide

April 21, 2022, 2:10 PM - 2:40 PM CT EVENT

Houston Trial Boot Camp: Cross-Examination of the Rosenberg Spy Case

April 20, 2022 PRESS RELEASE

Greenberg Traurig's Mary-Olga Lovett to Present at Houston Trial Boot Camp

February 14, 2022 PRESS RELEASE

Greenberg Traurig Elevates 7 Attorneys in its Texas Offices

September 30, 2021 PRESS RELEASE

Mary-Olga Lovett to Speak at 2021 Benchmark Women in Litigation Forum

September 28, 2021 PRESS RELEASE

25 Greenberg Traurig Texas Attorneys Listed in Texas Super Lawyers

September 27, 2021 PRESS RELEASE

Mary-Olga Lovett Receives South Texas College of Law's Distinguished Alumni Award

September 24, 2021 MEDIA COVERAGE

Trust And 'Hard Talk' Key To Inside-Outside Counsel Relations

September 22, 2021, 8:00 AM - September 24, 2021, 6:30 PM CT EVENT

VIRTUAL: ABA Business Law Section Meeting

September 21, 2021 PRESS RELEASE

Mary-Olga Lovett to Speak at ABA Business Law Section Meeting

June 29, 2021 PRESS RELEASE

14 Greenberg Traurig Texas Attorneys Recognized by The Legal 500 U.S. 2021 Guide

May 06, 2021, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT EVENT

VIRTUAL: ABA Virtual Litigation Section Annual Conference

April 01, 2021 PRESS RELEASE

Greenberg Traurig's Mary-Olga Lovett Joins Board of Directors of South Texas College of Law Houston

October 06, 2020, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT EVENT

VIRTUAL: WEN Houston Gen2Gen Symposium

October 02, 2020 PRESS RELEASE

Greenberg Traurig's Mary-Olga Lovett Will Be Keynote Speaker at WEN Gen2Gen Symposium

September 04, 2020 PRESS RELEASE

28 Greenberg Traurig Attorneys Recognized in 2020 Edition of Texas Super Lawyers

August 24, 2020 PRESS RELEASE

33 Greenberg Traurig Texas Attorneys Recognized in 2021 Edition of Best Lawyers in America

June 25, 2020 PRESS RELEASE

12 Greenberg Traurig Texas Attorneys Recognized by The Legal 500 U.S. 2020 Guide

May 25, 2020 MEDIA COVERAGE

Legal Challenges – More women are litigators, but barriers persist

September 12, 2019, 12:10 PM - 1:00 PM CT EVENT

MIP International Women's Leadership Forum

September 12, 2019 PRESS RELEASE

30 Greenberg Traurig Attorneys Named to 2019 Texas Super Lawyers List

August 27, 2019 PRESS RELEASE

Mary-Olga Lovett to Show Women in IP How to Smash Glass Ceilings at International Women's Leadership Forum

August 19, 2019 PRESS RELEASE

30 Texas GT Attorneys Listed in 2020 Edition of Best Lawyers in America

May 16, 2019, 8:30 AM - 9:15 PM CT EVENT

Women, Diversity & Change Summit: Houston

May 16, 2019 MEDIA COVERAGE

Texas Panel Says It Can't Hear Weevil-Infested Pecans Suit

May 13, 2019 PRESS RELEASE

2 Greenberg Traurig Texas Attorneys to Speak at 2019 Women, Diversity & Change Summit: Houston

April 26, 2019, 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM ET EVENT

West Point Corbin Leadership Forum Spring Conference 2019

April 18, 2019 PRESS RELEASE

Mary-Olga Lovett Returns to West Point for 2019 Corbin Leadership Forum Conference

September 17, 2018 PRESS RELEASE

32 Greenberg Traurig Attorneys Named 2018 Texas Super Lawyers

September 13, 2018 PRESS RELEASE

Houston Business Journal Chooses Mary-Olga Lovett for its 2018 'Women Who Mean Business' List

August 15, 2018 PRESS RELEASE

26 Greenberg Traurig Texas Attorneys Listed in the 2019 Edition of Best Lawyers in America

June 06, 2018 PRESS RELEASE

Greenberg Traurig Recognized in 2018 Legal 500 U.S. Guide

April 30, 2018 EVENT

Corbin Leadership Forum Conference hosted by West Point's Corbin Forum

April 30, 2018 PRESS RELEASE

Mary-Olga Lovett to Speak at the 2018 Corbin Leadership Forum Conference