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Elizabeth TRUJILLO '88 is the Mary Ann & Lawrence E. Faust Professor of Law and the Founding Director of the Initiative on [Global Law and Policy for the Americas](#) (GLPA). She teaches contracts, international economic law, and international business upper-level classes at the University of Houston Law Center. Her research specializes in international economic law, sustainable development, energy, contracts, and international law.

Prior to the University of Houston, Elizabeth was a Professor of Law at Texas A&M University School of Law, a Professor of Law at Suffolk University School of Law in Boston where she also served as co-director of their International Law Concentration, a Visiting Professor at Florida State University School of Law, and a Visiting Scholar at Harvard University Law School. Before entering academia, she practiced law in Houston in the areas of corporate law, project finance and international business transactions, with an emphasis on energy and Latin America.

Elizabeth has been published in several top law reviews, books, and peer-reviewed journals. Her research examines the delicate relationship between international law and local regulation, especially as it pertains to economic development and sustainability goals. As an expert on USMCA/NAFTA and International Trade, she has been interviewed by media outlets including the Houston Chronicle, Dallas Morning News, CBC News, and Bloomberg BNA News. Elizabeth has been invited to participate in various grant-funded projects investigating issues concerning the environment and trade. These include projects through the Rice University Baker Institute for Public Policy, Texas A&M University Energy Institute, and the University of Bologna in Italy. She is currently working on a book on trade and sustainable development to be published with Cambridge University Press.

As a recipient of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Fellowship, Elizabeth was a Visiting Scholar at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (MPIL) in Heidelberg, Germany, in 2015 and 2016. She has served on the

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Executive Council of the American Society of International Law and is an elected member of the American Law Institute.

A native Houstonian, Elizabeth is a proud graduate of Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart where she was also a member of the National Honor Society. Her daughter, Alessandra, is in kindergarten at Duchesne Academy.