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## Biography

Arnoldo (Arnie) Lacayo, a shareholder at Sequor Law, focuses his international litigation practice on financial fraud, asset recovery and cross-border insolvency. He has experience litigating complex disputes in both state and federal courts and has represented multinational corporations, sovereign governments, receivers, trustees and other foreign officeholders in matters pending in U.S. Courts. Arnie regularly supervises transnational investigations and has instructed counsel in dozens of jurisdictions. He also has extensive experience working with the versatile 28 U.S.C. § 1782 discovery statute and Chapter 15 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

### *What is the most challenging aspect about working on cross-border asset recovery cases?*

The most challenging aspect of working on cross-border asset recovery cases is the boundless creativity of fraudsters and the willingness of well-resourced aiders and abettors such as lawyers, wealth managers, and others to assist with asset protection and concealment. These individuals take advantage of local tools to attempt to frustrate the efforts of fraud victims and creditors.

### *What matters are clients coming to you frequently with at the moment, and what do you think is driving this?*

We have significant work coming to us with links to South America. Part of this is driven by politics and local economic issues, which push capital toward Florida and results in disputed assets here and elsewhere in the United States.

### *How is Sequor Law adapting to address the challenges caused by crypto fraud?*

Sequor Law has been at the forefront of these evolving asset recovery issues for years. Our lawyers are litigating novel issues, spearheading investigative and discovery-related efforts in cases and constantly studying the latest as we see the maturing of crypto-fraud.

### *What new technologies are helping asset recovery specialists in their cases?*

As a boutique specialist law firm Sequor Law is constantly interacting with cutting-edge vendors and evaluating technologies that assist with the intake and evaluation of data, documents and information. Our internal investigative capabilities are also making use of the latest tools for tracking

individuals and corporate actors alike in and outside the United States.

### *What is the most complex fraud litigation you have worked on during your career to date?*

I have had the privilege of working on some of the most complex fraud cases during my career, including the infamous Stanford International Bank Ponzi case and the largest bank failure in Brazilian history prompted by the fraudulent actions of its principal who bought and held assets, primarily artwork, all over the world. I have also had the privilege of working on a number of corruption-related asset recovery cases stemming from the construction of large infrastructure projects, including an international airport in the Caribbean.

### *Where, in your opinion, does the future of the practice area lie?*

As has always been the case, the future of this practice lies in trying to stay one step ahead of those who seek to conceal the ownership of assets and who work to frustrate the efforts of fraud victims and creditors alike. The emergence of crypto and other technologies requires that we keep pushing for flexible responses from our courts and legal systems. In the United States insolvency and equitable claims and remedies will continue to play a central role.

### *What can up and coming lawyers be doing to better establish themselves in asset recovery?*

Specialisation is the key to success in this field. Up and coming lawyers need to attend conferences, contribute to the literature, seek out certifications and develop relationships with established experts in this area.

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*“Arnoldo’s written work is always very carefully drafted”*  
*“His advice on matters of foreign recognition (in the US) and unique tactics for pre-action discovery are incredibly useful tools”*