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Lisa Grosh, who has devoted her entire career to the peaceful resolution of disputes, is a member of the Senior Executive Service of the federal government and is the Assistant Legal Adviser for International Claims and Investment Disputes in the United States Department of State. In this capacity she oversees the United States' handling of international claims and investment disputes against foreign governments and the defense of claims against the United States before international arbitration tribunals. She leads the representation of U.S. interests before tribunals under the NAFTA Chapter 11 tribunals, CAFTA-DR Chapter 10 tribunals and other international agreements, and has defended the United States in claims by Canadian companies such as Glamis Gold, Apotex Corp. and TransCanada under the NAFTA. In cases not involving the United States as a disputing party, she and her team meet regularly with U.S. companies and their counsel to discuss their objectives in pursuing investor-State arbitration against other States, and the wide variety of circumstances in which these claims arise.

Ms. Grosh is also lead counsel for the United States before the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal. She has led teams in defending the United States in billions of dollars in treaty and contract claims before the Tribunal, presented numerous claims on behalf of U.S. citizens and small businesses against Iran, and provided guidance to large corporations, such as McKesson Corp., Avco Corp., and Lockheed, and their counsel, as they pursued their contract and expropriation claims against Iran before the Tribunal. Ms. Grosh is also one of the leads in defending the United States in the Certain Assets case brought by Iran before the International Court of Justice under the 1957 Treaty of Amity, in which Iran is challenging measures of the executive branch, Congress and the U.S. courts to assist U.S. victims in obtaining compensation from state sponsors of terrorism.

Ms. Grosh has worked on a variety of other international claims matters throughout her career. She represented the United States before the UN Compensation Commission and has played a lead role in the negotiation and U.S. implementation of various major claim settlement agreements involving the United States, including settlements of claims before the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal, a 2008 settlement with Libya for \$1.5 billion, a 2010 settlement with Iraq for \$400 million, and a 2014 settlement with France for \$60 million.

Ms. Grosh has received numerous awards inside and outside the State Department. In 2011 and 2017, she received the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive. In 2018, she received the American Bar Association's Mayre Rasmussen Award, given to individuals who have achieved professional excellence in international law and advanced opportunities for women in international law. Following the dismissal of the multi-billion dollar claims by Apotex against the United States under NAFTA Chapter 11, the Food and Drug Administration awarded Ms. Grosh and her team the Commissioner's Special Citation.

Ms. Grosh earned her J.D. from the National Law Center at George Washington University, and received a B.A. in French from Millersville University. She is also a docent at the National Gallery of Art and passionate about spending time in the outdoors.