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Dr. Zewdineh transitioned from a position as a government lawyer within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia, where he headed departments including the United Nations Specialized Agencies and International Organizations and the Neighboring Countries and Nile Basin States, to private practice over two decades ago. He has since become one of the preeminent High Court, Supreme Court and Court of Cassation litigators in Ethiopia and has litigated numerous high-stakes cases. He also regularly advises foreign companies conducting business in Ethiopia.

Dr. Zewdineh has represented state agencies and state-owned enterprises in many negotiations and international arbitration proceedings in Africa, Asia, and Europe. He has also appeared as an expert witness in transnational litigation matters including before the High Court of London. His areas of expertise include international arbitration and litigation, government relations, public contracts, construction law, corporate law, private equity and other forms of investments. He has served as lead counsel representing African Governments in international arbitration cases in such areas as transportation, construction, oil and gas, mining, maritime, trade and investment.

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