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## **AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

NEW YORK, May 7, 2012 -- The American Arbitration Association (AAA), the world's leading provider of conflict management and dispute resolution services, announced the election of ten new members to the AAA's Board of Directors at its annual meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in New York.

The newly elected members of the board are as follows:

**David M. Benck** is Vice President and General Counsel of Hibbett Sporting Goods, Inc., a publicly traded retailer with locations throughout much of the United States. Mr. Benck has served as an arbitrator in numerous matters in both the commercial and employment areas and has been published in the AAA's Dispute Resolution Journal. Mr. Benck is an adjunct professor at Cumberland School of Law where he teaches Practicing Law In House. He also serves on the Ethics and Grievance Committee for USA Gymnastics' in Indianapolis. Mr. Benck is on the Norton Board of Advisors for Birmingham-Southern College, is the current President of the Alabama Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel, and is the legal counsel to the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

**Alan Crain** is Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Baker Hughes where he has global responsibility for all legal affairs and government relations. He has been General Counsel of three Fortune 500 multinationals. Mr. Crain has over 25 years experience as an arbitrator in matters dealing with both domestic and international issues. In addition to a J.D. and M.B.A. from Syracuse University, Mr. Crain holds an M.S. in Management Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

**Mark H. Duesenberg** is Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Ferro Corporation. His expertise includes corporate governance, risk management, regulatory compliance, dispute resolution and corporate social responsibility. Mr. Duesenberg was formerly the Executive Director of Legal and Government Affairs and the Legal Director – Europe, Middle East and Africa for a global manufacturer of electronic devices and personal computers, in addition to other senior legal positions. Mr. Duesenberg received his B.A. from Valparaiso University and his J.D. from the Harvard Law School.

**Denis Hauptly** is the co-founder and CEO of Information Innovators Group, LLC, and consults on issues pertaining to on-line innovation. His work in numerous areas has focused on creative solutions. Mr. Hauptly was previously the Vice President of Global Strategy Development, and the Chief Innovation Officer at Thomson Reuters Global Resources. Mr. Hauptly has written a number of books, including *Something Really New*, published in 2007.

**Christine Guerrier** is Vice President and General Counsel for Disputes Resolution and Litigation at the Thales Group, a world leader in designing and building mission-critical information systems for defence and security, aerospace and transportation. She studied international law at the Université Panthéon Assas (Paris II) and joined the Thales Group in 1980 where she held various positions in the legal department.

**Joseph E. Neuhaus** is a partner at Sullivan & Cromwell. Mr. Neuhaus' work focuses on international commercial litigation and arbitrations with an emphasis on Latin American matters. He is the coordinator of Sullivan & Cromwell's arbitration practice, and is a seasoned international arbitrator. He received a B.A. from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from Columbia University.

**Mary J. O'Connell** is General Counsel of District 37, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, New York City's largest public employees union. Ms. O'Connell has been a DC 37 attorney for 24 years. She also represents the union and its members in state and federal litigation, hearings, arbitrations and appeals. She received her J.D. from the University at Buffalo.

**Albert P. Parker** is the founder and a principal of General Counsel Legal Advisors LLC, a firm that provides or supplements in-house legal support to numerous small and mid-size companies. Previous positions held by Mr. Parker include Senior Vice President and Chief Counsel at Wyeth Pharmaceuticals where he led a large multinational legal team responsible for supporting the global operations of the company, and Partner at Schnader Harrison Segal and Lewis LLP where he maintained a broad commercial litigation practice. Mr. Parker has also served as a Lecturer at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Parker earned his B.A. at Penn State University, and his J.D. at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

**Javier H. Rubinstein** is the Global General Counsel, PricewaterhouseCoopers International Limited. Prior to that, Mr. Rubinstein was a litigation partner in the Chicago office of Mayer Brown, LLP, where he concentrated on international commercial and investment arbitration. He is also a lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School, where he teaches courses in International Commercial Arbitration and US Supreme Court Litigation. In addition to a J.D. from Georgetown University Law School, Mr. Rubinstein also earned a B.A. in Political Science and Economics from the University of Michigan and a Master of Public Policy degree from John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

**Stephen E. Smith** is a Member at Sherman & Howard in Denver, Colorado, where he serves as an arbitrator and advocate in international and domestic arbitration proceedings, as Co-Chair of the firm's Space Law Practice Group and on the Government Contracts Practice Group team. Mr. Smith previously served as Vice President and General Counsel for Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, providing leadership in the aerospace, defense and national security communities, and overseeing a wide variety of legal issues including the negotiation of over one hundred high-tech contracts with the United States government, U.S. domestic and international customers. Mr. Smith received his JD and undergraduate degrees from Georgetown University.

#### **About the American Arbitration Association**

The global leader in conflict management since 1926, the American Arbitration Association is a not-for-profit, public service organization committed to the resolution of

disputes through the use of arbitration, mediation, conciliation, negotiation, democratic elections and other voluntary procedures. In 2010, 143,349 cases were filed with the Association in a full range of matters including commercial, construction, labor, employment, insurance, international and claims program disputes. Through 30 offices in the United States, Mexico, and Singapore, the AAA provides a forum for the hearing of disputes, rules and procedures and a roster of impartial experts to resolve cases. Find more information online at [www.adr.org](http://www.adr.org).

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