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Former Florida Judge Christi Underwood Rejoins AAA-ICDR's Arbitration Panel

NEW YORK, N.Y.—July 16, 2018—Judge Christi Underwood (Ret.), former Circuit Court Judge in the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court in Florida, has resumed her membership on the National Roster of Arbitrators and Mediators for the American Arbitration Association®-International Centre for Dispute Resolution® (AAA-ICDRSM).

Judge Underwood was appointed Circuit Court Judge in the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida by Governor Rick Scott in 2013, and she was elected without opposition in 2016. She retired from the position on February 1, 2018. Judge Underwood practiced construction law in the Orlando, Fla., area prior to her judicial appointment, and in 2002 founded her own firm, where she primarily focused on resolving construction-related disputes as an arbitrator and mediator. During this time, she served as an arbitrator and mediator to resolve cases handled by the AAA-ICDR—and now that she is no longer a judge, she is free to resume her service on the organization's panel. Judge Underwood has hands-on construction industry expertise, having obtained a general contractor's license prior to enrolling in law school at the University of Florida.

“Christi has a broad array of experience working on specialized and general legal disputes as a judge, attorney, arbitrator, and mediator,” said **India Johnson, President and CEO of the AAA-ICDR**. “When she worked as an arbitrator and mediator for AAA-facilitated cases, she proved that she shares our dedication to the fair and efficient resolution of disputes. Christi's construction expertise will help us continue to resolve cases in this field fairly, efficiently, and cost-effectively for all parties involved, and she will continue to help us strengthen the diversity and inclusion across our panels.”

“I have always been very impressed with the AAA-ICDR's overall arbitration and mediation service offering, and especially the organization's strong commitment to transparency and diversity,” said **Christi Underwood**. “I look forward to working with them again to help more individuals and companies across the country conclude their construction-related disputes through alternative dispute resolution.”

In addition, Judge Underwood was elected to serve on the Council of the AAA at the recent annual meeting of the organization's Board of Directors. In this role, she will work to support the AAA's mission to provide effective, efficient, and economical methods of alternative dispute resolution through education, technology, and solutions-oriented service. Judge Underwood will also have the opportunity to draw on her extensive background to lend subject matter expertise and advice to the AAA, its subsidiaries, or its management.



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