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**AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION  
ELECTS NEW DIRECTORS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**New York, NY, May 9, 2019**– The American Arbitration Association® (AAA®), the world’s leading provider of conflict management and dispute resolution services, announced the election of twelve new members to the AAA’s Council at its annual meeting held today in New York. In addition, two current Council Members, Mark Duesenberg and J. Michael Kirkland and new Council Member, Kimberly Wiehl, have been elected to the Association’s Board of Directors. Current Board Member, Denis Hauptly, was elected to the position of Chair of the Board.

“It is an honor to be elected Board Chair and I look forward to partnering with the Council and Board,” said Denis Hauptly, Chair of the AAA’s Board of Directors. “The new Council Members present a wide-ranging and deep level of experience in many fields, and we welcome their perspectives and insights to continue to promote and increase the use of efficient and economical alternative dispute resolution worldwide.”

The newly elected members of AAA Council are:

**Steven C. Bennett** is a partner at Scarola Zubatov Schaffzin PLLC, with a practice that focuses on domestic and international commercial litigation and arbitration, including cases involving bankruptcy, construction, corporate, securities and other disputes. He has served on the Commercial Panel of the AAA as an arbitrator for more than a decade, and on the AAA Large Case Advisory Committee for more than 15 years. He taught arbitration law at Brooklyn Law School for 9 years. He is the author of *Arbitration: Essential Concepts* (Am. Law Media Publishers, 2002) and co-wrote the New York Law Journal column on Arbitration for five years. Recent publications include: “The Deal-Making Process: A Litigator’s Perspective,” *Practical Lawyer* 1-5 (2019); “‘Hard’ Tools For Controlling Discovery Burdens in Arbitration,” *Mealey’s Litigation Report* 1-22 (2018); and “Use of Experts in Arbitration: Alternatives for Improved Efficiency,” *Mealey’s Int’l Arbitration Report* 1-11 (2018). He is currently Co-Chair of the ADR Ethics Committee of the New York State Bar Association, and past Co-Chair of the ADR in the Courts Committee of the New York State Bar Association.

**Dr. Kabir Duggal** is an attorney in Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer 's International Arbitration and Public International Law Practice Groups in New York. He also acts as a Consultant for the United Nations Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) on the creation of a novel "Investment Support Program" (which was shortlisted by Global Arbitration Review for the category of “Best Developments” for 2018). He has also conducted training and capacity-building



sessions for several Governments including Colombia, Saudi Arabia, Myanmar, India, among others on public international law and dispute resolution matters. Dr. Duggal is a Lecturer-in-Law at the Columbia Law School, teaching "International Investment Law and Arbitration." And Managing Editor for Columbia Law School's "The American Review of International Arbitration". Dr. Duggal is a graduate of the University of Mumbai (University Medal), University of Oxford (DHL-Times of India Scholar), NYU School of Law (Hauser Global Scholar) and the Leiden Law School. Dr. Duggal was named as a "Future Leader" in international arbitration by Who's Who Legal (2018, 2019). In 2019, he was ranked as the fourth "Most-Highly Regarded" younger arbitration practitioner in the Americas. He was also awarded the 40 under 40 award by Legal Era.

**Angela (Anji) Foster, PhD, Esq.**, is an arbitrator and mediator who has resolved and adjudicated over 500 disputes involving intellectual property law, licensing, commercial and business disputes. She is a member of numerous alternative dispute resolution panels including the Commercial and Large Complex Case mediation and arbitration rosters of the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the Panel of Distinguished Neutrals of the Institute for Conflict Resolution & Prevention (CPR), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR). Ms. Foster was also appointed to the Silicon Valley Arbitration & Mediation Center's List of the World's Leading Technology Neutrals. Trained both as a scientist and an attorney, Ms. Foster has litigated various intellectual property and complex commercial matters as well as prosecuted patents and rendered patentability opinions in a broad spectrum of technologies from life sciences to mechanical devices. Ms. Foster received a PhD in biochemistry and molecular biology, and a bachelor in microbiology from Rutgers University, and a J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law - Newark.

**Ruth V. Glick** is a full time domestic and international arbitrator and mediator with over 25 years' experience as a dispute resolver. She has mediated and arbitrated a wide variety of domestic and international complex business contract and tort, financial, commercial, technology, venture capital, trade secrets, securities, labor and employment, real estate, health care and medical device disputes. She is on the Large and Complex Case panel, the National, Commercial and Labor and Employment Arbitration and Mediation panels of the American Arbitration Association (AAA), as well as the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR) and American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA). She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FIArb), a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators (CCA) a Distinguished Fellow of the International Academy of Mediators (IAM), and an International Mediation Institute (IMI) Certified Mediator and also serves on the IMI advisory committee. A Northern California Super Lawyer, Ms. Glick is also a past Chair of the Dispute Resolution Section of the American Bar Association, founder of the ABA's Women in Dispute Resolution (WIDR) and a liaison to the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession.

**Maura Barry Grinalds** has represented clients in the following industries: aerospace, auctions, automotive, banking and finance, consumer products, defense contractors, electronics, energy, heavy equipment, hospitality, hospitals, gaming, internet, manufacturing, online services, pharmaceutical, private equity, real estate, technology, telecommunications, satellites and video



games. In the area of securities litigation, Ms. Grinalds has successfully obtained the dismissal of numerous federal securities class actions on behalf of public companies, individual directors, and officers and/or underwriters. In addition, Ms. Grinalds has advised clients in connection with Sarbanes-Oxley whistleblower proceedings before the U.S. Department of Labor. She also represents clients in arbitration proceedings before U.S. and international arbitration bodies. Ms. Grinalds is a two-time recipient of the Legal Aid Society award for outstanding *pro bono* public service and is an active volunteer for the Innocence Project, for which the firm was honored at the 2010 Innocence Project Celebration of Freedom and Justice. In 2014, she completed a six-year term on a hearing panel of the Departmental Disciplinary Committee of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department. Ms. Grinalds is co-chair of the New York Chapter of the Harvard Law School Women's Alliance and has repeatedly has been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**James Y. (Jim) Kerr II** is executive vice president, chief legal officer and chief compliance officer for Atlanta-based Southern Company, one of America's largest energy providers. He also co-chairs Southern Company's internal business assurance council and serves in other risk management roles. Before joining Southern Company, Mr. Kerr was a partner at McGuireWoods LLP and senior advisor at McGuireWoods Consulting LLC. Mr. Kerr was a member of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, which regulates the rates and services of all public utilities in the state, for eight years. He served as president of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners from 2007 to 2008 and president of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners from 2002 to 2003. Mr. Kerr's years of experience in the energy regulatory arena include: representing natural gas, vertically integrated electric and transmission-only utilities in obtaining state and federal approvals of mergers, acquisitions and divestitures; representing electric utilities in base rate, fuel clause, complaint investigation and facility certification proceedings before state utility commissions; developing and implementing state legislation involving utility regulation, transmission and generation siting and development, installation and cost recovery of environmental controls and renewable portfolio standards and goals; and direct involvement in adopting and implementing federal legislation and policy. He earned a bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Washington and Lee University and a J.D., with honors, from the University of North Carolina School of Law.

**David Lopez**, who joined Rutgers Law School in August 2018 as Co-Dean, was most recently a member of the firm of Outten and Golden, leading the firm's Washington D.C. Office. Until December 2016, he served for six years as the General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and thus acted as the lead lawyer for the nation's primary administrative agency charged with enforcing federal employment anti-discrimination laws. He has also taught at Harvard Law School and Georgetown Law Center. Prior to joining the EEOC, he was a senior trial attorney with the Civil Rights Division Employment Litigation Section of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington D.C. In 2014, *The National Law Journal* named him one of "America's 50 Outstanding General Counsels." Among the organizations that have recognized him for his work on social justice issues are: the International Religious Liberty Association, which gave him its National Religious Freedom Award, *Liberty Magazine*, the North American Religious Liberty Association, which cited his work on civil, religious, and employment rights; the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, which gave him its Friend in Government Award



in 2012. Mr. Lopez has been called a “Latino Luminary” by the magazine Diversity and the Bar and in 2011 Hispanic Business named him to its list of 100 “Influentials” in the Hispanic community. He earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School and graduated magna cum laude from Arizona State University with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science.

**Dana C. MacGrath** is an Investment Manager and Legal Counsel at Bentham IMF, responsible for leading the company’s investments in international arbitration matters and contributing to its commercial litigation funding efforts. She joined Bentham in 2019 from Sidley Austin LLP, where she was a partner focusing on international arbitration and commercial litigation. Ms. MacGrath was recognized as a leading practitioner of international arbitration in various directories, including Chambers USA and Who’s Who Legal: Arbitration. Ms. MacGrath is the current president of the Board of Directors of ArbitralWomen, an international non-profit organization that promotes women and diversity in international dispute resolution. She is the immediate former Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (September 2015-June 2018) and served as co-chair of the CPR Institute Arbitration Rules Revision Committee (2017-2019) that revised both CPR’s ad hoc (non-administered) and administered arbitration rules. Ms. MacGrath is an adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School, where she teaches a seminar on international commercial arbitration and coaches the Brooklyn Vis Moot team. Ms. MacGrath earned her J.D. from New York University School of Law and her B.A. *cum laude*, from Middlebury College.

**Jacqueline Nolan-Haley** is a Professor at Fordham University Law School where she directs the Conflict Resolution Program and Mediation Clinic. She teaches courses in ADR, International and Interethnic Conflict Resolution, and International Mediation at Fordham Law School and at its Queens University Belfast and University College Dublin Summer Program. She has conducted conflict resolution training programs in Ghana, Northern Ireland and the United States. Professor Nolan-Haley is a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Mediator Ethical Guidance and the Ethics Committee of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution. Her recent publications include: *Designing Systems for Achieving Justice after a Peace Agreement: The Case of Northern Ireland* (2017); *Does ADR’s Access to Justice Come at the Expense of Meaningful Consent?* (2018); *Mediation, Self-Represented Parties, and Access to Justice: Getting There from Here* (2019); *Global Issues in Mediation* (co-author) (forthcoming 2019).

**Michelle Johnson Tidjani, Esq.**, was appointed Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Henry Ford Health System in 2017. In this role, Ms. Tidjani provides executive leadership, from both a strategic and operational perspective, for the following areas: Office of the General Counsel covering all legal affairs for the health system; the Business Integrity and Tax Office; Information Privacy and Security; the Governance Office; and the Risk Finance and Insurance Office. Prior to Henry Ford, Ms. Tidjani served as the Deputy Chief Legal Officer for the Cleveland Clinic, where she managed a team of more than 20 lawyers, paralegals, support staff and external counsel, serving as a strategic partner with her executive team on such initiatives as physician/hospital alignment, telemedicine, reimbursement, affiliations, acquisitions and governance. She earned her J. D. from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 1998. She was awarded a bachelor’s degree with honors from Cornell University in 1995.



**Richard Watts** is senior vice president and group manager of the Water and Mineral Services Group of Granite Construction Inc., which includes the entities associated with Granite's recent acquisition of Layne Christensen. He is also currently serving as general counsel, corporate compliance officer and secretary. He joined the company in 2003 as division counsel and was named assistant general counsel in 2010. In 2012, Mr. Watts was appointed General Counsel. Before joining Granite, Mr. Watts served as corporate counsel to Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. He also worked as an attorney for the firm Cokinis, Bosien and Young. Earlier in his career, he was a professional engineer for Turner, Collie and Braden, and also served in the U.S. Army Reserves. Mr. Watts received a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University, graduating with honors, and received a J.D. from South Texas College of Law, also graduating with honors.

**Kimberly Wiehl** is an experienced senior executive with over 15 years in board experience in promoting global trade, business skills and cross cultural education. In her 30-year career in cross border trade she worked to support and finance global trade based in New York and London. As Secretary-General of the Berne Union from 2001 to 2011, Ms. Wiehl led the global association of credit and investment insurers. The 85 member companies together insure over \$2 trillion annually, approximately 13% of world trade. She worked with the board to develop its outreach work with the global and regional financial institutions including the World Bank, IFC, World Trade Organization and the OECD. Previously, Ms. Wiehl spent 20 years at JPMorgan where she was Managing Director of the Central Europe, Africa and Middle East Structured Trade Debt team from 1996 to 2001. Earlier, she had a variety of international assignments including commodity finance, loan syndications and asset management. In 2018, Ms. Wiehl was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of UK Export Finance (UKEF), the UK government's export credit agency. UKEF provides exporters with insurance and/or finance to provide security for exporters through economic cycles and market disruptions. Ms. Wiehl also serves on the board of the Women's Business Development Council which trains entrepreneurs to establish and successfully grow their business ventures.

The newly elected members of AAA Board of Directors are:

**Mark H. Duesenberg** is Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary at Ferro Corporation. Prior to joining Ferro in 2008, Mr. Duesenberg served as Executive Director, Legal and Government Affairs for Lenovo Group Ltd. in Washington, DC, and as Lenovo's Legal Director—Europe, Middle East and Africa, in London. From 1999 to 2005, he held positions of increasing responsibility in the law department of Invensys plc, in London. In 1998-1999, Mr. Duesenberg was general counsel for a development-stage company. Prior to his corporate law roles, Mr. Duesenberg was an attorney at Hughes Hubbard & Reed and the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, DC, and served as a law clerk to the Hon. Pasco Bowman of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit. Mr. Duesenberg received his Juris Doctorate degree from Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and a bachelor's degree from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana.

**J. Michael Kirkland, CPA, CGMA** is a veteran financial executive with over 30 years of experience in accounting, industry, consulting and business development. Mr. Kirkland is the



founder of JMK Consulting, where he currently serves as a strategic and technical advisor to executive management clients. Before starting the firm, he held senior executive positions at Deutsche Bank AG. Previously, he worked at the Bankers Trust Company and JPMorgan Chase in New York and London. Mr. Kirkland is a former member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Board of Directors and currently serves on its governing Council. He is also a former board member of the global Association of International Certified Professional Accountants and a former member of the AICPA National Commission on Diversity & Inclusion. Mr. Kirkland is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), and a former member of the CIMA Council. He has served on the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) Leadership Group and is a lifetime member of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) and Ascend, and served as the 2013-14 NYSSCPA President.

**Kimberley Wiehl** (see bio on page 5).

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

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As the international division of the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR®) is the largest international provider of arbitral and dispute resolution services. The ICDR provided dispute resolution services for 1,026 international cases filed in 2017. Established in 1996, the ICDR serves parties in more than 90 countries, with a staff fluent in over a dozen languages. Through more than 725 independent arbitrators and mediators, the ICDR provides a flexible, party-centered process over a broad range of industries and geopolitical issue. Its revised Rules have once again set a standard for arbitration case management. For more information, visit [www.icdr.org](http://www.icdr.org).