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AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW DIRECTORS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

New York, NY, May 23, 2017 – The American Arbitration Association® (AAA®), the world’s leading provider of conflict management and dispute resolution services, announced the election of five new members to the AAA’s Council at its annual meeting held today in New York. In addition, two current Council Members, Denis J. Hauptly and Martin F. Scheinman and new Council Member, Richard A. Anderson, have been elected to the Association’s Board of Directors.

“The new Council Members who were elected today represent a great deal of knowledge and expertise in their fields. We are thrilled to welcome them to the AAA’s Council,” said Teresa E. McCaslin., Chair of the AAA’s Board of Directors. “We look forward to working with our new Council Members, along with our new Board Members, in promoting and increasing the use of efficient and economical methods of alternative dispute resolution worldwide.”

The newly elected members of AAA Council are:

Catherine Amirfar is a litigation partner in the International Dispute Resolution Group and Co-Chair of the Public International Law Practice at Debevoise and Plimpton LLP. Her practice focuses on international commercial and treaty arbitration, international and complex commercial litigation, and public international law. She regularly represents multinational corporations, sovereign states and international organizations in both U.S. courts and before international arbitration tribunals. Previously, she spent two years as the Counselor on International Law to the Legal Advisor at the U.S. State Department. Ms. Amirfar received the State Department’s Superior Honor Award in recognition of her contributions to the Department. She has written extensively on international arbitration, the relationship between international law and U.S. domestic law, international human rights and humanitarian law, investor-state disputes, and the law of consular and diplomatic immunities. She is a frequent lecturer on international law and has guest lectured at Yale Law School and NYU Law School, among others.

Richard A. Anderson was the Senior Vice President and Treasurer of Continental Grain Company from 1997 until his retirement in 2015. During his tenure at Continental Grain Company, Mr. Anderson also served as Assistant Treasurer from 1987-1997; Director of Corporate Finance from 1986-1987; Manager of Capital Funding from 1984-1986; and Senior Financial Analyst from 1981-1984. Mr. Anderson received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Grinnell College and his Master of Business Administration degree in Finance from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Anderson joins the AAA’s Council and Board of Directors.

José Astigarraga is the global head of the international arbitration practice of Reed Smith, a firm with 1700 lawyers and 27 offices worldwide. In the course of more than 30 years of practice, he has handled a broad array of international business disputes, including representing companies in disputes stemming from joint ventures, distribution agreements, licensing arrangements, shareholder agreements, supply agreements, power projects, EPC and other construction contracts, financial contracts, telecommunications and utility/public service tariffs and agreements. Fully fluent in both English and Spanish, he has handled cases emanating from virtually every country in Latin America. Mr. Astigarraga has held a variety of leadership positions in the field of international arbitration. He was one of 10 Americans initially appointed by the US government to advise the NAFTA Commission on the development of international arbitration and dispute resolution.

Timothy R. Austin, P.E., F.NSPE. is a Professional Engineer with the firm of Kaw Valley Engineering, Inc. Mr. Austin is the Immediate Past President for the National Society of Professional Engineers. He has previously served as President of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers, as Secretary for the Engineer's Foundation of Kansas, on the board of the Wichita Area Builders Association, on the advisory board to the Real Estate Department at Wichita State University, as chairman of the Wichita Airport Advisory Board and as chairman of the Wichita Art and Design Council. He is also a member of APWA and SAE.

Tamara L. Linde is the Executive Vice President and General Counsel for Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated (PSEG). She is also the Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), PSEG Power and PSEG Services Corporation. Previously Ms. Linde was Vice President – regulatory, PSEG. She has led the company's federal and state regulatory functions, as well as managed corporate, environmental and labor/employment practices within the company. Ms. Linde is a member of the New Jersey, New York, District of Columbia and Texas bars. She currently serves on the Board of the PSEG Foundation and the board of the Community Foundation of New Jersey.

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