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NEWS AND EVENTS

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"Don't wait until the Fourth Thursday of the month to sit with family and friends and give thanks."

–Charmaine J. Forde

We have plenty of announcements this month from Arbitration Week **November 8–15** in Miami, to updates on Membership News items, to Featured Members. Please let our Featured Members know how much you appreciate their membership! Also, a monthly reminder to make plans to join us at the **Second Annual North America Branch Members' Retreat, April 19–21, 2024 in San Diego.**

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Steven J. Cologne FCI Arb
NAB Newsletter Editor
Vice Chair / Communications*

A Message from NAB Chair, David E. Sharp FCI Arb



Dear Members,

SAVE THE DATES! I am happy to report that the Second Annual Members' Retreat will be held in San Diego on **April 19–21, 2024.**

NAB also held an ARF and an ARM last month. I can report that our Mexico Chapter was enthusiastically engaged and that we should, after the exams are graded and peer reviews conducted, have many new members (Fellows and Members) in NAB and CI Arb. The impressive group that took the course included individuals from Mexico, the USA, Costa Rica, and Ghana. Many thanks to our faculty and working group, including two who would have helped in Mexico City had enrollment been higher. Join me in thanking: **Orlando Federico Cabrera Colorado FCI Arb, René De Liux Campos Garcia FCI Arb,**

Napoleão Casado Filho FCI Arb, Cecilia Flores Rueda FCI Arb, Sofia Gómez Ruano FCI Arb, Amb. (r.) David Huebner C. Arb, Ann Ryan Robertson FCI Arb, José Antonio Rodríguez Márquez FCI Arb, Jeffrey (Jeff) M. Senger FCI Arb, Reynaldo Uriaga FCI Arb, and Program Director – John B. Pinney FCI Arb.

And, additional thanks to **Creel Law Firm** for being a fabulous host for both courses and to **Real Hearing** and **FloresRueda**, who handled registrations for the courses.

The next NAB ARF is coming soon, in Miami, on **November 9–10, 2023**. It is not too late to register so please let your contacts with the required 10 years' experience know and encourage registrations. Course Director, **John Pinney**, will be happy to answer any questions and can be reached at jpinney@brickergraydon.com. Or, you can reach me at dsharp@ciarbnab.com. Registration is here: [CIArbnab.com](https://www.ciarbnab.com).

New Email Address? If your email address changes, please remember to advise memberservices@ciarb.org and communications@ciarbnab.com

Upcoming Events & Featured Programs



NAB is sponsoring in collaboration with JAMS **Miami Arbitration Week** taking place **November 8–15**. The **Inaugural Miami Arbitration Week Kickoff Event** takes place on **November 8** at 5:00 p.m. Eastern. The event will be held at Hogan Lovells, 600 Brickell Avenue, Suite 2700, Miami, Florida. Opening welcome remarks presented by **Ava Borrasso C.Arb**, FCIArb and **Sherman Humphrey** (Senior Global Practice Manager, JAMS). **James Hosking** (Founding Partner, Chaffetz Lindsey, NY) will provide the keynote address. The Panel Discussion "**Greener Grass or Scorched Earth: The Impact of Legislation and Court Reform on Arbitration Friendliness in the Americas**" will be moderated by **Gary Birnberg** FCIArb. Cocktails and networking will follow the program. Register here for the event: <https://www.mias.org/event-details/inaugural-miami-arbitration-week-maw-kickoff-event>

NAB is pleased to present an **Accelerated Route to Fellowship Course (ARF)** in Miami on **November 9–10**. This course is immediately prior to the ICC conference in Miami. Discounts for qualified MCIArb and ACIArb are available for ARF courses. Any questions about qualification to take this course can be answered by John Pinney at jpinney@brickergraydon.com. Details and registration are available here: [CIArb NAB ARF Miami Brochure](#). The brochure and registration link is also on the home page of NAB website under Featured Programs and Upcoming Events. Reach NAB's website here: <https://www.ciarbnab.com/>

The November "**Ask the Arbitrator**" event will be **Wednesday, November 15** at 1:00 p.m. EST/10:00 a.m. PST: "**Arbitration and Mediation Mastery: A Spotlight on–Stephen Smith, FCIArb**" and will feature International Arbitrator, **Stephen Smith, FCIArb**. This event will be moderated by **Cariana M. Jones**, a Juris Doctor (J.D.) candidate at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. **This program is free**. Register here for the event: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xfmdCr91Rcm59djiV4srPA.

NAB is proud to serve as a co-sponsor in four webinars presented by Nivalion and Wöss & Partner. The webinars are limited to 75 minutes each from **September to December 2023**, and will present current trends and considerations of this emerging area of law and practice, including the associated risks. NAB Members **Dr. Herfried Wöss** and **Kevin O'Gorman** are part of the distinguished panel of speakers. Details and the full webinar program are available here: [Climate Change in Arbitration and Litigation](#)

NAB is proud to support the Miami International Arbitration Society (MIAS) in its upcoming **2nd LatAm**



Investor-State Arbitration Conference (www.mias.org) which will take place in Miami on **Sunday, November 12** from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the University of Miami's Shalala Student Center Complex. **NAB Members receive a 10% discount using code: GOMIAS2023.** Full details and a link to the registration is here: <https://www.mias.org/event-details/2nd-annual-latam-investor-state-arbitration-conference>

The December "Ask the Arbitrator" event will be **Thursday, December 7** at 1:00 p.m. EST/10:00 a.m. PST: "From the Science Bench to the 'Bar': Bridging Disciplines for Success" and will feature International Arbitrator, **Harrie Samaras FCIArb** and will be moderated by **Cariana M. Jones**, a Juris Doctor (J.D.) candidate at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Ms. Jones will interview **Ms. Samaras** to gain insights into her professional journey. **This program is free.** Register here for the event: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WQxq8sDLTI6Q6AAE_9W7iA

SAVE THE DATES – April 19–21, 2024, for the Second Annual NAB Members' Retreat in San Diego, California

NAB will hold its Second Annual Members' Retreat in San Diego, California from **Friday, April 19 – Sunday, April 21, 2024.** The event will take place at Humphreys Half Moon Inn on Shelter Island. Full details are still being planned and will be announced soon. It will be a chance to meet and network with other NAB members and enjoy all the sights San Diego has to offer!



Join the Membership Match Program

Participate in NAB's **Membership Match Program.** The program aims to add value to Associates and Members through mentoring with Fellows. Once a match is secured, the goal is to meet virtually for 30 minutes, 10 times per year to address issues unique to the mentees. The match is intended to last one year from inception but may be subject to renewal. Please contact CIArb NAB, Vice Chair of Membership, **Ava Borrasso C.Arb, FCIArb** at ajb@ajborrassolaw.com if you are interested in participating as a mentor or mentee.



International Arbitrator **Grant L. Kim FCIArb, FCCA** was the panelist for the October 18 Ask the Arbitrator: "Bridging Legal Boundaries and Cultures in Cross-Border Arbitration and Intellectual Property." A recording is now available on the [NAB Website](#).

NAB Member **Denise Peterson FCIArb** was part of a distinguished panel of speakers at the Fall 2023 Centennial Symposium: "The Crossroads of International Arbitration, Finance, and Investment presented by Currents: Journal of International Economic Law & the South Texas College of Law Houston on October 20.

The NAB joins other branches in welcoming five new Trustees to CIArb's Board:

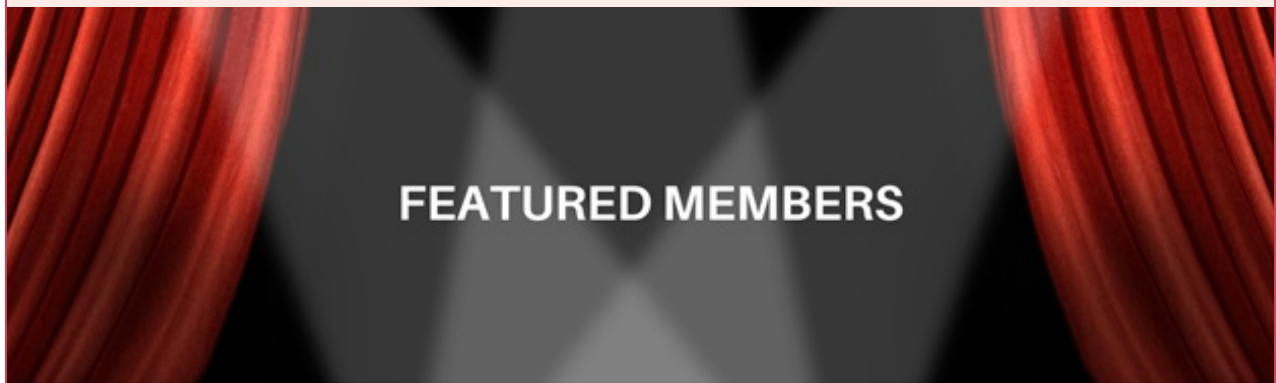
- **Rama Sridhar**, Singapore – Executive Vice President, Asia Pacific Mastercard
- **Ron C. Hamilton**, New York – Senior Vice President, Swiss Re
- **Anita Kimber**, London – Partner, Ernst & Young
- **Nighat Dad**, Lahore – Founder & Executive Director, Digital Rights Foundation
- **Charles Laganá Putz**, São Paulo – Former CEO, NAMISA; former CFO, Brasil Telecom

Amb. (r.) David Huebner, C.Arb FCIArb, Chair of the Nominations Committee and Deputy Chair of the Board, stated, "Diversifying the professional experience and networks represented on the Board is vital to Ciarb's future success. I am pleased that we were able to identify five such extraordinary new colleagues. I am equally pleased that in recruiting the best people for the job, we also significantly increased demographic, geographic, generational, and intersectional diversity on the Board." Full details about the new Trustees are available on the [CIArb website](#).

Congratulations to **James (Jim) Reiman, FCIArb, Q.Arb**. His book **Negotiation Simplified: A Framework and Process for Understanding and Improving Negotiating Results** is a 2023 NYC Big Book Award Winner in the category of Audiobook Nonfiction. This is the book's second award. In August 2022, the book received the Nonfiction Authors Association's highest award – Gold! The book is available in hardcopy, Kindle, and audiobook formats, as well as epub and mobi formats. It may be purchased on Amazon, at Barnes & Noble, and hundreds of independent book sellers.

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You can now invite non-members who might be interested to sign up for the newsletter at [CIArb North America Branch Newsletter](#).



This month's Featured Members are: **Jeremy Bloomenthal, Aaron Ghiradelli, Andrew D. Ness, Eduardo Palmer, and Jeffrey M. Senger**. Learn about them below and on the homepage of NAB's website [NAB Website](#).

Jeremy Bloomenthal (Waltham, MA)

Jeremy Bloomenthal FCIArb founded his own practice in 2017 after more than a decade at law firms in New York, Tokyo, and Geneva engaged in international arbitration, litigation, corporate law, and cross-border transactions. Jeremy advises on international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations conducted under various rules (e.g., ICC, AAA-ICDR, SIAC,



UNCITRAL) in complex disputes concerning the energy, life sciences, technology, construction, and finance industries. Jeremy regularly sits as an arbitrator and is listed on the rosters of multiple arbitral institutions. Admitted in New York, Massachusetts, and England & Wales (solicitor), Jeremy holds degrees from Boston University (JD), University of Geneva (LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement), the University of Pennsylvania (MA), and Columbia University (BA). He holds a Practitioner's diploma from the Swiss Arbitration Academy and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.



Aaron Ghirardelli (Los Angeles, CA)

Aaron Ghirardelli FCIArb is an experienced law professor and seasoned international lawyer with distinguished teaching and practice experience spanning across the United States, Europe, and Japan. As Visiting Associate Professor and Senior Assistant Dean at LMU Loyola Law School, he brings an academic depth, having taught subjects including Intellectual Property in the Digital Age and International Commercial Arbitration. With a LL.M. magna cum laude from UC Hastings and a J.D. from the

University of Milan, Aaron has worked on matters advising top banks on major European disputes at Clifford Chance LLP and has expertise in areas ranging from IP, international business transactions and cyberlaw. Fluent in English and Italian, he is admitted to the bar in California, New York, and Italy.

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Andrew D. Ness (Washington, D.C.)

Andrew D. Ness FCIArb, arbitrates both international and domestic U.S. disputes, along with mediating and serving as neutral evaluator and DRB member. His focus as a full-time neutral since 2019 is on complex construction, engineering and infrastructure disputes, along with government contract issues. He brings to bear his prior 40 years of experience as a leading construction lawyer at major law firms, where he handled U.S. and international construction disputes on a wide variety of major projects worldwide. Most recently, Andy edited (and authored the International Construction

Arbitration chapter) of the new ABA book: "Construction Arbitration, The Advocate's Practical Guide." He is a Fellow of the American College of Construction Lawyers and a past Chair of the ABA Forum on Construction Law.



Eduardo Palmer (Miami, FL)

Eduardo Palmer FCIArb is a bilingual lawyer with 38 years of experience in commercial litigation, international arbitration, and white-collar criminal defense. Today he sits primarily as an international arbitrator in commercial and investor-state disputes. He Chaired the International Arbitration practice group at Steel Hector & Davis LLP, with offices throughout the Americas. He was Deputy Chief of the Economic Crimes Section of the United States Attorney's Office for the S.D. of Florida. He teaches international commercial arbitration as an adjunct professor at Florida International University College of Law. Mr. Palmer is a past Chair of the International Law Section of the Florida Bar. He graduated from the University of

Florida College of Law with Honors in 1985 and subsequently clerked for United States District Court Judge, Kenneth L. Ryskamp, in the S.D. of Florida.

Jeffrey M. Senger (Washington, D.C.)



Jeffrey M. Senger FCIArb, serves as an arbitrator and mediator with special expertise in life sciences, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and matters involving the government. He served as FDA's acting General Counsel and is a partner at Sidley Austin. He coordinated ADR for the entire federal government as Senior Counsel for Dispute Resolution at the U.S. Department of Justice. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a panelist for the American Arbitration Association, and a Distinguished Neutral with the CPR International Institute, and has mediated for the United States District Court. He is the author of the award-winning book, *FEDERAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION* (Wiley) and has taught negotiation and mediation at Harvard Law School. He testified as an expert

on ADR before the U.S. Congress and has spoken about dispute resolution on behalf of the U.S. government on five continents.

News About Members

This newsletter has expanded to report news about Members. If you have something to report, please email that information to newsletter@ciarbnab.com. To ensure the newsletter goes out the first business day of each month, it is requested that information for the **December 2023** newsletter be submitted by **November 16, 2023**.

When participating in a program or event of another organization, please remember to include in event fliers and publications, if possible, your post-nominal designations such as **FCIArb**. In addition to showcasing credentials you have earned, doing so helps all members by raising recognition of CIArb and, by association with you, helping to demonstrate that CIArb members are highly qualified individuals who have been credentialed by what in our opinion is the world's leading ADR credentialing organization.

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Get involved with one (or more) of the NAB Committees. Communications (and its social media subcommittee), Programs, and Training would definitely appreciate help. Contact information is on the website or email communications@ciarbnab.com to get directed to the right person(s).

Student Members, please share the information about free student memberships with those of your classmates who have not joined. More details are available on our [website](#).

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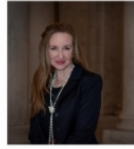
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Finally, don't forget to join NAB's members only [LinkedIn Group](#). It is open to all CIArb members. There, you can post questions, articles, and anything that might be of interest to members and comment on our monthly "What Do You Think?" feature about ADR. Also, check out NAB's public LinkedIn page: [Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - NAB | LinkedIn](#)



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