

MAY 2022 NEWS AND EVENTS



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North America Branch

Dear Members,

Welcome to the May issue of the NAB newsletter. Please note the Message from our Chair Katherine Smith Dedrick. As part of our theme to market **Best in Class**, NAB members lead the ABA's Dispute Resolution Training Session on June 1–3. The newsletter features NAB members leading panels and seminars throughout the year to educate and provide support to arbitrators. This month we feature six NAB members who are prominent in our membership.

Enjoy this month's newsletter. Happy Mother's Day!

A Message from NAB Chair, Katherine Smith Dedrick



Katherine Smith Dedrick FCI Arb JD MBA

NAB's theme for 2021 and 2022 is **Best in Class**. This theme reflects the Board's goal to showcase and market NAB members and their talents. We invite each member to take advantage of NAB's marketing and networking opportunities, a few of which we highlight here.

- *Attend NAB's virtual networking event **May 5** to meet other members and folks from SIAC NY (Singapore International Arbitration Centre);
- *NAB has 13 Chapters across the country, join one and get involved;
- *Become part of the Program Committee and get involved in webinar and panel presentations;
- *Write an article for publication in Lexology;
- *Join us for a conference (**October 7** – more to come);
- *Get involved in our CSP committee presenting this year in Brazil with members of the Brazil Chapter;
- *Showcase your skills and let other members get to know you by suggesting yourself as a *Featured Member* of the month!

New Email Address? If your email address changes, please remember to advise

Upcoming Events & Featured Programs



May 5 at 5pm PT/8pm ET. Virtual Happy Hour with Special Guests from SIAC

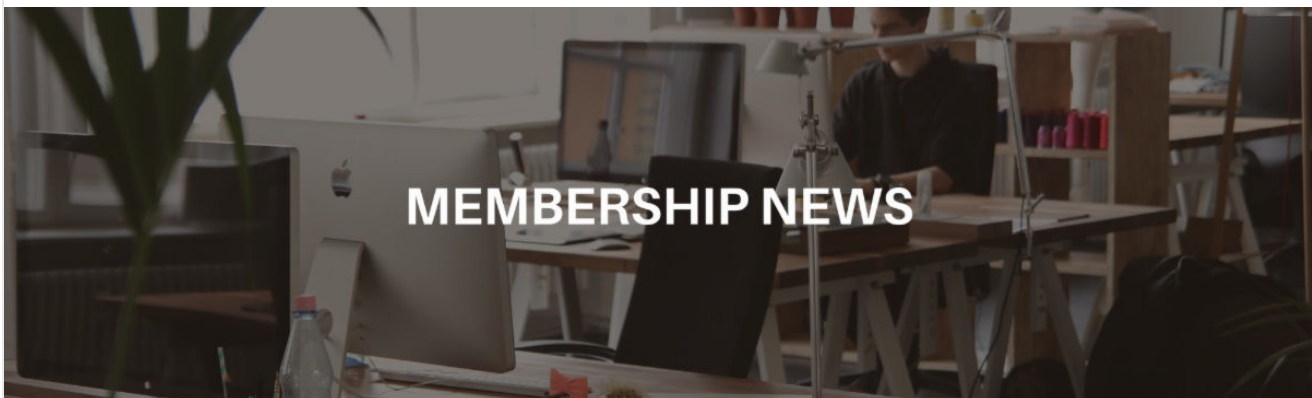
All NAB Members are invited to a virtual networking happy hour with Ms. **Adriana Uson**, Head (Americas) of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), and other SIAC members.

To join us, please register [here](#).

New Resource Guide Now Available!

Jo Colbert Stanley, MCI Arb, Stanley Legal Services, and Bryan J. Branon, Regional Relationship Manager for the Americas, have co-authored a **Resource Guide for the Selection of Diverse Arbitrators and Mediators** under the guidance of Felicia Boyd, FCI Arb, and Deborah Hylton, FCI Arb, who chair the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Women In Dispute Resolution Committee (WIDR). The Resource Guide for the Selection of Diverse Arbitrators and Mediators is offered as a risk management tool for in-house counsel and those who select arbitrators and mediators and provides diversity and inclusion data and statistics, D&I market accountability measures, strategies to manage a D&I risk portfolio and resources to access diverse arbitrators and mediators. The Resource Guide is a collaboration among the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators North America Branch, Federal Bar Association ADR Section, the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms and The Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession.

For more information on the Resource Guide please contact Bryan J. Branon, CI Arb Regional Relationship Manager at BBranon@CIArb.org.



The NAB Chapter Chairs will be participating in a Zoom meeting on **May 12** with NAB Chair, **Katherine Smith Dedrick FCI Arb**, and other NAB officers. Periodic meetings of the Chapter Chairs and officers have been established with the aim of improving the NAB

membership experience.

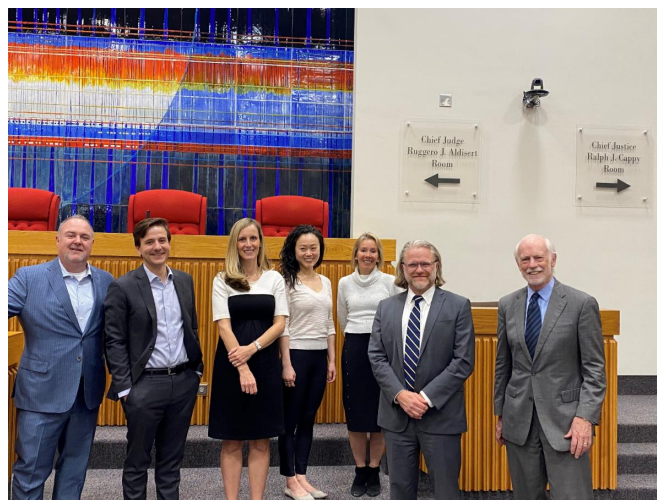
NAB members are prominently represented on the faculty of the ABA DR Section's Arbitration Training program taking place on **June 1–3** in Chicago. The members teaching at that event include: **Gary Benton C.Arb, FCIArb; James R. Ferguson FCIArb; Tom Hanrahan FCIArb; Sandra Jeskie FCIArb** (NAB Immediate Past Chair); **Terry Moritz FCIArb** (Chicago Chapter Chair); **Merriann Panarella FCIArb; Barbara A. Reeves FCIArb; Sarah E. Reynolds FCIArb; Harrie Samaras FCIArb** (DR Section President); **Harout J. Samra FCIArb**; and **Dana Welch FCIArb**.

Professor Charles T. Kotuby Jr. FCIArb asks for support of the new Ukrainian Legal Assistance Project that he helped found at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. The program aims to provide full scholarship and living assistance to young Ukrainian Lawyers and law students to join the LLM program in Pittsburgh where they will work on pro bono legal issues pertaining to the war in Ukraine and earn an LLM degree focused on human rights and international dispute resolution in the process. Details can be found [here](#). The program welcomes many forms of assistance and support, both volunteer and monetary.

Harrie Samaras FCIArb recently was a featured speaker at CPR's "Skills Training for Bios"

Congratulations to Jim Reiman FCIArb and member of the NAB Board who has a book out this year entitled Negotiation Simplified. Available at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), Barnes & Noble, and various independent book sellers. Jim is also part of the Oxford Programme on Negotiation at the University of Oxford, Saïd Business School.

On April 21, 2022, the newly-formed Pennsylvania and Ohio Chapter of the CIArb presented a panel discussion on "Third Party Discovery in Arbitration" at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. The panels included practitioners and academics from Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Philadelphia, and a keynote address from **Eric Tuchmann** of the AAA. A recording of the session will be made available soon on the website of the Center for International Legal Education, which can be accessed at <https://www.law.pitt.edu/centers/center-international-legal-education>



From left to right: Tom Crist, Zach Torres-Fowler, Caroline Edsall Littleton, Prof. Andrea Wang, Katherine Smith Detric, Charles T. Kotuby Jr., and John Pinney

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Featured Members. This month's Featured Members are: **Gary L. Benton, Elisabeth Eljuri, Ann Ryan Robertson, Carlos A. Romero, Jr., Harout J. Samra, and Daniel Yamshon.** Learn about them on the homepage of NAB's website [NAB Website](#).

News About Members

The 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 June 2022 newsletter be submitted by May 16, 2022.

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 FCI Arb. In addition to showcasing credentials you have earned. doing so helps all members by raising recognition of CI Arb and. by association with you. helping to demonstrate that CI Arb 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).

Young Members should become part of the young members group (YMG). If you are not on the YMG's membership roster, contact Imad Khan at lkhan@winston.com.

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](#).

Finally, don't forget to join, if you have not, the NAB **LinkedIn** Group. This group is open to all who may be interested in ADR (not limited to NAB members). If you have friends who ought to join, let them know about it. There are currently over 280 members, mostly NAB members. Feel free to post matters for interest and to comment on posts by others.



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