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**American Arbitration Association
Invites You to Attend the Florida Commercial Arbitrators' Facilitated Roundtable**

“Emerging Topics in Arbitration”

with Facilitators Hon. John Bryan, R. Bruce Cuthbertson and Hon. Ellen Leesfield

WHEN: May 27, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. ET

WHERE: Zoom Meeting
Link to be sent on May 26, 2020.

Those AAA panelists unable to attend via videoconference may join by phone. Call information will be provided on May 26, 2020. **Materials and Zoom link will be emailed to those who RSVP by May 20, 2020.**

TOPICS: Alternative Means to In-Person Arbitration, Streamlined Panel Process use in LCC matters, Admissibility of Unauthorized Information and Expedited and Fast Track Procedures.

FACILITATORS' BIOS:

HON. JOHN T. BRYAN received a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois in 1982 and a master's degree from New Mexico State University in 1985, both in Computer Science. After a decade as a software engineer for several employers, large and small, he attended the University of Colorado School of Law, receiving a J.D. in 1996. As an attorney in Colorado, he was a law clerk at the state Court of Appeals and an Assistant Attorney General handling mostly criminal appeals, as well as several years of general practice. In 2004, he was appointed a district court magistrate with a general docket, and in 2008, he was appointed a district court judge handling mostly large civil, felony criminal, and domestic relations cases. Since 2012 from his new home base in Florida, he has specialized in computer, network, and digital forensics as a consultant and expert witness, as well as teaching forensics and other technical computer subjects at a local college. Since 2018, he has been enrolled on the National Roster of the American Arbitration Association and is now building a full-time arbitration practice.

HON. ELLEN L. LEESFIELD conducts a full service Alternative Dispute Resolution practice. She frequently serves as a Mediator, Arbitrator Umpire and Special Master. She was certified as a Florida Supreme Court mediator in 2012. She has been a panel member (neutral) for the American Arbitration Association since that date, and over the past seven years, she has arbitrated over 100 cases, and mediated over 300 cases concentrating in the areas of Complex Commercial Litigation Employment, Hospital/insurer disputes as well as International (ICDR) cases and Injured Seaman cases. Prior to her service as an arbitrator, Judge Leesfield served 19 years on the Circuit Court Bench. During that time, she served as an administrative chief, a judge in the General Civil Division as well as in the Civil Extended Trial division.

BRUCE CUTHBERTSON was born and raised in the northeastern United States. After attending university at Amherst College, MIT and Harvard, he joined the Army to fulfill his military obligation.

Once he finished his military service, he went to Nicaragua to work as an executive with a group of companies involved in construction, real estate development and related businesses. After the Sandinistas took over Nicaragua in 1979, he and his family moved to Miami where he continued to work in construction and real estate development. Subsequently, he started investing in real estate and became involved in international business consulting, mainly in Latin America, but also in other places such as the Solomon Islands. In 1987, he became an arbitrator working with the American Arbitration Association and subsequently joined the AAA mediation roster. To date he has participated in more than 200 arbitrations and mediations.

FORMAT: Those joining us should do so by **9:55am ET**. The program will last until 11:25a.m. and the remaining 5 minutes will be a facilitated debrief with questions.

CLE CREDIT: West Legal Ed Center is procuring continuing legal education (CLE) credits on behalf of American Arbitration Association – **PLEASE NOTE THAT CLE CREDIT IS PENDING** for this session. Please note: attendance at this program will **NOT** satisfy Arbitrator Continuing Education (ACE) requirements for AAA arbitrators.

RSVP: Please send in your RSVP to **Angela Romero Valedon** valedona@adr.org by **May 20, 2020** so we may get a head count and to send you the materials for the roundtable in advance of the program.