



# ARBITRATORS OF AFRICAN DESCENT

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## Introduction

In February 2020, arbitrators Nancy M. Thevenin and Katherine Simpson began preparing “The New List - Arbitrators of African Descent” as a direct response to the perceived shortage of African American arbitrators. The New List was first published in June 2020. Today, we are pleased to announce the completion of the August 2020 update to that List.

As before, this List welcomed arbitration professionals of African descent whose international dispute resolution practices have a connection to the U.S. This List includes market entrants. The List is broad, inclusive, and available. It is meant to enable individuals and organizations - whether law firms, institutions, or disputing parties - to find and contact “just the right person” for every role, whether arbitrator, speaker, expert, counsel, mediator, or other new hire. This List also enables its readers to find junior and senior members of the profession who can be hired and appointed.

We are grateful for the support of Blacks of the American Society for International Law (“BASIL”) (especially Prof. Adrien Wing), the National Bar Association (“NBA”), the ABA Minorities Committee, The Equal Representation in Arbitration (“ERA”) Pledge, and the major U.S. law firms and other institutions whose recommendations made this project possible. We are grateful for everyone on this List - this List would not have been possible without their participation.



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# Frequently Asked Questions

*How can I use this List and find people on it?*

This List, just like other rosters, is a word-searchable .PDF document. Enter the term(s) you need in the search function.

*What should I do with the List?*

1. Read it and share it - appreciate the breadth and depth of talent, experience, and expertise of those listed.
2. Find an arbitrator.
3. Find a prospective lateral hire.
4. Find a speaker for your next event or conference.
5. Find a co-author for your next book chapter or article.
6. Find an expert.
7. Meet a future colleague.
8. Use it to expand or improve your existing rosters-of-potential arbitrators.
9. Break out of your bubble - read and appreciate the breadth and depth of experience.
10. Meet a mentor, find a colleague.
11. Be inspired.
12. Share it again - forward it to 10 people you know in international dispute resolution. Post a link to it on your personal, professional, or organizational website.
13. Post a link to this List on your organization's website or on social media (Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook).

*How is this List organized?*

This List is organized alphabetically, with many individuals also identifying their citizenships and country of residence.

*How can I join this List?*

Updates will be published periodically and announced widely. Please refer to [www.simpsonadr.net/pro-bono.php](http://www.simpsonadr.net/pro-bono.php) for any announcements.

*How did you verify the credentials of those listed?*

Everyone listed has been recommended or referred by colleagues or by law firms who have worked with these individuals as counsel or arbitrator, by former or current professors, or by institutions.

Each person provided his or her own biography for publication. If interested in engaging any of these individuals, please contact them directly to discuss your needs and their experience.

## Table of Frequently Used Abbreviations

Short Form	Term
AAA	American Arbitration Association
AAA-ICDR	International Center for Dispute Resolution of the AAA
ABA	American Bar Association
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
AIAC	Asian International Arbitration Centre
ASIL	American Society of International Law
BVI IAC	British Virgin Islands International Arbitration Centre
CCJA	Common Court of Justice and Arbitration of OHADA
CPR	International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution
CRCICA	Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration
DIAC	Dubai International Arbitration Centre
FINRA	Financial Industry Regulatory Authority
FMCS	Federal Mediation Conciliation Service
HKIAC	Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
IBA	International Bar Association
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce
ICSID	World Bank Group, International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes
JAMS	Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc.
KCAB International	Korean Commercial Arbitration Board
KIAC	Kigali International Arbitration Centre
LCIA	London Court of International Arbitration
LRCICA	Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Lagos
NAA	National Academy of Arbitrators
NBA	National Bar Association
OHADA	Organization for the Harmonization of African Business Law
PCA	Permanent Court of Arbitration
QC	Queen's Counsel
SIAC	Singapore International Arbitration Centre
USCIB	United States Council for International Business
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization

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