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National Academy of Arbitrators Elects New Officers; Joshua Javits sworn in as President, Walt De Treux named President-Elect

(CORTLAND, NY) – Joshua Javits of Washington, D.C., was installed as President of [The National Academy of Arbitrators](#) (NAA), the official North American organization of labor and employment arbitrators. It was announced on May 3 following the NAA's 78th Annual Meeting & Member Education Conference in Seattle.

Javits is a highly experienced arbitrator who has worked across several industries from airlines and hospitality to railroads and professional sports. His distinguished career includes serving as Chairman of the National Mediation Board, Grievance Chair at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and educator at Georgetown University Law Center.

Throughout his tenure with the NAA, Javits has served on the Board of Governors, the Executive Committee, and most recently, as Chair of the Committee on the State of the Profession. He is widely respected for his bipartisan approach and commitment to excellence in labor arbitration.

As President, Javits shares his vision for the NAA: "I'm committed to advancing our strides in diversity, engaging students from law and graduate schools, as well as international practitioners. Collaborating with regional bodies for video content and partnering with organizations like ABA and NARR are paramount. Furthermore, I intend to enhance our data resources, providing valuable insights into case volume and trends across various sectors, geographies and dispute resolution methods."

Arbitrator Walt De Treux of Philadelphia became President-Elect. He will succeed Javits at the NAA's 2026 Annual Meeting scheduled next May 20-23 in Chicago.

In addition to Javits and De Treux, incoming Officers and Governors include: 1st Term Vice President Randi Lowitt (Far Hills, NJ); Governors Andree McKissick (Chevy Chase, MD) and Haydee Rosario (Bronx, NY).

About the National Academy of Arbitrators

The National Academy of Arbitrators is a professional organization with members in the United States and Canada. The Academy strives to strengthen the profession while advancing knowledge and understanding of labor and employment arbitration. For more information, please visit <https://naarb.org>.

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