

JAMS HISTORICAL FACT SHEET

- 1920** First modern arbitration statute in the United States is passed – The New York State Arbitration Statute.
- 1922** The Arbitration Society of America is founded.
- 1925** United States Arbitration Act (Federal Arbitration Act) is passed and the Arbitration Foundation and the Arbitration Conference are founded.
- 1926** Model for general arbitration law, the draft of the State Arbitration Act is drawn up.
- 1926** Actors' Equity Association is one of the first industry associations to include a contract clause requiring disputes to be resolved through arbitration.
- 1937** A new arbitration procedure for standard building contracts is adopted by the American Institute of Architects.
- 1938** New York University Law School offers the first course ever given in arbitration law.
- 1944** Seventy-five percent of collective bargaining agreements in leading industries in the United States stipulate that arbitration is to be the terminal point in the grievance process (Bureau of Labor Statistics).
- 1945** New York University's Graduate School of Business Administration offers the first course ever in industrial arbitration.
- 1946** Yale Law School offers its first course in arbitration law.
- 1955** Final approval is given to the draft of the Uniform Arbitration Statute.
- 1957** Minnesota becomes the first state in the union to adopt the Uniform Arbitration Act. Maine and Florida follow close behind.
- 1958** The United Nations Conference on International Commercial Arbitration takes place in New York.
- 1970** United States ratifies the United Nations Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards of 1958.
- 1974** Supreme Court upholds international trade arbitration in *Scherk v. Alberto-Culver*.
- 1976** UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules are adopted by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.

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- 1979** JAMS (originally Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services) is established in Orange County, California
- 1981** Endispute is formed on the East Coast.
- 1982** Aimed at relieving the ever-increasing demands on the court system, private arbitration is promoted by Chief Justice Warren Burger as the preferred alternative to litigation.
- 1982** President Ronald Reagan signs a bill authorizing the arbitration of patent disputes.
- 1990** The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1990 and the Civil Justice Reform Act are passed.
- 1991** A U.S. Supreme Court decision leads employers to include provisions in employment contracts that require employees to use arbitration to resolve disputes that might otherwise be heard by the courts.
- 1992** Bruce Edwards and John Bates, founders of the Bates/Edwards Group, merge with Endispute.
- 1992** American Bar Association creates the Section on Dispute Resolution to replace its Standing Committee on Dispute Resolution.
- 1994** Endispute owners Bruce Edwards and John Bates merge their company with JAMS to form JAMS/Endispute. New offices located in Washington, D.C., Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco.
- 1996** The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996 is passed, encouraging federal agencies to use ADR.
- 1998** President Bill Clinton authorizes the Alternative Dispute Resolution Working Group and appoints Attorney General Janet Reno as its chair.
- 1998** The American Medical Association recommends that ADR be used to resolve disputes over health care coverage and access.
- 1998** President Clinton signs the Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 1998, a law that requires each federal district court to devise and implement its own ADR program and encourages and promotes the use of ADR in each district.
- 1998** JAMS has grown to more than 200 full-time neutrals in 20 offices nationwide.
- 1999** After 20 years of providing clients with a complete range of ADR services, a group of 45 JAMS neutrals and managers purchases the company from institutional investors in July 1999.
- 1999** JAMS/Endispute officially changes name to JAMS, a simpler and more memorable moniker.
- 2000** JAMS adds 22 new neutrals from across the country to its panel. This growth is indicative of JAMS' vibrancy during the first full year after the company became neutral-owned.

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- 2000** The United States Supreme Court reaffirms a liberal federal policy favoring arbitration as an efficient, cost-effective alternative to litigation through its *Green Tree Financial Corp v. Larketta Randolph* and *Eastern Associated Coal Corporation v. United Mine Workers of America* decisions.
- 2001** JAMS' vibrancy and growth is further highlighted by the addition of 37 new neutrals nationally. This incredible growth not only signals substantial growth for JAMS, but the ADR industry in general.
- 2001** In the landmark *Circuit City Stores V. Adams* decision, the United States Supreme Court affirms arbitration, rejecting an argument that the Federal Arbitration extends only to commercial contracts.
- 2002** The United States Supreme Court communicates its appreciation of the EEOC's investigative and remedial functions by retracting the reach of mandatory arbitration in the *EEOC v. Waffle House* case. The decision does not appear to reflect a change by the Court from its recent pattern of support for arbitration, as the Court held that the EEOC was limited to injunctive relief and precluded from seeking victim-specific relief.
- 2002** JAMS formalizes its longstanding tradition of community service by creating the JAMS Foundation. Funded entirely by contributions from JAMS neutrals and associates, the Foundation's mission is to support education about collaborative processes for resolving differences at all levels, promote innovation in conflict resolution, and advance the settlement of conflict worldwide.
- 2002** The JAMS Society was created to recognize and support volunteer opportunities and community involvement for JAMS associates at a local, "hands-on" level. All associates are encouraged to become members of their local Society to collaborate on outreach programs, or to work individually on a project of their choice.
- 2003** JAMS, Inc. was created as a separate entity from JAMS LLC to allow future expansion and opportunities for the company.
- 2003** JAMS Foundation, in cooperation with the American Bar Association's Section of Dispute Resolution, created Access ADR, an initiative designed to expose the users of ADR services to mediators from various ethnic and racial groups under-represented in the ADR field who are available and qualified to handle high-stakes/complex mediators. Access ADR offers training, mentoring and business development support to experienced mediators from various racial and ethnic groups underrepresented as full-time neutrals in the field.
- 2004** JAMS and ADR Associates, LLC, one of the nation's preeminent full-service dispute resolution providers (with offices in Washington, DC, New York, Boston and Chicago), combined companies to create the premier national ADR provider.
- 2004** JAMS celebrates 25 years of providing excellence in dispute resolution.
- 2004** JAMS enters new market with the opening of a JAMS Resolution Center in Philadelphia.

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- 2005** JAMS enters new market with the opening of a JAMS Resolution Center in Las Vegas.
- 2005** JAMS joins four other leading international mediation service providers to form “MEDAL – The International Mediation Services Alliance.” The founding members of MEDAL, all of whom are pre-eminent providers of commercial mediation and conflict management services in their own jurisdictions, are: JAMS, The Resolution Experts in the United States, ACBMediation in the Netherlands, ADR Center in Italy, CEDR Solve in the UK, and CMAP in France.
- 2008** Chris Poole, former CEO at Thomson Elite, becomes JAMS President and CEO.
- 2008** JAMS moves into the New York Times Building, significantly expanding our presence in New York and responding to the increased demand for all types of ADR services, including more international and arbitration work.
- 2009** JAMS celebrates its 30th Anniversary in the ADR and legal community.
- 2009** JAMS and ADR Center in Italy announced an agreement to form JAMS International ADR Center to provide mediation and arbitration of cross-border disputes and training services worldwide. The first JAMS International ADR Center has its offices in Rome and New York with additional hearing locations in Geneva, London and Brussels.
- 2010** JAMS enters new market with the opening of a JAMS Resolution Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 2011** JAMS enters new market with the opening of a JAMS Resolution Center in Greenbelt, Maryland.
- 2011** JAMS International opens London headquarters with additional hearing centers in the European Union through a network of local partners, including ADR Center in Italy and Results ADR in the Netherlands.

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