

JAMS partners with Shanghai group to mediate cross-border disputes

JAMS partnered with the Shanghai Commercial Mediation Center to mediate cross-border commercial disputes, effective Sept. 15.

The Sino-U.S. International Commercial Co-Mediation Panel is comprised of 22 mediators from China and the United States.

“JAMS and [Shanghai Commercial Mediation Center] have had a working relationship since 2016 and one of the things we’ve been trying to

do is raise the visibility of mediation and cross-border mediation and how individual companies, organizations and institutions can use mediation to help resolve some of their disputes,” said Ranse Howell, director of international operations at JAMS.

The effort was spurred by the Singapore Convention on Mediation, a pact that recognizes and enforces mediation agreements in 52 signatory countries, including the U.S. and

China, that goes into effect Sept. 12.

Issues arising from the pandemic also underscored the need for a cross-border mediation panel, Howell said.

JAMS’ California-based neutrals participating in the panel include Zela G. Claiborne, David Huebner, Thomas J. Stipanowich, Jeffrey G. Benz and Barbara A. Reeves.

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