

***Special Grain Arbitrators Criteria***

This list is made available to the American Arbitration Association (AAA) and provides for a list of Special Grain Arbitrators who may serve as Chairperson of three-person AAA arbitration panels in NAEGA arbitrations and have met the criteria as outlined in the *Guidelines for NAEGA Approved Arbitrators, Special Grain Arbitrators and Schedule of Fees*.

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**Professional Background:** Retired from Cargill Incorporated after 10 years (1999 - 2009) where last held the position of CASC Trade Execution Leader for North America. Previously worked for Continental Grain Company for 31 years (1968 - 1999) and achieved the position of Assistant Vice President, Manager of Export Administration, in Continental's World Grain Division. During time spent with both companies gained experience in all aspects of export administration, including commodity traffic and contracts. Chairman of the Contracts Committee of NAEGA (2003 - 2009). Currently working with NAEGA as Senior Advisor, Contracts and Commercial Practice, E-mail address: [sbonilla@naega.org](mailto:sbonilla@naega.org). Sam attended the AAA/ICDR International Symposia on Advanced Case Management Issues in November 2019.

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**Professional Background:** I have been an arbitrator since 1980. Currently President/Owner of Interactive Dispute Resolution Services. Was Vice President in charge of arbitrations at Continental Grain Company in the Commodity Marketing Group. Served as President of the Society of Maritime Arbitrators, Inc. from 1997 to 2001. Employed by Bunge Corporation from 1973 to 1981 in maritime claims. Worked at Continental Grain Company from 1981 to 2000, handling maritime and commodity disputes and arbitrations in London (GAFTA, FOSFA, LMAA) and in the U.S. (SMA, AAA, NAEGA and NGFA). PhD, Yale University.

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**Professional Background:** Former Vice President Export/Operations, Louis Dreyfus Co. Held a variety of merchandising and administrative positions during a 32-year career with Louis Dreyfus Co. Have served as an arbitrator for the national Grain and Feed Association since 1978. Former member of NAEGA contracts committee and a NAEGA arbitrator since 1998. Have served as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Grain and Feed Association, National Waterways Conference, and Canadian Chamber of Maritime Commerce. Also have served 6 years on the Inland Waterways User Board. Since 2005 have provided consulting services in all phases of the grain industry and expert witness services for a variety of clients both domestic and international. Education: B.A. – Microbiology, University of Kansas; M.B.A. – University of Kansas.

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**Professional background:** Gavilon Grain, LLC: June 2008 – present. ConAgra Trade Group: July 1984 – June 2008 as Manager, Contract Execution. Overseas Commodities Corporation: 1979 – 1984 as grain accountant and grain trader. Autotrain Corp: 1974 – 1977 as Passenger Terminal Manager.

**Experience:** shipping experience in wheat, feed grain, grain by products, edible oils, glycerine and animal by products via ocean bulk, rail, barge and containerized shipments. Includes experience with export shipping from North, Central and South America, Black Sea, EU, domestic U.S. logistics, charterparties, purchase and sale contracts and governing contracts (NAEGA, NGFA, GAFTA, FOSFA, ANEC, PORAM and more). Served on NAEGA Contract Committee for more than 20 years. Served on the USDA Grain Inspection Advisory Committee 2012 – 2015. **Education:** Hillsdale College, University of Louisville (1977, BA Management), National Center for Paralegal Training (1978, post graduate Paralegal). Completed GAFTA Distance Learning Program 2009. Maria attended the AAA/ICDR International Symposia on Advanced Case Management Issues in May 2019.

**Dispute resolution:** Served as mediator and arbitrator for the BBB as well as NAEGA arbitrator.