

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 profile: Seasoned NAEGA/ICDR arbitrator. Strong tribunal-chair record of complex case management. Over 35+ years of professional, senior management expertise at multinational organizations. Robust experience in international trade, grain contracts (NAEGA, GAFTA, FOSFA), terminal tariff, marine insurance, letters of credit, charterparties (time, voyage and bareboat), laytime, supply chain management, collective bargaining agreements, and port & grain facility operation. Fluency in English and American maritime law. BA in Psychology, Philosophy and Logical Studies. Graduate studies in Transportation Management. Postgraduate Executive Leadership Programme at Oxford. Industry stewardship includes positions of Merchants Exchange Board President, Maritime Fire & Safety Association Board President, Board of Maritime Pilots Commissioner, NAEGA Board member, NAEGA Contract Committee Vice-Chair, and International Grain Trade Coalition management council. Certifications include UN prevention of fraud, ethics & standard of conduct, abuse of authority prevention; GAFTA dispute resolution, commodity contracts & commodity shipping; Lloyd's Maritime Academy on advance time charter & voyage chartering. Completed the AAA/ICDR International Symposia on Advanced Case Management Issues in May 2019. Completed the NAEGA arbitrator education.

Mr. Samuel Bonilla

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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. 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). Member of the AAA Commercial Panel and ICDR Panel of Neutrals. PhD, Yale University. Presently, Board Member of the Society of Maritime Arbitrators and Commissioner of Pilots of the State of New York.

Mr. Todd Erickson

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Professional background: Todd Erickson was a lawyer for Cargill for over 32 years, retiring in August 2017. He worked out of its headquarters in Minneapolis and, for 9 years, its trading offices in Geneva, Switzerland. For five of those years in Geneva he led the Geneva law department and was part of the Cargill Geneva management team. His experience covers a wide range of issues facing agricultural and energy trading businesses, including purchase and sale contract and charter party negotiation and disputes, trade finance, compliance investigations and training, business transactions (M&A and joint ventures) and representing Cargill in arbitration proceedings administered by NAEGA, GAFTA, FOSFA, ICSID and the LMAA, among other organizations. Mr. Erickson graduated from Carleton College and received his J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis. Todd currently acts as a Senior Advisor to NAEGA.

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Professional Background: Over 40 years experience in grain contracts, shipping and logistics; over 20 years experience in grain arbitration. Arbitrating member for NAEGA and Canadian Pulse and Special Crops Trade Association. Retired arbitrator from GAFTA, FOSFA, NGFA and AMAC

Mr. J. Stephen Lucas

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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.

Mr. Jay O’Neil

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Professional Background: Jay has 50 years of trading and management experience in the Grain industry. Jay started out of college with Continental Grain Company in San Francisco, CA.

He worked 4 years with Continental Grain as a Grain Trader on the West Coast of the United States. Then 7 years with the Pillsbury Company of Minneapolis, MN as an Export Grain Merchandiser and Director of Overseas Grain Sales.

He served 3 years with the Ferruzzi Group of Ravenna Italy, in their New Orleans office, managing Feed Grain exports from the U.S.

Jay was with Bartlett Grain Company for 17 years managing a Grain Trading Group and served as General Manager of the Transportation and Export Divisions.

For the past eighteen years Jay has operated his own Private Consulting Company and traveled to 49 different countries on market and business development projects. Jay publishes a private weekly ocean freight and transportation report covering Dry-Bulk and containerized grain markets. Jay also serves on the Board of Directors of Hansen-Mueller Grain Company in Omaha, NE.

In June of 2018 Jay retired from his position as the Senior Agricultural Economist for the International Grains Program at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, a position he held for 12 years. Additionally, Jay is the past Board Chair of the Butte Creek Mill Foundation.

Jay served for many years on the NGFA (National Grain & Feed Assoc.) Trade and Arbitration Rules committee. Jay is also a past Chairman of the NAEGA (North American Export Grain Assoc.) Contracts and Arbitration Committee and is an emeritus member of this committee.

Jay continues to serve as an arbitrator with the NAEGA Trade Association and continues to operate HJ O’Neil Commodity Consulting.