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At the annual meeting of its board of directors, the Atlanta International Arbitration Society (“AtIAS”) met to elect new officers and board members and to review its activity during calendar year 2020.

The board confirmed the election of Rebecca Lunceford Kolb of Councill Gunermann & Chally as president. She is to take office as president on May 1, 2023. Ms. Kolb has been active in AtIAS throughout its 13-year history and brings to the president’s position experience in litigation and arbitration in both international and domestic matters. Among other things, she has been one of the principal authors of amicus briefs filed by the society in the US Supreme Court, the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the Georgia Supreme Court. She was the southeastern representative to the ICC’s Young Arbitrators Forum. At AtIAS, in addition to her work on the Amicus Committee, she has been active in programming and on the AtIAS Legislative Committee.

The board also named Dr. Christof Siefarth as president-elect. Mr. Siefarth is a partner at BODENHEIMER in Cologne, Germany, effective May 1, 2023. Dr. Siefarth will be the first president of the organization from outside the continental United States. He brings experience in arbitration throughout Europe, Asia and the United States and has been an active member of the AtIAS board since it was formed in 2010.

Current president Shelby Guilbert of McGuire Woods noted that “We are in great hands with Rebecca, a natural leader with deep knowledge of the law and culture of international arbitration, and Christof is the perfect person to lead AtIAS as it grows its activities and membership in ways that support its global vision.”

Kolb holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia and a law degree from Georgia State University. Siefarth holds a doctors degree from the University of Cologne and an LL.M. from the University of Georgia and studied international and comparative law at the University of Lausanne.

Ms. Kolb noted her thanks to the board for its confidence and congratulated Mr. Guilbert on a successful 2022, a year in which AtIAS hosted its seventh annual lecture at Emory Law School with the lecture given by IBA President Sternford Moyo. It also collaborated with Global Arbitration Review on GAR Live Atlanta 2022 and presented programs on, among other subjects, the likely impact of the Ukrainian war

on international arbitration, developments at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre and in arbitration in China and practice before the German International Arbitration Institute (DIS). In addition, the society published the fifth edition of the *AtIAS Desk Book*, an online resource of international dispute resolution practitioners. The 2020 Desk Book was dedicated to Shelby Guilbert. It can be accessed at [AtIAS Desk Book 2022 – Atlanta International Arbitration Society \(arbitrateatlanta.org\)](https://arbitrateatlanta.org)

Mr. Guilbert thanked the society's board, executive committee, and officers for their support particularly singling out past-president Brent Clinkscale (Clinkscale Global) and Treasurer Kristen Bromberek (Alston & Bird), as well as Shelby Grubbs, who is rotating out of the AtIAS secretary position after many years of service to the organization, but will remain active as an Ex Officio member of the Executive Committee of the AtIAS Board.

Guilbert welcomed Andrew Flake (Flake Law Group) as Secretary. He noted that the AtIAS board is continuing to expand in the southeastern United States and beyond with board members from five states and three countries. New members of the board from outside the Atlanta area are Judge Bernice Donald (Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals – Retired) of Memphis, Tennessee and Bobby Banson (Robert Smith Law Group) of Accra, Ghana and Zachary Torres – Fowler (Troutman Pepper) of Philadelphia. New Atlanta-based board members are: David Gallo (Krevolin & Horst), Michael Sullivan (Womble Bond Dickinson) and Bernard Taylor (JAMS).

Officers re-elected by the board for 2023 include: Kristen Bromberek, Treasurer (Alston & Bird) and vice presidents Nancy Baughan (Parker Hudson), Chris Campbell (Baker Hughes Corporation), Robbie Poplin (Kilpatrick Stockton) and Christopher Smith (King & Spalding).

Reelected members of the board include: Nancy Baughan (Parker Hudson), Linda Beyea (American Arbitration Association), Hon. William F. Brogdon, Kristen Bromberek (Alston & Bird), Chris Campbell (Baker Hughes Corporation), Brent Clinkscale (Clinkscale Global), Rebecca Davis (Seyfarth Shaw), Mary Donovan (Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law), Philip (Whit) Engle (Engle Law), Jorge Fernandez (Pendleton Group), Naana Frimpong (DLA Piper), Joan Grafstein (JAMS), Ben Greer (Alston & Bird, Retired), Shelby Grubbs (JAMS/Grubbs ADR), Shelby Guilbert (McGuire Woods), Kristi Harrington (Harrington Dispute Resolution), Glenn Hendrix (Arnall Golden Gregory), Rebecca Lunceford Kolb (Councill, Gunnermann & Chally), Kurt Lindquist (Cozen O'Connor), Robbie Poplin (Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton), Sarah Quinn (University of Georgia Dean Rusk International Law Center), Peter Bowman Rutledge (Dean, University of Georgia School of Law), Valerie Strong Sanders (Eversheds Sutherland), Adwoa Seymour (Albertsons Companies), Christof Siefarth (BODENHEIMER), Christopher Smith (King & Spalding), Greg Smith (Smith Gambrell & Russell), James Smith (Ecolabs), Chris Soffe (Gleeds Americas), Andrew Tuck (Alston & Bird), Kirk Watkins (Law Office of Kirk Watkins), Elihu Wolfe (Wolfe Law) and Stephen Wright (Taylor English Duma).

About AtIAS

AtIAS was formed in December 2010 at a meeting convened by Glenn Hendrix at Arnall Golden Gregory. In the succeeding thirteen years, the society has compiled a significant track record including meetings and programs in most months, annual conferences in every year since 2012, the *AtIAS Desk Book*, now in its fifth edition, and the AtIAS Annual Spring Lecture which has taken place in every year since 2016. Upcoming events include the 2023 lecture hosted by the University of Georgia School of Law and the Twelfth Annual AtIAS Conference.