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At its annual Board of Directors meeting on January 29, 2026, the Atlanta International Arbitration Society (“Atlas”) met to elect new officers.

The Board elected Christopher Smith as President. Mr. Smith is Partner and Head of the International Arbitration and Cross-Border Disputes Practice of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP. He is also a member of the Firm’s German, Korea, International Law, and Litigation Practices. Mr. Smith previously served as Atlas’s Secretary, from January 2024 to January 2026, and as Vice President, beginning in May 2022. Before joining Smith Gambrell, Mr. Smith practiced at a large international law firm, and early in his career he spent several years working in France, Switzerland, and Germany.

To the position of President-Elect, the Board elected Michael Sullivan, a Partner at Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP. Mr. Sullivan served as a Vice President in the organization in recent years.

Atlas’s Immediate Past President, Chris Campbell, Senior Counsel (Litigation) at energy company Baker Hughes, welcomed Mr. Smith and Mr. Sullivan in their new roles, stating:

“I’m excited for Chris Smith to take the reins at Atlas. For years, he has been an important leader in Atlas and essential to the organization’s success. But beyond that, Chris is a

significant leader in the broader international arbitration community. He is respected internationally as an advocate and as an authority on international arbitration.

Regarding Michael Sullivan's election as President-Elect, we are extremely fortunate to have a proven leader ready to take the top job at AtlAS. Michael is the former Managing Partner of Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP's Atlanta office and served for many years on the Firm Management Committee. He has been an essential part of AtlAS's leadership for years, and I'm confident he will do a fantastic job as President next year."

Mr. Smith earned his J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law, and he holds a B.A. in Political Science and History from Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. Mr. Sullivan earned his degrees from Boston College Law School (J.D.) and from College of the Holy Cross (B.A.).

Mr. Campbell will remain on the Executive Committee as Immediate Past President. The Board also elected the following as officers and members of the Executive Committee: Usher Winslett (ADR Office of Usher Winslett) as Secretary; Kristen Bromberek (Alston & Bird) as Treasurer; and as Vice Presidents, David Gallo (Krevolin & Horst), Zachary Torres-Fowler (Troutman Pepper Locke), Mary Donovan (DonovanResolution), Isabel Fernández de la Cuesta (Isabel Fernández de la Cuesta Arbitration), and Katie Gonzalez (Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton).

About AtlAS

AtlAS was formed in December 2010 at a meeting convened by Glenn Hendrix at Arnall Golden Gregory. It is a non-profit organization that promotes Atlanta as a preferred venue for international and domestic commercial arbitration and supports related education and scholarship. In its sixteen-year history, Atlas has compiled a significant track record that includes meetings and programs in most months and an annual conference every year since 2012, bringing to Atlanta international arbitrators and arbitration practitioners from around the world to share ideas and to see first-hand why Atlanta is an ideal location for international dispute resolution.