# MIAMI: The premier international arbitration center for the Americas and beyond.



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2006

Launched to promote the use of international arbitration and mediation and the selection of Miami a venue of choice for international arbitration proceedings related to the resolution of trans border commercial disputes.

2014

Led the efforts to bring the International Council for Commercial Arbitration's (ICCA) biennial Congress to Miami, which attracted thousands of attendees from all over the world.

2018

Continues to strengthen the presence of Miami in the world of international arbitration, through a number of projects, activities and leadership



Miami is becoming the preferred seat international arbitration in the Americas



Miami is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most popular city for international arbitration in the U.S., according to a recent survey on "Arbitration in the Americas", supported by the ICC and the OAS

In December 2013, Miami-Dade County created the Miami International Commercial Court (MICC), as part of the complex business litigation division of the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. MICC is one of the few specialized international arbitration courts in the U.S.

The United Council for International Business (USCIB) recently created an Arbitration Sub Committee for the Florida region.

In 2012, JAMS launched a
Miami Resolution Center with
an impressive panel of
neutrals and state-of-the art
facilities

Since 2002, the ICC has held its Annual Latin America Conference in Miami, attracting more than 600 participants representing about 40 countries.

Between 2011 and 2014, the number of international arbitrations seated in Miami under the AAA-ICDR rules doubled to 156, and since then it has increased another 8%.



Miami features an independent and transparent judiciary with vast experience in handling international dispute resolution proceedings and assisting arbitral tribunals In 2010, the State of Florida became a UNCITRAL Model Law jurisdiction through the passage of an International Commercial Arbitration Law. By mid-2018m legislation based on the Model Law has been adopted in 80 states in a total of 111 jurisdictions.

In 2014, "the disputes involving the \$5.25 billion expansion of the Panama Canal" were brought to arbitration in Miami

The State of Florida allows non-Florida lawyers to appear in international arbitration proceedings

Miami-based arbitration practitioners —many of whom are MIAS members— are highly experienced and are frequently appointed to handle the largest disputes in the region.

#### \*Miami is pro-arbitration



Diversity is Miami's strength when deciding a convenient forum for both parties.



A workforce of multilingual and highly trained professionals from around the world that provides services to assist arbitration procedures.



Cross-cultural approach to arbitration to meet the needs of every proceeding.



MIAS is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion.

## \*Arbitration in Miami is diverse

The average hotel cost in Miami is less than other major international arbitration hubs

Miami's largely bilingual population helps save costs in handling international disputes

Miami is easily reachable to Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe and other parts of the world

Companies that arbitrate in Miami can expect to reduce their expenses by as much as 60% by comparison with other major international arbitration hubs.

# \*Arbitration in Miami is cost efficient





15.86 million people spent at least one night in Miami in 2017



MIA offers flight connections to every capital city in Latin America and many other cities around the world



Miami-Dade has more than 433 hotels, many with facilities suitable for arbitral proceedings



Both the AAA/ICDR and JAMS offer state-of-the-art hearing facilities

# \*Miami is accessible & well equipped



Every two months, MIAS and its members host a prominent speaker on a current topic related to International arbitration



The University of Miami School of Law is the host of an International Arbitration Institute and an LL.M. in International Arbitration



Florida International University College of Law is the editor of the World Arbitration & Mediation Review (WAMR)



Every year, the Global Legal Studies Initiative at FIU Law hosts at least six conferences, workshops and courses in international arbitration

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MIAS maintains and enhances Miami's arbitral infrastructure by supporting appropriate legislation and policies, developing academic programs with local and foreign universities, organizing international arbitration conferences, and serving as a source of information for its members.

MIAS members are frequent speakers at prominent international conferences around the world, lecturers in the most prestigious programs and leaders in prominent institutions

MIAS support student initiatives geared to prepare future generations of arbitration practitioners through arbitration competition awards and scholarships

# \*MIAS is committed to the future



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