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New York International Arbitration Center Announces Selection of New Executive Director

Rekha Rangachari Joins NYIAC at a Time of Growth in International Disputes

NEW YORK, September 25, 2017 – The New York International Arbitration Center (NYIAC), a non-profit dedicated to promoting New York’s leading role as a venue for the resolution of disputes, today announced that its Board of Directors has selected Rekha Rangachari to serve as the organization’s next Executive Director. Ms. Rangachari, currently Director of ADR Services for the New York Commercial Division of the American Arbitration Association (AAA), will take up her functions on October 11, 2017.

NYIAC Board Chair James Carter, Senior Counsel at WilmerHale, said, “We are thrilled that Rekha is joining us. She impressed the Board with her extensive experience in arbitration and especially with her enthusiasm and vision for NYIAC, both as a proponent of New York as a seat for disputes and as the operator of a world-class hearing hearings facility for rent in Midtown Manhattan.”

Ms. Rangachari is a New York qualified lawyer, has experience not only with the AAA but also as Case Counsel at the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), focusing on matters within the European and Sub-Saharan Africa Regions. In both capacities, she managed a large, complex caseload, with exposure to cases at all stages of mediation and arbitration. Ms. Rangachari says of her new position: “I am delighted to join NYIAC and to build on the tremendous work of the Center’s founders. I look forward to working with New York’s thriving international arbitration community to generate programming, resources and debate on issues of importance for New York-based international arbitration.”

India Johnson, President and CEO of the AAA/ICDR, said, “Rekha will make a terrific addition to NYIAC. In her time at the AAA, Rekha has proven herself to be a leader both in legal programming and in management of people and projects. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with NYIAC and wish Rekha all the best in her new role.”

Ms. Rangachari succeeds Alexandra Dosman, NYIAC’s first Executive Director, who is returning to active legal practice. “Less than five years after it was founded,” said Ms. Dosman, “NYIAC both reflects and contributes to the vibrancy of the international arbitration community in New York – as envisioned by NYIAC’s Founding Chair, the Hon. Judith S. Kaye.” NYIAC has hosted over 115 bookings and 40 programs since 2013. Ms. Dosman will remain involved with NYIAC as a Senior Advisor and will continue to accept appointments as an independent arbitrator.

“We want to thank Alexandra for her service over the last four and a half years, during which time NYIAC has built its reputation not only as a thought leader in international arbitration, but also as a hearing venue that is second to none for quality of room rentals and customer service,” Edna Sussman, Vice-Chair of the Board, said. “We are overjoyed to welcome Rekha as the new Executive Director and look forward to her leadership as NYIAC continues to grow.”

To learn more about why parties choose New York as their seat for international arbitration, and why legal and business leaders choose NYIAC as their hearing venue for arbitrations, mediations and other events, visit www.nyiacc.org.