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CARLSON ARBITRATION, L.L.C., 2011 to present

In 2011, following a thirty-two year career as a trial lawyer at Baker Botts, L.L.P., Mr. Carlson founded Carlson Arbitration, L.L.C., transitioning his practice from litigator to arbitrator. Mr. Carlson is a member of the American Arbitration Association (“AAA”) Roster of Neutrals for Large, Complex Cases and is also an arbitration neutral for the American Health Lawyers Association (“AHLA”). Since early 2011, he has served as an arbitrator, either the single arbitrator or a member of a three-person arbitration panel, in seventy-three arbitration cases administered by the AAA, by the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (the international division of the AAA), or by the AHLA. Mr. Carlson applies the judgment and experience he gained during his thirty-two year career as a trial lawyer at Baker Botts to ensure that parties to an arbitration proceeding achieve the benefits promised by arbitration – accuracy, speed, efficiency, and finality.

BAKER BOTTS, L.L.P., 1978 through 2010

Mr. Carlson began his legal career at the Houston Office of Baker Botts in 1978. In 1985, he relocated to Dallas to help found the firm’s Dallas Office. Mr. Carlson became a Senior Partner at the firm and co-chaired the firm’s Intellectual Property Litigation Practice Group. At Baker Botts, Mr. Carlson first chair tried more than thirty cases to conclusion (nearly all jury cases), represented parties in two substantial AAA arbitrations that proceeded to award following multi-week hearings, and handled multiple evidentiary temporary injunction hearings. Mr. Carlson argued appeals before the United States Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and Federal Circuits, the Supreme Court of Texas, and several Texas Courts of Appeals.

During his thirty-two year career as a trial lawyer at Baker Botts, Mr. Carlson handled cases involving patent infringement, misappropriation of trade secrets, construction disputes, oil and gas disputes, employment disputes (wrongful termination, confidentiality covenant, and non-competition covenant), insurance disputes, and all manner of commercial contract disputes.

At the end of 2010, Mr. Carlson left Baker Botts to found Carlson Arbitration, L.L.C., and he now limits his professional activity to service as an arbitrator in insurance, banking/lending/finance, employment, health care/medical, legal services, contract, and other commercial arbitration cases nationwide.

ARBITRATION COURSES, CONFERENCES, TRAINING

AAA Arbitrator Disclosures Roundtable and Discussion, 2018; AAA Arbitrator Performance and Demeanor: Meeting Participant Expectations, 2018; AAA Avoiding Ten Common Mistakes Arbitrators Make, 2017; AAA/College of Commercial Arbitrators, Secrets of Success – Managing the Arbitration, 2016; AAA/ICDR/Mediation.org Panel Conference, 2016; AAA eDiscovery: Arbitration in a Digital World, 2015; AAA Arbitration Best Practices Roundtable and Discussion, 2015; AAA Healthcare Dispute Resolution Innovation & Strategy Conference, 2014; AAA Principled Deliberations: Decision-Making Skills for Arbitrators, 2014; AAA Winning at Arbitration: More than 30 Specific Tips Advocates Can Use to Improve Arbitration Outcomes, 2014; AAA Neutrals Roundtable Regarding the Updated Commercial Rules, 2014; AAA Developments in Arbitration Law: Disclosure, Vacatur, Sanctions, and Arbitrator Authority, 2013; AAA Managing a Successful Arbitration, 2013; AAA What We Have Here Is a Failure to Communicate, 2012; AAA Maximizing Efficiency and Economy in Arbitration: Challenges at the Preliminary Hearing, 2012, 2011; AAA Regaining Speed and Economy in Dispute Resolution, 2011; AAA Thirty Steps to a Better Arbitration, 2011; AAA Managing Your First Arbitration, 2011; AAA Webinar, Arbitrator Boundaries: What are the Limits of Arbitrator Authority?, 2011; AAA The Ethics Behind Better, Faster, Cheaper in ADR, 2011; AAA Pro Se: Managing Cases Involving Self-Represented Parties, 2010; AAA Arbitration Fundamentals and Best Practices for New Arbitrators, 2010; AAA Arbitrator Ethics & Disclosure, 2010; AAA Arbitration Awards: Safeguarding, Deciding & Writing Awards, 2010; AAA Chairing an Arbitration Panel: Managing Procedures, Process & Dynamics, 2010; AAA Dealing With Delay Tactics in Arbitration, 2010.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Mr. Carlson is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. Fellowship in the College “is extended only by invitation, after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality.” www.actl.com. Membership in the College is limited to 1% of the total lawyer population of any state.

Mr. Carlson is an Associate in the American Board of Trial Advocates. Associate membership in ABOTA is limited to those trial lawyers who are “of high personal character and honorable reputation,” who have tried at least twenty civil jury trials to jury verdict as lead counsel (or equivalent), and who have received an affirmative vote of at least 75% of the local chapter and National Board. www.abota.org

As a trial lawyer at Baker Botts, Mr. Carlson was Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Board Certification in Civil Trial Law is limited to those trial lawyers who have tried a minimum of twenty contested civil cases (or equivalent) and who have passed a six hour written examination. Only 10% of Texas lawyers are Board Certified.

Also as a trial lawyer at Baker Botts, Mr. Carlson was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* and was recognized as a “Texas Super Lawyer” by *Law & Politics*.

SPEECHES AND PUBLICATIONS

The following are speeches given and publications authored by Mr. Carlson during recent years:

- Presenter, American Arbitration Association Webinar, Arbitration 101: An Introduction and Overview for the Lawyer Who is New to Arbitration, November 12, 2014
- “Problem Solver, A Guide to Walk You Through What Typically Happens When Your Lawsuit is Sent to Arbitration,” 77 Texas Bar Journal 146, 2014
- Panelist, “Surviving Discovery in ED Texas and Beyond in the Electronic Age,” Eastern District of Texas Bench Bar Conference, October 20-22, 2010
- “Deposing the Inventor in a Patent Case,” Dallas Bar Association, Intellectual Property Law Section, Dallas, September 2010
- “Final Argument,” University of Houston Law Foundation, Dallas, December 2005
- “Jury Argument Strategies for the Defendant,” The Jury Trial, University of Houston Law Foundation, Dallas, August 2005
- “Discovery of Electronic Records,” Winning Commercial Cases in Federal Court, Center for American and International Law’s Institute for Litigation Studies and American Bar Association, Section of Litigation, Plano, June 2005

BAR ASSOCIATIONS

Mr. Carlson is a member of the Dallas Bar Association and is a Past President of the Dallas Bar Association’s Business Litigation Section.

EDUCATION

Mr. Carlson received his J.D., with high honors, from the University of Texas School of Law in 1978. At U.T. Law School, Mr. Carlson was a Chancellor, an Articles Editor on the Texas Law Review, and member of the Order of the Coif. He received his B.A. degree from Rice University in 1975.

NONLEGAL INTERESTS

Mr. Carlson enjoys traveling and cooking with his wife Linda. He is a fitness enthusiast and dabbles in photography. Since the Fall of 2014, Mr. Carlson has served as Manager of the iconic Texas band *The Light Crust Doughboys*, which the 74th Texas Legislature named Official Music Ambassadors of the State of Texas. In recent years, the *Doughboys* have garnered eight Grammy Award nominations and one Grammy Award win. They have been inducted into eight Halls of Fame.

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