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Pierre Bienvenu, Ad. E. joins Arbitration Place as an Arbitrator



April 26, 2022 (Toronto) — Arbitration Place proudly announces that Pierre Bienvenu, Ad. E., a highly regarded arbitrator and counsel, has joined Arbitration Place. He will focus on working as an arbitrator internationally and across Canada.

Mr. Bienvenu served as arbitrator and has acted as counsel in many international and domestic arbitrations, both ad hoc and institutional, involving disputes in energy, transportation, telecommunications, mergers and acquisitions, construction, pharmaceutical products, international distribution and joint ventures, and foreign investment. In parallel to his international arbitration practice, he maintained a busy practice as counsel before Canadian courts. He appeared in more than 15 appeals before the Supreme Court of Canada in cases involving a broad range of commercial and constitutional law issues, as well as important international arbitration issues.

For more than 35 years, Mr. Bienvenu has practiced at Norton Rose Fulbright Canada, which was known prior to its merger with Norton Rose as Ogilvy Renault and served as Global Co-head of Norton Rose Fulbright's international arbitration practice from 2011 to 2021. Mr. Bienvenu served as National Managing Partner of Ogilvy Renault between 2005 and 2009, and chaired its executive committee from 2005 to 2011, and he served on Norton Rose Fulbright's Supervisory Board from 2011 to 2014. He will be leaving the firm at the end of June to focus on his practice as an international arbitrator.

"I have had a most fulfilling career at Norton Rose Fulbright Canada" said Mr. Bienvenu, "and leave many friends and esteemed colleagues behind. I am excited to begin a new chapter, focusing on work I know I will enjoy and which I look forward to pursuing unhampered by conflicts."

"Pierre Bienvenu has long been recognized as one of Canada's top counsel, said Ian Binnie, "and in recent years has become a leading commercial arbitrator within Canada as well as internationally. He adds tremendous strength to Arbitration Place."

A former co-chair of the IBA Arbitration Committee (2008-2009), Mr. Bienvenu served on the LCIA Court, of which he was also a vice-president, between 2010 and 2015, and on the ICC Court of Arbitration between 2015 and 2021. He is currently a member of the Court of Arbitration of SIAC. In 2021, Mr. Bienvenu was designated by the Government of Canada as a member of ICSID's Panel of Arbitrators for a six-year term.

As co-chair of the IBA Arbitration Committee, he oversaw with his co-chair, Guido Tawil, the 2010 revisions to the IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration and later worked with David Arias on the 2014 revisions to the IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration.

"It is wonderful that Pierre has joined Arbitration Place," said Kimberley Stewart, Founder and Chair of Arbitration Place, who recently handed over the CEO role to Jeffrey Mandell. "Pierre, who has long supported us, has a wonderful reputation in arbitration for his sound judgment, depth of knowledge, fairness and decency."

Mr. Bienvenu is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He was awarded the distinction *Advocatus Emeritus* by the Quebec Bar in 2008 and, in 2013, he was presented with the Paul-André Crépeau Medal by the Canadian Bar Association for his contribution to the advancement of the international dimension of private law and commercial law in Canada. He was ranked among the top 25 most highly regarded individuals in the practice of international arbitration worldwide in *Who's Who Legal's* 2016 International *Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration*.

"As I focus my attention on strategic international expansion, I cannot think of a better moment to have an arbitrator of Pierre's excellence and reputation join the Arbitration Place roster," said incoming CEO Jeffrey Mandell.

In addition to being an Arbitrator with Arbitration Place, upon his retirement from Norton Rose Fulbright Canada at the end of June Mr. Bienvenu will pursue his practice as an international arbitrator with the Montreal-based litigation boutique IMK.

For more information, or to arrange an interview with Mr. Bienvenu or an Arbitration Place Representative, please contact Jeffrey Mandell at jmandell@arbitrationplace.com.

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