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### **ICDR VP Steven K. Andersen Is Inaugural Recipient of SVAMC's Award Recognizing Outstanding Contribution to Technology Dispute Resolution**

**Palo Alto, CA, February 19, 2018**—Steven K. Andersen, vice president of the American Arbitration Association® (AAA®)-International Centre for Dispute Resolution® (ICDR®), has been honored by the Silicon Valley Arbitration & Mediation Center (SVAMC) with its first Outstanding Contribution to Technology Dispute Resolution Award.

In announcing the award, SVAMC founder and Chairman Gary Benton said, “It’s a privilege for SVAMC to recognize Steve Andersen and his colleagues at AAA-ICDR with this Award. Through Steven’s efforts, technology companies around the world are increasingly looking to arbitration and other alternative dispute resolution mechanisms for resolving technology-related disputes.”

SVAMC, an affiliate of the Global Technology Dispute Resolution Council, supports and promotes the use of arbitration, mediation, and other dispute resolution processes specifically geared to technology companies, technology investors, and technology-related business. Mr. Andersen was instrumental in leading *Smarter, Faster, Cheaper Technology Dispute Resolution—Open Forum with Silicon Valley*, a recent conference co-hosted by the AAA-ICDR<sup>SM</sup>, the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC), and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb).

Mr. Andersen directs the ICDR in Canada, Mexico, and the United States, responsible for the ICDR’s cross-border arbitration and mediation in the region and providing executive oversight of large cases. He recruits and maintains the highest qualified panel in those areas for the ICDR’s International Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators, with a focus on aerospace, aviation, national security, energy, and technology, among other industries.

Eric Tuchmann, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, AAA-ICDR, adds that “Steve’s efforts to expand the use of arbitration and mediation to resolve technology-related disputes is an integral part of the AAA-ICDR’s initiative in a growing and important area. We congratulate him on receiving this award.”

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