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RESUMÉ

Mr. Jentes has served as chair, sole arbitrator or panel member in over 60 domestic and international arbitrations administered by the American Arbitration Association, its International Centre for Dispute Resolution, the ICC International Court of Arbitration, the London Court of International Arbitration, and the CPR International Institute for Dispute Prevention & Resolution, plus several ad hoc proceedings.

The arbitrations have involved a broad spectrum of disputes, both here and abroad, with the parties coming from 17 countries. The subject-matters have included complex accounting, contract, competition, construction, corporate, insurance, intellectual property and securities issues, among others, and have ranged across most major industries. In addition to his work as an arbitrator, Mr. Jentes has successfully mediated difficult commercial disputes involving a similarly wide array of issues, parties and industries.

ADR Recognition

- Mr. Jentes is a Fellow and Member of the Board of the College of Commercial Arbitrators;
- *Who's Who Legal*, the official research partner of the International Bar Association and the ABA Section of International Law, reports that Mr. Jentes is "praised for work on both domestic and international disputes" and is "one of the most eminent figures in the state";
- Mr. Jentes is a member of CPR's National Panel of Distinguished Neutrals, the rosters of the AAA and ICDR, and serves on ICC and LCIA tribunals;
- *Best Lawyers* named him as its 2012 "International Arbitration-Commercial Lawyer of the Year" in Chicago, his 25th appearance in the publication, and he similarly repeats in the *Leading Lawyers Network* in the categories of ADR Law: International and Commercial Litigation; and
- He was recently selected for inclusion in *The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration 2013*.

Representative Arbitrations and Mediations

In the international arena, representative arbitrations resolved:

- claims for breach of a Canadian-U.S. supply contract for surgical devices
- termination rights under a worldwide trademark license to consulting firms
- indemnification claims between German and French firms over adverse judgment relating to biogenetic patents
- disputed control of Ukraine's largest telecommunications company
- alleged defects in Austrian tooling for plastics fabricating plant in LA
- compensation for marketing a Nigerian cell phone system
- alleged breach of contract to supply Canadian voting equipment to U.S.
- coverage disputes under Bermudan professional liability policies

Domestically, representative arbitrations have involved:

- complex accounting malpractice and fraud claims arising from a New Orleans embezzlement scheme
- disputed fees on termination of a multi-jet aircraft purchase contract
- coverage of multi-million dollar losses from Kentucky gas pipeline explosion
- challenge to radiologists' fees at Phoenix diagnostic centers
- contract claims relating to computer system for auto dealerships
- allocation of environmental remediation costs between major Illinois utilities
- facilities and service claims under the Telecommunications Act
- alleged breach of representations in sale of prominent U. S. consumer products business

Several arbitrations posed difficult class issues, including the clause construction award by one of the panels on which Mr. Jentes served that was the subject of the Supreme Court's landmark decision in the *Stolt-Nielsen* case.

Mr. Jentes has handled arbitrations and mediations affecting such diverse fields as:

- Automotive and parts manufacturing
- Banking and financial institutions
- Chemicals & petrochemicals
- Computer hardware & software
- Construction
- Energy
- Franchising
- Health Care
- Insurance & reinsurance
- Media & communications
- Mergers & acquisitions
- Oil, gas and power generation
- Pharmaceuticals & medical devices
- Professional responsibility
- Real estate
- Transportation including pipelines

Law Firm and Teaching Background

For close to forty years, Mr. Jentes was one of the principal litigating partners at Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, acting as lead trial and appellate counsel in many of the firm's most notable cases. Mr. Jentes specialized in large and complex U.S. and international disputes, often involving government regulatory policies and multi-party litigation. His work in the landmark *Westinghouse Uranium Litigation*, which involved proceedings in the U.S., England, Canada, Sweden and Australia, is featured in *The Partners* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author James B. Stewart. Mr.

Jentes left the Kirkland firm in early 2004 to concentrate on his growing practice as an independent arbitrator and mediator of significant domestic and international commercial disputes.

Beginning in 1981, and for the next two decades, Mr. Jentes taught the advanced seminar on Complex Litigation, including ADR, at the University of Chicago Law School. He taught a similar seminar at the University of Michigan Law School from 1991 through 2008.

Speeches and Publications

In addition to his law school teaching, Mr. Jentes has regularly participated as speaker and panelist in ADR educational programs for bar and business groups. In April 2010 he spoke on "So You Want To Be An Arbitrator" at the Spring Meeting of the ABA Section of International Law in New York. In June 2010 he was a panelist at the National Institute on "Mediation with the Masters" sponsored by the ABA Litigation Section. Earlier, he provided his answers to "Five Key Questions for Mediation Counsel – A Mediator's Perspective", at the CNA National Conference of Lawyers and Defense Counsel in Atlanta.

Mr. Jentes is also a frequent attendee at ADR conferences, including the CPR Annual Meeting in January 2012, the ICC New York conference on its new Rules in September 2011, the National Summit on Business-to-Business Arbitration in October 2009; the ICC, ICDR, IBA and LCIA conferences in connection with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the New York Convention in New York in January and February 2008; and the LCIA European Users' Council Symposium at Tylney, England in May 2006.

Outside the ADR area, Mr. Jentes has written numerous articles and delivered speeches and Congressional testimony regarding U.S. and international competition, securities and litigation issues before the U.S. Congress, the American, Federal, Illinois, Texas and Chicago Bar Associations, the Association of General Counsel, The Conference Board, the Corporate Counsel Institute and the Illinois and Massachusetts Institutes of Continuing Legal Education, among others.

Civic and Legal Organizations

Mr. Jentes is past Chair of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association and currently a Life Trustee and member of its Finance, Artistic and Planning Committees; a member of the Boards and Executive Committees of the Chicago Shakespeare Theater and the Solti Foundation U.S.; a Sustaining Fellow of The Art Institute of Chicago; a member of the President's Circle of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, and a member of the Chicago Inn of Court, the Lawyers Club of Chicago, and the Arts, Economic, Racquet and Saddle & Cycle Clubs. Mr. Jentes is a past Board member of the Alliance Française de Chicago, Chicago Humanities Festival, Chicago Opera Theater and Chicago Youth Centers. He is the recipient of Dominican University's Bravo Award for distinguished contribution to the arts.

Education

University of Michigan, BA-1953, Phi Beta Kappa
University of Michigan Law School, JD-1956, Order of Coif, Law Review
Université de Grenoble, France, Fulbright Scholar in Comparative Law, 1956-57

References

Mr. Jentes is pleased to supply references from counsel who have appeared before him and from other arbitrators with whom he has served.

Rates

Mr. Jentes charges \$500 per hour for all study, conference, arbitration and mediation time, plus reasonable expenses. He also charges half the time he has reserved where an arbitration is cancelled less than 21 days prior to hearing.

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