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AAA's ClauseBuilder® Helps Parties Draft Clear Arbitration Clauses that Address eDiscovery Challenges through Incorporation of The Sedona Principles

NEW YORK, N.Y.—July 31, 2018—The American Arbitration Association® (AAA®) has been at the forefront of helping parties minimize the burden and expense of dealing with electronically stored information (ESI) in arbitration. As part of this ongoing initiative the AAA will now offer parties the option of incorporating The Sedona Principles into arbitration clauses created with ClauseBuilder.

A widely recognized set of standards – *The Sedona Principles, Third Edition: Best Practices, Recommendations & Principles for Addressing Electronic Document Production* – will allow parties who wish to provide additional guidance on ESI issues to arbitrators in their arbitration clause, the ability to reference these standards in determining the appropriate scope of ESI in a particular case.

“The Sedona Principles are considered a foundational guide for confronting the novel challenges associated with eDiscovery, and may be useful to parties in arbitration by providing a reasonable and balanced approach,” said **Robert Matlin, Esq., Senior Vice President, AAA Commercial and Construction Divisions**. “By selecting this option in ClauseBuilder, parties can agree that they and the arbitrators hearing their matter will be guided by the Sedona Principles in making eDiscovery-related determinations.”

The full text, including commentary, of *The Sedona Principles, Third Edition: Best Practices, Recommendations & Principles for Addressing Electronic Document Production*, is available free for individual download from The Sedona Conference website at:

<https://thesedonaconference.org/publication/The%20Sedona%20Principles>.

To learn more about ClauseBuilder, an online arbitration and mediation clause-drafting tool, visit <http://www.clausebuilder.org>.

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