

## A NEW LIST: ARBITRATORS OF AFRICAN DESCENT

June 17, 2020 – This “New List” project began in February 2020 to bring together people of African descent whose international dispute resolution practices have or will have a connection to the United States. The information below has been provided by the individuals listed. All inquiries should be directed toward the listed professional.

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