

A History of JAMS



- 1979** JAMS (originally Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services) is established in Orange County, California.
- 1981** Endispute is formed on the East Coast.
- 1992** Bruce Edwards and John Bates, founders of the Bates/Edwards Group, merge with Endispute.
- 1994** Endispute owners Bruce Edwards and John Bates merge their company with JAMS to form JAMS/Endispute. New offices located in Washington, D.C., Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco.
- 1998** JAMS has grown to more than 200 full-time neutrals in 20 offices nationwide.
- 1999** After 20 years of providing clients with a complete range of ADR services, a group of 45 JAMS neutrals and managers purchases the company from institutional investors in July 1999.
JAMS/Endispute officially changes name to JAMS.
- 2000** JAMS adds 22 new neutrals from across the country to its panel.
- 2001** JAMS adds 37 new neutrals to its panel nationally.
- 2002** JAMS formalizes its longstanding tradition of community service by creating the JAMS Foundation. Funded entirely by contributions from JAMS neutrals and associates, the Foundation's mission is to support education about collaborative processes for resolving differences at all levels, promote innovation in conflict resolution, and advance the settlement of conflict worldwide.

The JAMS Society was created to recognize and support volunteer opportunities and community involvement for JAMS associates at a local, "hands-on" level. All associates are encouraged to become members of their local Society to collaborate on outreach programs, or to work individually on a project of their choice.
- 2003** JAMS, Inc. was created as a separate entity from JAMS LLC to allow future expansion and opportunities for the company.
- 2004** JAMS and ADR Associates, LLC, one of the nation's preeminent full-service dispute resolution providers (with offices in Washington, DC, New York, Boston and Chicago), combined companies to create the premier national ADR provider.

JAMS celebrates 25 years of providing excellence in dispute resolution.

JAMS enters new market with the opening of a JAMS Resolution Center in Philadelphia.
- 2005** JAMS enters new market with the opening of a JAMS Resolution Center in Las Vegas.

JAMS joins four other leading international mediation service providers to form "MEDAL – The International Mediation Services Alliance." The founding members of MEDAL, all of whom are pre-eminent providers of commercial mediation and conflict management services in their own jurisdictions, are: JAMS, ACBMediation in the Netherlands, ADR Center in Italy, CEDR Solve in the UK, and CMAP in France.

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- 2008** Chris Poole, former CEO at Thomson Elite, becomes JAMS President and CEO.
- JAMS moves into the New York Times Building, significantly expanding our presence in New York and responding to the increased demand for all types of ADR services, including more international and arbitration work.
- JAMS Foundation creates the Weinstein International Fellowship Program to increase global use of ADR.
- 2009** JAMS celebrates its 30th Anniversary in the ADR and legal community.
- JAMS and ADR Center in Italy announce an agreement to form what is now known as JAMS International to provide mediation and arbitration of cross-border disputes and training services worldwide.
- 2010** JAMS enters new market with the opening of a JAMS Resolution Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 2011** JAMS enters new market with the opening of a JAMS Resolution Center in Greenbelt, Maryland.
- JAMS International opens London headquarters with additional hearing centers in the European Union through a network of local partners, including ADR Center in Italy, JAMS Ireland and Results ADR in the Netherlands.
- 2012** JAMS enters new markets with the opening of JAMS Resolution Centers in Miami, Florida and Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- 2013** JAMS Foundation has awarded more than \$5 million in grant funding since its inception.
- Judge Daniel Weinstein and JAMS Foundation Partner to endow International Fellowship Program for the next 20 years.
- 2014** JAMS receives Firm of the Year recognition in both Mediation and Arbitration from *U.S. News & World Report*. The Firm of the Year is awarded to one firm for each specialty in the country, making JAMS the only company with this distinction.
- JAMS announces partnership with Korean-based organization, International IP ADR Center.
- JAMS opens state-of-the-art courtroom in Los Angeles.
- 2015** JAMS International announces three additional global affiliates, including the Arab Mediation Centre in Egypt; Neutrales ADR in Spain; and ADR Partners in Serbia.
- 2016** JAMS announces it is a Silver Sponsor of the 2016-2017 Global Pound Conference series organized by the International Mediation Institute (IMI).
- JAMS Foundation has awarded more than \$6 million in grant funding since its inception.
- JAMS announces partnership with Chinese Provider Shanghai Commercial Mediation Center.
- 2017** JAMS enters new market with the opening of a JAMS Resolution Center in Detroit, Michigan.