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**W**hen your legal needs require a bridge across the cultures of the United States and Latin America, there’s no better choice for an attorney or arbitrator than San Diego’s own Jack F. Fitzmaurice.

With a legendary positive attitude, Jack Fitzmaurice has more than 35 years of experience in the practice of law and more than 15 years as a mediator/arbitrator. A Spanish speaker, he regularly represents American parties in international disputes involving Mexico and other Latin American countries.

Fitzmaurice handles such issues as maquila and maquiladora matters, cross-border real estate transactions and transactions regarding the Mexican gaming industry. “My years of dealing with the Spanish-speaking world have

given me a unique perspective on the legal cultures that unite and also divide our countries,” he says.

A primary focus of his practice is the reorganization of businesses under the auspices of the Chapter 11 provisions. In a Chapter 11 reorganization, Fitzmaurice will transform a seemingly negative experience into a positive tool for innovative business planning. “Besides reorganizing your debt, we can accomplish some positive goals like terminating burdensome contracts and removing junior liens,” he says. “My job is to help clients find resolutions that leave them prepared to take on the future.”

In addition, his areas of expertise include the litigation and trial of complex business disputes and the reorganization of businesses. Fitzmaurice also handles the dissolution of corporate and partnership joint venture entities such as

the sale of franchise businesses, real estate projects and operating entities of various sorts.

On the arbitration front, Fitzmaurice has been an American Arbitration Association arbitrator for 19 years and on the association’s international panel for 14 years, resulting in extensive experience as a commercial arbitrator in Southern California and as an international arbitrator handling arbitrations between American and Latin American companies. In that regard, Fitzmaurice, as a member of the law faculty of Universidad Iberoamericana, taught a course in international arbitration as part of the university’s masters program.

Before becoming an attorney, Fitzmaurice served as a Marine Corps captain in Vietnam. “It was a maturing experience,” he says, “and the lessons I learned about leadership stay with me to this day.”