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SYMPOSIUM TRANSCRIPTS: INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION: FRIEND OR FOE OF CORPORATIONS? FEBRUARY 12, 2019

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

M = Moderator

M: Good morning, everybody. First things first, I want to thank you for joining us. I'm the Symposium Editor for the *American University Business Law Review*. The *Business Law Review* is pleased to welcome you to the 2019 Symposium International Arbitration: Friend or Foe for Corporations. The *Business Law Review* is pleased to continue its academic discourse on International Arbitration from its 2015 Symposium on salient issues, [non-salient] issues, international commercial arbitration, and its companion new issue in Volume 5, Issue 3. As the oldest business law review in Washington, D.C., we are honored to facilitate further discussion in this dynamic field and to continue our tradition of publishing articles by panelists and other experts in the field. Today's event will focus on international arbitration in the corporate world, including the importance of carefully drafting arbitration clauses, recent changes in legal developments, and the role of third parties in arbitral proceedings. The fantastic faculty and staff here at WCL, including our friends in the Center on International Commercial Arbitration, the Law Review staff, particularly my symposium committee, and I, have put in a lot of time and effort into what I know will be a wonderful and informative day. Given the current state of international dispute settlement, we are honored to host the field's top legal scholars and speakers from some of the nation's premiere arbitration firms to present this relevant and exciting symposium.

Without further ado, let's jump into our first panel of the day — Negotiating Arbitration Clauses — moderated by **M1**. **M1** is [Redacted]. **M1** has a distinct experience in the interplay of construction and design as well as complex agreements in real estate development. I'll hand it off to **M1** to introduce the panelists.