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## Letter from the Editor

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The *International Commercial Arbitration Brief* is a student publication of American University Washington College of Law prepared with the assistance of the Washington College of Law Center on International Commercial Arbitration. The mission of this publication is to provide timely information, both practical and academic, on developments in the field of international commercial arbitration.

In this issue, you will find an exploration of the continuing advancements being made in arbitration and their implications. Beginning with two student columns. First, Alexandre Meyniel examines the scope of review for arbitral awards in France based on a 2010 case from the *Tribunal de Conflicts*. Nathan Burk follows with a perspective piece on the effectiveness of arbitration in the constructive industry and the use of mediation as an alternative.

Looking regionally, Francisco González de Cossío explains the amendments to the Mexican Arbitration Statute, providing clarification on the changes themselves and their importance for Mexican Arbitration practice. Radwa S. Elsaman then explores the challenges one may face when attempting to arbitrate in the Arab Middle East. She provides important insight into the culture and highlights concerns that should be addressed when undertaking such proceedings.

Two student notes then explore different aspects of the revisions to the UNCITRAL Model Arbitration Rules. First, Lee Anna Tucker explore how revisions to the rules on interim measures have created both greater flexibility within arbitrations, but have simultaneously left areas of uncertainty and potential concern. She explores how the Model Rules differ from the Model Law and what implications that may have. She also emphasizes the gaps that have been created, such as the omission of *ex parte* preliminary orders.

David Sawyer then explores how the revisions to the UNCITRAL Model Arbitration Rules have affected the procedural due process rights of parties seeking arbitration. He explores why such rights are important and how these can be addressed within an arbitral context.

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