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Welcome to the fourth volume of The Arbitration Brief. The Arbitration Brief is a student publication of the American University Washington College of Law published once annually. The Arbitration Brief aims to become one of the doctrinal venues for arbitration-related matters in the United States and abroad.

The Arbitration Brief is an entirely student-run organization. We publish articles submitted by professors, arbitrators, practitioners, and students alike. All articles are selected, edited, and published by the Brief’s board and staff. We are particularly proud to select and publish this year’s volume.

In the edition at instance, the Brief further examines the analysis of leading practitioners and academics from the Center of International Commercial Arbitration’s 2013 Symposium: Salient Issues in International Commercial Arbitration. In that regard, The Arbitration Brief would like to thank the authors—and esteemed professionals—of this year’s publication: Chiann Bao, Nayla Comair-Obeid, Antonio Crivellaro, and Joongi Kim. In congruence with their presentations at the Symposium, the authors here examine the evolutions and trends of the arbitration community in their respective regions.

The Arbitration Brief staff especially would like to thank Professor Grigera Naón, Susana Castiglione, and the staff of the Center of International Commercial Arbitration for their efforts and participation in this year’s symposium volume. Without the Center, this year’s publication would not have been nearly as comprehensive.

In addition to the analysis provided by the 2013 Symposium: Salient Issues in International Commercial Arbitration, the present edition contains the articles of four student-authors: Liliana Burnett, Winnie Hagemayer Leonardo-Pereira, Ashley Nickel, and Jessi Patton. In the theme of the Symposium, each author addresses a salient issue in the world of arbitration before us, from the rise of arbitration in the Native American tribal reservations to the Sharia courts of the United Kingdom.

On a final note, we would like to thank the extremely talented and patient staff and professors who worked to make this edition possible. Please explore our website for more information about The Arbitration Brief. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at arbitrationbrief@wcl.american.edu.

Best wishes,
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