

Note from the General Editor

The current BCDR–AAA Arbitration Rules came into effect on 1 October 2017, and are available in English, French, and Arabic. They are equally authoritative in all three languages.

This issue of the *BCDR International Arbitration Review* is the second of two issues that, together, offer readers a comprehensive collection of commentaries by leading arbitration specialists on the most significant provisions of the rules.

The first issue covered the provisions regulating the parties' written submissions, summary procedure, expedited arbitration, appointments and challenges of arbitrators, interim and emergency measures of protection, truncated tribunals, the conduct of proceedings, the determination of the place of arbitration and the applicable law, and party representation. It also reproduced the English and French versions of the rules.

This second issue contains eight further commentaries, which analyze the provisions governing hearings and witnesses; tribunal-appointed experts; the exchange of information and privilege; joinder and consolidation; awards, orders and other types of decisions; confidentiality; limitation of liability; costs; and tribunal secretaries. It also includes the Arabic version of the rules.

As mentioned in my introduction to the previous issue, the authors were encouraged to give free and forthright expression to their views, in the knowledge that any recommendations or suggestions they might make for improvement would be considered in future revisions of the rules.

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