



USD VICAM TEAM
International Commercial Arbitration

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO VIS INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT

The Back to School Edition

Big News in California Arbitration

California may be the next big seat in international commercial arbitration. Following the ruling in *Birbrower v. Superior Court of Santa Clara County*, 942 P.2d 1 (Cal. 1998), the state of California has not permit foreign lawyers or foreign parties to participate in international commercial arbitral disputes. This all changed on July 18, 2018 when Governor Jerry Brown signed SB 766 which allows individuals not admitted to practice law in California to provide legal services in an international commercial arbitration or other related proceedings specified in the bill. The individual must be a member in good standing of a recognized legal profession in the United States or foreign jurisdiction and would be subject to disciplinary provision of the California State Bar.

Until now foreign lawyers were required to engage local California attorneys as co-counsel when appearing in international arbitrations seated in California. This bar on representation in arbitrations has forced many California companies to arbitrate disputes abroad, had has kept the world's fifth largest economy out of the running as a seat for international arbitrations. JAMS already has plans to open an international arbitration center in the downtown central business district of Los Angeles in

anticipation of a growth in international arbitration in California. A new arbitration center in San Francisco may also be on the horizon, with Silicon Valley companies welcoming the new ability to arbitrate disputes in-state rather than in other states or countries.

This new change will signal a new era for international commercial arbitration, and new opportunities for USD VICAMers and alumni. USD VICAM is looking forward to seeing what these changes bring and how international commercial arbitration will grow in California!

Call to Alumni

The school year is nearly here and with it the kick-off for the 2018-2019 VICAM year. We will be looking for brief editors this fall, and practice arbitrators in the spring. Please reach out to usdvicam@gmail.com if you are interested in editing and/or arbitrating in the coming year! We will also be looking for arbitrators for our team travel tryouts to be held Sunday, September 30, 2018. If you are available and interested, please contact usdvicam@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!

You're Invited

Please join the 2018 – 2019 VICAM Team for our Kick-off

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

2018 – 2019 Kick-off Party: Coronado Brewing, 1205 Knoxville St, San Diego, CA 92110. Saturday, August 25, 2018 6 – 9 p.m.
Pre-Moot: February 1-3, 2019

Party and Mixer at Coronado Brewing! We'll be there having some brews and bites from 6 – 9 p.m. on Saturday, August 25, 2018. Reservations are not required, and we hope that many of you will come join us as we get ready for the Vis season! Arbitration discussion and formal attire is not required.

Summer Spotlight

USD VICAM's August Spotlight features this year's Editor-in-Chief, Yvonne Ricardo. A San Diegan through and through, Ms. Ricardo was born, raised, and educated in America's Finest City. After graduating from UCSD with a degree in Political Science, she decided to take a year off from school to work, travel, and prepare for law school. Ms. Ricardo has always had a dream to make a major impact on the world and believes that the skills and experiences of law school will open opportunities for this to happen. Now entering her final year, Ms. Ricardo has developed a passion for employment law. This summer, she has been an associate at Stokes Wagner, ALC, an employment defense firm that caters to the hospitality industry. She has loved her work this summer but is also excited to begin her last year as a VICAM team member. Ms. Ricardo considers her participation in VICAM to be



the best part of her law school experience because it has taught her invaluable skills and allowed her to work with, meet, and compete with remarkable people from all over the world. She is motivated and determined to help the team dominate at the Vis this year!

Some Fun facts about Ms. Ricardo

Her goal is to learn at least five languages, so far, she considers herself at about three (English, Tagalog, Spanish). If she wasn't studying law, she'd probably be an elementary school teacher. All her favorite ice cream flavors are the color green.

**Proudly Presenting
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