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HIALSA & HILJ CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: SHORT-FORM SCHOLARSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

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The Harvard International Arbitration Law Students Association (HIALSA) and the Harvard International Law Journal (HILJ) are delighted to announce the renewed collaboration on short-form scholarship in international arbitration, building upon the successful foundation established in 2023.

Through this joint call for submissions, HIALSA and HILJ are looking for submissions that offer a novel contribution to the field, are well researched, and are written with clarity and precision. Three types of contributions are admitted:

1. Brief Academic Commentary, providing a description and critical analysis of a relevant issue in commercial arbitration or investment arbitration. There are no fixed subject matter criteria.
2. Decision Analyses, providing description and a critical assessment of a recent arbitration award or arbitration-related judgment rendered by a state court. The piece should critique and/or explain the relevance of the decision within the field.
3. Regional or Country Highlights, providing a descriptive overview of the state of the field or relevant and recent developments in a given country or region. A successful piece will focus on a novel issue, situate it within the context of the specific country or region, and outline its potential implications for the global landscape.

Submission, Selection, and Publication Details

We will accept articles until **January 15, 2026**. To ensure an adequate process of review, selection, and editing of the articles, this deadline is fixed and final, and any contribution received after this date will not be considered. All interested participants, in and outside the Harvard Law School community, are encouraged to submit contributions. Authors must have at least five (5) years of post-law-degree experience in international arbitration. Authors



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without five years of post-law-degree professional and/or academic experience in international arbitration will not be considered.

The two (2) best contributions will be featured in (i) the third edition of the HIALSA Arbitration Review (2026) and (ii) the International Arbitration section of the Harvard International Law Journal Online, available [here](#). Submissions will be reviewed by a joint committee of HIALSA and HILJ's Online staff, comprised of J.D. and LL.M. candidates. They may also be reviewed by our faculty advisors and/or scholars in our peer network. Winning contributions will be selected by a joint-committee of the HIALSA and HILJ Boards, and will be announced in February 2026.

The third edition of the HIALSA Arbitration Review (2026) is set to be published in the Spring 2026 term. However, please note this date is subject to change.

Formatting Guidelines

All contributions should be between 500 and 2,500 words and must be written in English. Submissions must be individually authored; co-authorship is not permitted. Citations are required and should be implemented through in-text hyperlinks whenever possible. Authors should limit the use of footnotes and endnotes, and all references must adhere to Bluebook (22nd edition) standards. References to a specific page or paragraph within the source may be included in-text, in parentheses, immediately following the hyperlink. For example:

"The *Salini* tribunal [held](#) (¶¶ 50-58) that the ICSID Convention contains an objective definition of investment. Although many tribunals agree with this basic premise, debate continues over the content of the definition."

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Please submit a completed article in Word format, along with the author's CV to iljonline@mail.law.harvard.edu. Please include the author's last name and the word "HIALSA-HILJ" in the subject line in the following format: "Last Name_HIALSA-HILJ." For example, a submission from Pierre Menard should have the subject line "Menard_HIALSA-HILJ."

We will not confirm receipt of submissions, and we are unable to provide feedback for articles that are not selected. Once an article has been selected, we will contact the author with further information on the editing and publication process.

Please contact iljonline@mail.law.harvard.edu for any questions.



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