



YOUNG ITA

**YOUNG ITA WRITING COMPETITION AND AWARD**  
***“New Voices in International Arbitration”***  
**2018-2019**

**Young ITA and the Institute for Transnational Arbitration** are pleased to invite submissions for the first Young ITA Writing Competition and Award: “New Voices in International Arbitration”.

**Background:** The Young ITA Writing Competition and Award “New Voices in International Arbitration” is a unique opportunity for young professionals to contribute actively to the research of international arbitration and to be recognized as qualified voices in this area, as well as to get involved in the activities of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration.

**Eligible Participants:** Members of Young ITA, practitioners and students, are eligible to submit their papers to the Young ITA Competition. Membership in Young ITA is free of charge and is limited to persons under 40 years old. To become a member, go to [www.cailaw.org/memberRegistration.html?t=ita](http://www.cailaw.org/memberRegistration.html?t=ita).

**Topic:** The submitted papers should address issues related to the topic announced or to any other topic in the field of international commercial or investment arbitration. The general topic for 2018-2019 Competition and Award is *Independence and Impartiality in International Arbitration: Arbitrators’ Duty to Disclose (and Investigate) Conflicts*.

**Submission Guidelines:** The papers must be submitted via email to ita@cailaw.org under subject line “Young ITA Competition” by on or before **January 2, 2019**. The submitted papers must be original, not published elsewhere, and have at least 3,500 words, excluding footnotes. The papers must be written in English and submitted in Word and Pdf format, and comply with a widely used citation standard. The papers may be co-authored. Information about the author(s), including their affiliation (if applicable) and their contact details should be stated on a cover page, not on the paper itself.

**Selection of the winning paper:** The papers shall be judged by two Panels. The First Panel shall be comprised of five judges, Young ITA Chairs, who will select the best three papers to be submitted to the Second Panel for a final decision. The Second Panel shall consist of three judges, appointed by the Chair of the ITA Advisory Board in consultation with the Chair of the ITA Academic Council, who will selected the winning paper.

**2018-2019 Panels of Judges:** In the 2018-2019 Young ITA Writing Competition and Award, the following judges will be sitting in the two panels:

(1) in the First Panel: **Silvia Marchili** (King & Spalding LLP, Young ITA Chair); **Elizabeth Devaney**, (Occidental Petroleum Corporation, Young ITA Vice-Chair); **Dr. Crina Baltag** (University of Bedfordshire, Young ITA Thought Leadership Chair); **Robert Landicho** (Vinson & Elkins LLP, Young ITA Communications Chair); and **Laura Sinisterra** (Debevoise and Plimpton LLP, Young ITA Mentorship Program Chair).

(2) in the Second Panel: **Charles H. Brower II** (Wayne State University Law School); **Dominique Brown-Berset** (Brown & Page); and **James Loftis** (Vinson & Elkins LLP)

**Prize:** The winner of the Young ITA Writing Competition and Award “New Voices in International Arbitration” shall be announced no later than May 1, 2019 and will receive a prize of USD \$3,000, selected books published by Wolters Kluwer and up to USD \$1,500 reimbursement for reasonable expenses to travel to Dallas to receive the award at the ITA Workshop and Annual Meeting in June. The winning paper will be published in the ITA journal *ITA in Review*.

For questions, please contact Dr. Crina Baltag, Young ITA Thought Leadership Chair at [crinabaltag@gmail.com](mailto:crinabaltag@gmail.com) or ITA staff assistant Judy Cline at [jcline@cailaw.org](mailto:jcline@cailaw.org).

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