

President's Message

Only a few of the first years of the new Millennium at best will be ours to shape. What has not changed in the last ten, hundred or even thousand years is likely to remain with us. The need for tailor-made binding private resolution of business disputes if negotiation and conciliation did not work. In answering this need in a changing business environment what we do will continue to change in a subtle and souple way. Perhaps international commercial arbitration will continue its lead over domestic arbitration and litigation. Perhaps party autonomy will gain further ground. Perhaps the laws of different jurisdictions will adopt more common concepts.

How can we prepare for these small but important changes? We should think less about what state courts do or do not do and more about providing the service that the parties need. The quiet days of reflection that we all have before us should be a good beginning.

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