

Editorial

It is a privilege to write this editorial as the new General Editor of the *Journal of International Arbitration* (JOIA). I am deeply honoured to follow in the footsteps of Professor Maxi Scherer, whose decade-long leadership has left an enduring legacy. Under her stewardship, JOIA became a global reference. It offered an evermore vital platform for high-quality scholarship, bridging theory and practice in international arbitration. Professor Scherer's commitment to excellence have shaped the journal's identity and earned it the trust of scholars and practitioners worldwide. I pay tribute to her remarkable tenure and thank her for her continued support during this transition.

As we look ahead, our rejuvenated editorial team is committed to building on this foundation. JOIA will continue to serve as the journal of choice for thoughtful, well-researched, and impactful contributions to the field. It will continue to publish both groundbreaking theoretical pieces and authoritative practical insights, featuring emerging voices from academia, seasoned scholars, and established practitioners. The topics covered will span a wide spectrum, with the main criteria being quality and relevance.

Accordingly, this issue 43.1 includes both erudite and practical articles. It leads with a practitioner's commentary on the legal basis of attorney-client privilege. This is followed by a damages expert's demonstration of the impact of statistical distributions underlying experts' assumptions on quantum calculations. Other articles are equally topical and relevant. These include a nearly exhaustive examination of decisions by investor-state tribunals for understanding the criterion of necessity as applied to provisional measures, a comment on the lessons to be learnt for Investment arbitration reform from the history of the WTO's currently non-functional Appellate Body and a case comment on the jurisdiction of the Qatar International Court.

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