



Dear FDI Moot Participant:

In my capacity as Faculty Director of the LL.M. in International Commercial Arbitration (ICA), I am writing to congratulate you on navigating the challenge posed by the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) competition. The sustained skill and devotion that enterprise called on you to commit distinguishes you as a person of special promise. Accordingly, we invite you to apply for a **50% tuition-remission scholarship** applicable to our LL.M in ICA. We hope you will do so.

To apply for this scholarship, you must submit your [complete application](#) for the LL.M. program at Pepperdine, and an additional two-page letter responding to the following questions **by February 15th, 2018**:

1. How would an LL.M. from Pepperdine advance your short and long term professional goals?
2. What areas of inquiry in the ICA arena are of most interest to you? And
3. How would the scholarship affect your ability to attend? (The scholarship will be based largely on merit, but financial need may be considered when applicants are equally qualified.)

I hope you will apply because I am confident next year's program will again be an enriching one for our students. More specifically, to offer the best program possible we will continue to exploit the Straus Institute's number one ranking and its many relationships within the broader ICA community to staff our seminars with the very best ICA teachers and scholars teamed in various ways with distinguished personalities from the ICA practicing world. We will therefore continue to immerse our students in a balanced mix of theory and practice and to expose them to myriad voices—those of the academic expert, those of the ICA advocate and those of the international arbitrator.

The number and depth of our ICA courses and scheduled on-campus ICA activities provide many opportunities to involve numerous important figures from the ICA world, each eager to contribute in some way. In any given year we introduce these arbitration notables to the program mix as co-teachers, classroom commentators, luncheon speakers, mock arbitrators, and keynote lecturers. The ongoing dispute resolution work of the full-time Straus faculty on projects of international scope contributes to this rich environment. Indeed, Pepperdine has become a preferred venue for working groups and institutional programs of various kinds, including from time to time those organized by the ICC, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the US Chamber of Commerce and the American Law Institute.

The vibrant community I just described is made possible in part by our friendships with partners at major arbitration law firms (as you will have realized from the FDI sponsorships we received from Skadden and from Arnold & Porter), and by our cooperation with leading academics at other schools. Last year, for example, we hosted speakers not only from White &

Case and King & Spalding but also from the law faculties of Columbia (Professor George Bermann), and NYU (Professor Linda Silberman – who also co-taught a course in our LL.M. program). A different conference, organized by the ICC YAF, featured Lucy Reed of the Freshfields firm, who offered keynote remarks.

Our team teachers this year will include Professor Catherine Rogers, of Penn State and Queen Mary College (teaching from her new book by Oxford University Press); as well as Maria Chedid, who presided over final FDI rounds, and will visit us from Baker & McKenzie as a guest classroom commentator.

The extra-curricular events we hold of course vary from year to year, but the emphasis is always on exploring the places in our field where theory meets practice and to do so by involving leaders in the ICA field. I hope you can join us in this wonderful enterprise.

As for that part of your experience that will remain fixed, the LLM ICA required curriculum consists of the following courses:

- ICA Theory and Doctrine
- ICA Procedure and Practice
- International Investment Disputes
- ICA and the National Courts
- Ethical Considerations in ICA
- Negotiation Theory and Practice
- Mediation Theory and Practice
- Introduction to US Law
- The ICA Capstone

Students for whom English is a second language are also required to complete two units of Legal Research and Writing.

LL.M. students must also complete additional elective courses. These can be chosen from doctrinal law courses so students can qualify to sit for the California or New York Bar Exam or from the extensive dispute resolution curriculum, including courses in *Cross Cultural Conflict and Dispute Resolution* and the *Mediation Clinic* (the latter allowing student to mediate cases for local courts). You should note that ICA program can be completed over two semesters or spread out longer for those who wish to do so. Please fill out our [form](#) or visit [our website](#) if you are interested in more information about our program.

I hope you will not hesitate to contact me, or my colleague, [Marcelo Rosadilla](#), should you have questions about the program or the scholarship.

Once again, hearty congratulations, and every good wish!

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Faculty Director, LLM (ICA Concentration Program)