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ARBITRATORS' QUEST
4th edition

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Konrad & Partners' CEE & SEE mock trial

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After three successful editions, Konrad & Partners is pleased to announce the organization of the **4th edition** of its *“Arbitrators’ Quest – Konrad & Partners’ CEE and SEE mock trial”*, which will take place in Vienna on **17 May 2018**.

Arbitrators’ Quest is an annual competition established in May 2015, during which the top ten applicants compete against each other in a mock trial and the arbitral tribunal – assessing the participants – consists of lawyers from Konrad & Partners’ International Arbitration Practice Group. The *hearing* of the mock trial is followed by the announcement of the winner and concluded with a panel discussion at the premises of Konrad & Partners.

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International arbitration is a specialized field of work that requires not only expert knowledge, but also intense practical experience to master. As such, while a firm understanding of the legal concepts and theories constitutes an indispensable basis for a successful career in this field, insight into the everyday work of an arbitration practitioner can give prospective lawyers a considerable edge over their colleagues.

Our mock trial aims at providing students and young professionals in the field of international arbitration an opportunity to gain insight into and first-hand experience with situations and matters typically arising in international arbitration disputes, under the supervision of, and in close cooperation with, experienced practitioners as well as renowned scholars.

For more details, please visit www.konrad-partners.com/arbitrators-quest.

The Workshop is organized by Konrad & Partners with the non-financial support of universities and student organizations. The hearing of the mock trial will be held at the premises of Konrad & Partners' Vienna office on 17 May 2018. The mock trial is based on a case that revolves around issues that might potentially arise between two parties that have concluded a commercial agreement.

In order to facilitate a meaningful learning experience for all participants, they will be expected to be reasonably familiar with the process of arbitration in general. Therefore, advance study of academic standard works on international arbitration is encouraged. However, in order to enable the participants to experience the fast pace of a typical hearing situation, time for specific preparation will be limited.

In March, a mock case file will be distributed to all selected participants, enabling them to prepare for the immediate tasks of the mock trial, which will include the drafting of a written submission on behalf of one of the parties, as well as a short oral mock hearing in which each participant will be required to plead both for claimant and respondent. After completion of the oral hearings, the mock arbitrators will elect the participant with the best overall performance in the workshop, taking into account the initial applications of the participants, the contents and formal appearance of their written submissions, and the oral presentation given during the mock pleadings.

The winner will be offered a paid two-month internship at Konrad & Partners' Vienna office, as well as paid accommodation. Certificates of participation will be provided to all participants.

While all participants are expected to make and pay for their own travelling arrangements, accommodation will be arranged and paid for by Konrad & Partners.

The Arbitrators' Quest is primarily aimed at students, graduates and young professionals from the CEE and SEE regions, however students and young professionals from other regions with interest in international arbitration are naturally invited to apply.

Applications shall be submitted on or before **26 February 2018** via e-mail to Eugenia Mocanu (e.mocanu@konrad-partners.com) and must entail the following information and documents:

- A personal statement setting out the applicant's motivations for applying for participation and for the internship;
- A detailed curriculum vitae;
- An academic paper prepared by the applicant with regard to the topic of

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The paper's length should be in the range from 1000 to 1500 words. Applicants should refer to the legal situation in their home countries, also taking into consideration international arbitration law. Papers are expected to meet international academic standards. Findings should be supported by references and footnotes.

Applicants should be aware that the quality of their application documentation, in terms of both substance and form, will be taken into account not only for the selection of participants, but also for the overall evaluation of their performance during the mock trial. Applications should therefore be prepared diligently and should reflect the applicant's overall professional attitude.

Announcements for participation will be made beginning of March.

"The two-month internship that I spent at Konrad & Partners was one of my greatest professional experiences, and it was much more than just a professional experience. It was an excellent opportunity to get an insight into one of the leading arbitration law firms in Austria, to read and analyse real-world statement of claims and other case materials, to help in the preparation of a presentation for an international arbitration conference, and to participate at one of the leading arbitration conferences as well. Besides, I met really nice people who helped me a lot to feel myself at home in the lovely city of Vienna during these unforgettable two months."

Sarolta Szabó, Hungary, Winner of the Arbitrators' Quest, 3rd edition, 2017