

Book Review

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As a discipline of law in its own right, international commercial arbitration has flourished in recent years. This rise in popularity has been mirrored by an increase in the actual use of arbitration as a means of resolving disputes by international businesses. It is an area that should be of interest to most practitioners, and is certainly a subject worthy of inclusion on a law school's curriculum. It somewhat intrigues therefore why there are relatively few 'entry level' texts. Entry level in this context refers to someone who already has a reasonable amount of legal knowledge. There are certainly seminal texts that every arbitration practitioner needs, but there are only a couple of texts that are really suitable for the lawyer who only needs a general appreciation of what international arbitration involves. Professor Margaret Moses' book is intended to help fill that gap. It is a paperback book and in a price range (US\$29.99 recommended) which should make it easily accessible.

The chapters follow a logical and fairly standard structure – essentially that of the life of an arbitration. However the emphasis in most chapters, as immediately revealed by the chapter titles, is somewhat novel. The division of chapters 2 and 3 provide the exemplar of Moses' approach in this regard. Chapter 2 describes the arbitration agreement as one would expect. However, chapter 3 deals with drafting the arbitration agreement. This is an unusual division of chapters, as one would expect chapter 3 to simply be part of

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