Empirical Study on the Judicial Review of the Validity of International Arbitration Agreements in China: Commentary on SPC-led Arbitration Reform in China

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ABSTRACT
Arbitration is considered to be the most important dispute resolution method in international commercial transactions because of its characteristics of autonomy, neutrality, finality, confidentiality and international enforceability. Due to its historical limitations, the Arbitration Law of China failed to reflect the idea of supporting arbitration, including the over-rigidity validity regime of arbitral agreements. For the purpose of unifying criteria, avoiding the undue refusal for enforcement of international arbitration agreements the Supreme People’s Court (“SPC”) has made judicial efforts to relax the legislative rigidity and established the prior reporting system for judicial review of international arbitral agreements or awards. By reviewing over 200 SPC Replies and other related cases we can know the changing landscape of judicial review of international arbitral agreements. Also we can make some commentary on the SPC-led arbitration reform in China.

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REGISTRATION
There is no registration fee for this seminar but seats are limited. Halal Light refreshment will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Closing Date: 14 February 2019, Thursday
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