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FIRST ASSIGNMENT

Chapter 1 - Introduction to International Arbitration

1. BORN 1-27 (skim only)
2. BORN 27-87 (read)

Relax! It is not as burdensome as it might appear to be. As the author of the casebook has explained, Chapter 1 of the casebook differs from the other chapters in the book - in that it contains no excerpts or materials, and is instead a descriptive overview of the history and legal framework for international arbitration, and international commercial arbitration in particular. This first class is the most theoretical discussion you will hear out of me all semester as I prefer to focus on the things that information you will need to work as a lawyer, and perhaps someday as an arbitrator, in international arbitration.

As such, you will find yourself reading these pages at a much faster pace than later assignments which drill down to the truly important information. In addition, you need not read for memorization, but merely for a broad understanding of the material. Look closely at the syllabus; you will discover that I have endeavored to limit the required reading wherever possible and in certain instances excluded certain excerpts and only ask that you skim certain materials in preparation for the following weeks class.