

First Class Assignment Sec Arb Spring 2018

1. Introduction; What is Arbitration? What Distinguishes It from Litigation? A Brief History of Arbitration; Introduction to the Federal Arbitration Act; Landmark Supreme Court cases upholding the general principles of contemporary arbitration practice.

We will discuss the constitutional and procedural fundamentals of traditional litigation, and then contrast that to alternative dispute resolution (“ADR”), and its roots in traditional arbitration and mediation. We will review the pertinent statutory provisions of the federal law codifying arbitration. More importantly, we will review the Supreme Court landmarks endorsing arbitration as a valid means of dispute resolution.

Materials:

The Federal Arbitration Act, Title 9; *Stolt-Nielsen v. Animalfeeds International*, *American Express Co. v. Italian Colors*, *Concepcion v. AT&T*.

Consult your Course Materials packet, as well as www.sabinolaw.com at the “Articles” tab.