

**INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION – LAW 2875
FALL 2018 SYLLABUS**

21 August – 4 December 2018

Professor Louis A. Russo
lrusso@goldbergsegalla.com
Office: 646-292-8760

FIRST ASSIGNMENT

Chapter 1 - Introduction to International Arbitration

1. BORN 1-87 (skim only)

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 we will have 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 skimming 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.

When you receive 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 week's class.

Lastly, I will do all the talking this class and give a presentation so do not stress too much about this. In addition, I promise the weekly reading assignments will never be a burden to you. I tested my syllabus out last semester, consulted with the students, and tweaked it to make each reading assignment completely manageable.