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## Press Release

### **BIAC Teaming up with the University of Bucharest for the Fifth Romanian Willem C. Vis Pre-moot**

**Bucharest, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018:** The *Bucharest International Arbitration Court – BIAC*, an independent arbitral centre established under the auspices of AmCham Romania, supported the organisation of the fifth Romanian edition of the Pre-moot, in connection with the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Competition.

The event took place between February 23-25, 2018 and was organized in partnership with the *Vindobona Association for the Arbitration Promotion in Romania* and the *University of Bucharest's Faculty of Law*.

As part of the Pre-moot event, BIAC organised an international seminar on topics such as ethics in arbitration and the future in investment arbitration.

*"We are honoured to support the fifth Romanian edition of the Pre-moot and we wish to take this opportunity to thank the international arbitrators who shared their impressive experience both during the conference, and during the competition. We are convinced that the debates were pertinent for the participants, especially for the students, being a solid foundation for their future careers. We congratulate the winners of the competition and the leadership of the Faculty of Law within the University of Bucharest for its special and tremendous support which ensured a tremendously successful event"*, mentioned Dan Vişoiu, BIAC's Secretary General.

*"The collaboration between the University of Bucharest and BIAC allowed the participation of a record number of students and foreign arbitrators in the annual competition organised in Bucharest and I would like to thank BIAC for making this possible. Therefore, the following teams participated in the Pre-Moot: University of Roma Tre (Italy), University of Helsinki (Finland), the Hague University of Applied Sciences (Netherlands), Wyszynski University (Poland), University of Pavia (Italy), the Moldova State University (Moldova), the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (Russia), Nicolae Titulescu University (Romania) and the University of Bucharest (Romania)"*, stated Raluca Papadima, associate professor with the *University of Bucharest* and the President of the *Vindobona Association for the Arbitration Promotion in Romania*.

For further details regarding BIAC and the winners of this edition of the Romanian Pre-moot, please go to <https://bucharestarbitration.org/fifth-romanian-biac-pre-moot/>.

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BIAC aims to assist business persons as well as local and multinational companies doing business in Romania, with respect to the adjudication of all types of contractual disputes between parties which have a presence in Romania, including parties which have concluded contracts in a language other than Romanian

The BIAC's rules of arbitration are based on a combination of "best practices" arising from various international arbitration rules such as UNCITRAL, the LCIA, the ICC and the AAA/ICDR, and by reference therein has adopted the International Bar Association's Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in International Commercial Arbitration and the International Bar Association's Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Commercial Arbitration.

The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot is the largest and most prestigious international private law competition worldwide. It traditionally brings together representatives of the world's most renowned universities. The competition includes an annual version in Vienna (the 25<sup>th</sup> edition) and an annual version in Hong Kong (the 15<sup>th</sup> edition). More than 400 universities around the world take part annually in the Willem C. Vis Moot, including the world's most prestigious universities.

The Faculty of Law team with the University of Bucharest participating in the Willem C. Vis Moot (the Hong Kong and Vienna editions) is comprised of 10 students who work together to prepare all the stages of the two editions of the competition, under the guidance of Ms. Raluca Papadima, attorney, PhD., associate professor with the University of Bucharest.