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Professor Stephen E. Smith
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Re: CIDRA Sponsorship of the Willem C. Vis International Commercial
Arbitration Moot

Dear Stephen:

I should like to thank you and the Chicago International Dispute Resolution Association (CIDRA) for the check signaling your sponsorship of the Eleventh Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

CIDRA has joined a growing number of leading institutions in the field of international commercial arbitration in sponsoring the Moot. I hope that this will also lead a number of the lawyers associated with CIDRA to consider participating in the Moot as arbitrator. I am sure they would enjoy it.

There is a strong possibility that we can use the CIDRA Rules in the 13th Moot in the 2005-2006 academic year as the rules of the arbitration. In the past several years it has been possible to introduce issues into the Moot that have arisen directly out of the rules of the particular sponsoring arbitral institution whose rules we were using that year. That gives a welcome prominence to the institution beyond what normally arises out of sponsorship.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Eric E. Bergsten".

Eric E. Bergsten