

Dear Reader,

We are proud to be launching a new magazine dealing with the practical needs of commercial arbitration. Our target audience consists of arbitrators, advocates, legal advisors, judges adjudicating in post-arbitration proceedings, individuals engaged in foreign trade, politicians and diplomats as well as practitioners and theoreticians of arbitration and mediation proceedings.

Arbitration is becoming increasingly fashionable and popular. More and more young people are wanting to specialize in alternative dispute resolution, and commercial arbitration is becoming a subject of postgraduate studies and courses.

The need has arisen to establish a forum for exchanging ideas and practical experiences. Arbitration is not merely theory and beautiful ideas on amicable dispute resolution; it is, first and foremost, a practical field cultivated by a narrow group of specialists. It is a unique style of legal procedure dealing with business, foreign trade and occasionally even high life and politics. The confidential, discreet and elitist aspects of this type of career make it both unique and attractive. It is time to establish a forum for the best authors, creating a magazine to gather together the hitherto dispersed practical and theoretical ideas on arbitration and offer them up to the reader.

We urge Polish and foreign authors, scholars, practitioners, doctoral candidates and legal trainees to collaborate with us. We will also be publishing texts in foreign languages, promoting Polish arbitration, informing the public of important events, passing comment, giving presentations and teaching.

We shall begin with the "ABC of Arbitration." "The Multilingual Dictionary of Arbitration" (in preparation) and a wealth of other surprises will follow.

Enjoy.

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