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WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

The CI Arb NY Branch is pleased to announce that **Nika Madyoon** is the winner of the *Chartered Institute of Arbitrators New York Branch 2020/21 International Arbitration Writing Competition*.

This marks the third year that the New York Branch has held a student writing competition, which it plans to hold annually as a Spring semester event open to full-time students at law schools located in the CI Arb NY Branch territory consisting of the States of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Ms. Madyoon's article was selected by a distinguished panel of judges comprised of arbitrators the **Honorable Faith S. Hochberg** (ret.), **Steven H. Reisberg** of Chaffetz Lindsey LLP, and David C. Singer of SingerADR Neutral Services, each of whom is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute and member of the New York Branch.

A cash prize of \$5000 is being awarded to **Ms. Madyoon, a JD student at Columbia Law School (Class of 2021)**, for her article, "Virtual Hearings in International Arbitration: Challenges, Solutions, and Threats to Enforcement." The judges remarked:

"Whether one calls it a 'video hearing,' a 'remote hearing,' or a 'live: remote access' hearing, this article is a thoughtful, sophisticated, and comprehensive review of issues related to the use of video hearings in arbitration. The article reflects extensive research and contains citations to a wide variety of sources, which will be of benefit to those who want to delve deeper into the literature. Very well written and well worthy of publication."

In addition to being awarded a cash prize, Ms. Madyoon's article will be considered for potential inclusion in a forthcoming Chartered Institute publication.

The CI Arb NY Branch thanks all students who submitted articles and the competition judges for the generous contribution of their time.

Stephanie Cohen, FCI Arb, NY Branch Chair

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