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## Editor's Preface

In the wake of its title, the first edition of this new book on Amicable Dispute Resolution (ADR)<sup>1</sup> gave rise to similar reactions from the Publisher and a number of readers: they pushed for 'more'.

Kluwer Law International wanted ADR across Countries and Cultures to be spread over the five continents, while readers called for much more on ADR Practice and Issues. As a result, this second volume offers extensive learned analysis and experience as well as broad geographical coverage.

When it comes to genuine out-of-court Dispute 'Resolution', each of the 'A' adjectives figuring in this book – Amicable, Alternative and Appropriate – looks improper because eventually there is no enforcement without judicial assistance. Subject to the angle from which out-of-court action is regarded, each of the A's represents a specific approach of conflict management. 'Appropriate' DR points to holistic party autonomy, 'Alternative' DR is exclusive of traditional litigation<sup>2</sup> and pure 'Amicable' DR (i.e. non-hybrid) simply seeks to settle the dispute.

The feedback generated by the first edition of this book gave direction to extending this second volume in the following areas:

- examining worldwide business needs for efficient DR solutions;
- increasing discussion of the general background and selected related subjects;
- focusing on practice and experiences;
- no 'handbook' approach of ADR techniques and the neutral's role;
- presenting perspectives offered by ADR hybrids;
- discussing transcontinental approaches of ADR regulation and practice.

 <sup>&#</sup>x27;ADR in Business, Practice and Issues across Countries and Cultures' - J.C. Goldsmith, G.H. Pointon and A. Ingen-Housz (eds), Kluwer Law International 2006

<sup>2.</sup> According to the European acception of the ADR acronym: exclusive of litigation and arbitration

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As a rapidly developing practice around the world, ADR calls for an ongoing deployment of information, ideas and propositions, the aim always being to assist the business community in overcoming relational differences in a manageable way. Therefore this book may be styled a collection of intertwined but variegated essays or, in French, 'Mélanges'.

By design, no preliminary cross-confrontation of analyses and opinions among the individual authors has been organized. For the same reason, no cross-references are included in this book, except on the initiative of the contributors.

I wish to thank all of the chapter authors for their generous dedication to the preparation of this book.

The release of this second volume of ADR in Business...' offers an opportunity to pay tribute to two personalities who played a significant role in the opening of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) to modern ADR. The first edition of this book was indeed sequential to the promulgation of the ICC ADR Rules in 2001. Jean Claude Goldsmith, always sensitive to future developments and still active on this front, had launched and as chairman of an ICC Forum persistently promoted – much beyond the duality of resolving disputes through litigation or arbitration – the idea of a spectrum of amicable settlement techniques. The then nearly eighty-year-old Optional Conciliation Rules were accordingly replaced under the late Robert Briner's chairmanship of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. In his foreword to the first edition of this book, Dr Briner emphasized the importance of looking at ADR on its own terms rather than as a substitute to traditional dispute resolution mechanisms. How right he was.

Beyond its numerous learned essays, this volume bears testimony to the growing worldwide role of ADR in business relations. Part V offers a wealth of information and experience, built up in such ADR pioneering continents as Australia and North America or emerging from old origins in Asia and Africa, as well as proof of Latin America's dynamic alignment and, finally, a chapter on ADR harmonization in the European Union launched under the device of 'access to justice'.

Justice for disputes or simply solutions to problems – here is a fascinating field of investigation and practice.

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