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***The winners of the competition, the Brazilian team***

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The 3rd ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition reached a fitting finale on 18 February. After four days of intense competition, teams from the FGV Sao Paulo Law School and the University of California Hastings College of Law were pitted against each other to mediate a complex business deal in one of the finest rounds of mediation the competition has seen.

The Brazilian team comprising Gisela Ferreira Mation, Pedro Fida Fenelon Tibucheski, Daniel Tavela Luis and their coaches Rafael Francisco Alves and Michelle Sanchez Raton came out on top. As winners of the Competition, they were awarded a trophy, internships in ICC's ADR Secretariat, and a year's subscription for each student to the *ICC International Court of Arbitration Bulletin*. In addition, they took away 2,000 euros in prize money and a legal reference book, thanks to the Competition's sponsors: Editions Francis Lefebvre, Fidal International, and Latham and Watkins. All participants received a copy of David Plant's new book [\*We must talk because we can: Mediating International Intellectual Property Disputes\*](#), and the first three teams were each given a subscription to the *International Journal of Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Management*.

At the awards ceremony, congratulations were extended to all finalists for the quality of their performances and their fine demonstration of problem-solving skills. Thanks were also given to the law schools that had taken part in the Competition and the



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many highly-qualified and devoted professionals who had spent several hours mediating and judging. The ceremony was presided by ICC Secretary General Guy Sebban, ICC Dispute Resolution Services Director and Secretary General of the ICC International Court of Arbitration Jason Fry, and the Chairman of the ICC International Court of Arbitration Professor Pierre Tercier. Michael Forbes Smith and Colin Wall, respectively Director General and former President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators were also present at the event.

Inaugurated in 2006, the ICC International Mediation Competition is organized by the ADR division of ICC's Dispute Resolution Services, and enjoys the support of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the American Bar Association. It brings together law schools from all over the world, giving their students an opportunity to test their problem-solving skills in a mock international mediation and to meet with experts from diverse legal and professional backgrounds. The 2008 Competition involved 30 universities from Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Morocco, Singapore, Switzerland, Ukraine, UK and the US.

Competitors are required to act as counsel and parties before professional mediators and to use the ICC ADR Rules to solve the business problems with which they are presented. This year's problems were set by Alan Limbury, Helena De Backer, Mercedes Tarrazon, Phillip Howell Richardson and David Plant.

The Competition has become an annual event and promises to make a key contribution to the education of law students in the field of dispute resolution. ICC's role in this respect was clearly underlined by Professor Tercier in his welcoming address to participants: 'An integral part of our mission at the ICC is to educate the law professional of tomorrow about the full range of dispute resolution mechanisms designed for resolving international business disputes. What better way to do this than through an international competition?'

The provisional dates for the 4th ICC International Mediation Competition in 2009 are 12 to 16 February.

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