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International Arbitration and Artificial Intelligence: Ideas to Improve the Written Phase of Arbitral Proceedings

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This article tracks a speech the author gave in May 2023 at the 38th Annual ICC SIA QMUL Joint Symposium of Arbitrators, which focused on ideas to improve the international arbitration process. Arbitrators frequently complain about written submissions. Their most common complaint is that they are too long. They frequently have a hard time motivating to read them when they come in, if at all. While there is little prospect of written submissions becoming materially shorter, artificial intelligence (AI) may soon revolutionize the speed with which parties can produce them, resulting in proceedings becoming frontloaded. It may also help arbitrators isolate the material legal and factual issues and expedite the preparation of awards. AI is not a substitute for human expertise and judgment, but rather a tool that promises to augment human abilities and allow legal teams and arbitrators to work more efficiently and effectively. If you have yet to familiarize yourself with ChatGPT and the like, you would be well advised to do so sooner rather than later.

I began practicing in international arbitration in 1998. During all these years, I can't remember a time when arbitrators were not complaining about written submissions. I've heard tales of some alleged golden age that existed before photocopying and word processing and email and PDFs when written submissions and their supporting evidence were mercifully brief. Whether we would actually find that period so golden if we teleported there today, I have my doubts. (1) But it hardly matters because we need to deal with the world as we find it now.

Arbitrators' main complaint about written submissions is that they are too long. (2) Many arbitrators have a hard time motivating themselves to read them, much less the witness statements and hundreds of exhibits they often convey. (3) This is a real pity – and somewhat ironic – given how much money parties pay their lawyers to produce them. (4)

To combat this problem, Lucy Reed has proposed the Reed Retreat where the arbitrators gather in advance of the hearing to discuss the issues they'd like the parties to address. (5) The Retreat serves to prod the arbitrator's conscience and encourages every member of the tribunal to read the written submissions in anticipation of the conversation with the other members of the tribunal. (6) That Lucy felt the need to develop such a thing confirms the existence of the problem it addresses – namely, that many arbitrators do not read the written submissions in the case when they come in, if ever. (7)

This is really not good, for a wide variety of reasons. Perhaps most obviously, the tribunal usually has to take numerous decisions along the course of the case – including decisions on document disclosure and a wide variety of interim applications – that should be informed by an understanding of the issues at stake. How the tribunal is able to do this competently, if it's not staying on top of the written submissions from beginning to end, is unclear. (8)

In my view, a lot of the complaints about written submissions are – at bottom – really complaints about the nature of an arbitrator's work. Working as an international arbitrator has many advantages, but it also often requires considering – in detail and very carefully – numerous contested issues, none of which will ever serve as the basis for a Dan Brown novel. They're frequently tedious – sometimes even mind-numbingly so. And it often takes a great many pages and pieces of documentary evidence for counsel to address them diligently. (9)

Arbitrators keep hoping, however, that there are ways to reduce the quantity of pages they need to read. This is a noble goal – and one that I support – even though I think any gains to be made in this area may be marginal for the time being. My own view is that lengthy written submissions and large volumes of evidence are now in the nature of the beast that is international arbitration, at least in high-value, complex cases. I say 'for the time being' because artificial intelligence (or AI) may provide opportunities for material changes in this area. We're not there yet, but 'yet' is probably the operative word.

If you have not already played around with ChatGPT (10) or the like, I encourage you to get a sense of this technology sooner rather than later. (11) I am no expert in this area but you don't need to be Elon Musk to get some idea of where we may be heading.

This technology has the ability to take massive amounts of information – including evidence and legal precedents – and use it to tell stories and build arguments in a matter of seconds. (12) It can do this from any requested viewpoint, in a wide variety of languages and – if you wish – in iambic pentameter. Today, the things it says are not always accurate (13) – in fact, they are often inaccurate (14) – but it's improving itself

constantly. (15) AI never sleeps. As *The Economist* has reported, 'Now barely a day goes by without some mind-blowing advance in this area'. (16)

In international arbitration, the parties usually know what their dispute is about and have the vast bulk of the relevant evidence before the Request for Arbitration is filed. They also usually know the place of arbitration and the law that governs the contract. (17) While ChatGPT is generally not privy to this information – and it's therefore not part of the information on which it has been trained (18) – it's not a stretch to imagine proprietary versions of such technology that would allow law firms to feed in the relevant information and ● produce written submissions and other documents in a flash. (19) This may herald a sea change in our field.

Using AI, claimant's counsel may well soon be able to generate a Statement of Claim and a mock Statement of Defence before filing for arbitration. This would allow the claimant to better consider whether to bring the case at all or whether it might be preferable to reach an amicable settlement before going down that road. This may lead to fewer arbitrations being brought. Those are written submissions that none of us will ever have to read. I'm not sure this would count as an improvement from the arbitrator's standpoint, but it would certainly be an improvement from the parties' perspective. (20)

Perhaps, however, arbitrators should not despair because AI might well cut the other way. *The Economist* hypothesizes that '[i]n an AI-heavy world lawyers will multiply'. (21) In the context of deal making, it quotes a lawyer from Brown Rudnick who says, 'In the 1970s you could do a multi-million-dollar deal on 15 pages because retyping was a pain in the ass', but 'AI will allow us to cover the 1,000 most likely edge cases in the first draft and then the parties will argue over it for weeks'. (22)

In US litigation, there is currently a rule of thumb that there is no point in suing for damages unless you hope to recover at least USD 250,000, since you need to spend that much just to get to court. (23) Now, however, *The Economist* foresees that the 'costs of litigation could fall to close to zero', resulting in parties filing more cases than ever. (24) It is imaginable that AI will soon be used to prepare first drafts of pleadings, motions and other legal documents that can then be refined by lawyers, who will be able to focus more on strategy and less on the rote aspects of the drafting process. (25) ●

The implications of this for arbitration might well be felt from the very outset of the case. Instead of filing a relatively modest Request and Answer, cases may become front-loaded, with parties filing full-fledged Statements of Claim and Statements of Defence at the beginning of the proceedings before the tribunal is even constituted. This would, in my view, count as an improvement, as it would effectively eliminate the Request/Answer phase and materially accelerate the typical first round of submissions. (26) This would allow the tribunal to get into the merits of the case in a meaningful way from the get-go and structure the proceedings accordingly. (27)

As we all know, there is often a document disclosure phase that follows the first exchange of written submissions. (28) Using AI, the parties could then prepare the typical second round of written submissions far more quickly than is now often the case. This again strikes me as an improvement because it should allow the case to get to hearing far sooner. The same would apply for any post-hearing submissions the tribunal might allow. Once the hearing transcripts were input, the parties could generate their post-hearing briefs in a fraction of the time it takes today.

But it's also imaginable that, instead of – or perhaps in addition to – post-hearing briefs, the parties might generate post-hearing draft awards. In the same way that parties in US litigation often prepare a draft of the order they would like the judge to issue, each side might prepare a draft of the award it would like the tribunal to render. Whether this would be an improvement or not, I'm not entirely sure. ●

While such draft awards could help to expedite the tribunal's deliberations and preparation of its own award, they could also tempt arbitrators to shirk their responsibility to analyse and determine the case for themselves. This would be problematic. As Maxi Scherer has explained, AI is not (at present) a substitute for human expertise and judgment. (29) It is rather a tool that promises to augment human abilities and allow legal teams and arbitrators to work more efficiently and effectively. (30) In all events, however, I suspect that many arbitrators might find such draft awards at least as interesting as the post-hearing briefs they receive today. (31)

And given the push to publish awards, (32) it may be that parties will soon be able to expose ChatGPT to enough of them that these draft awards could even be prepared in the style and voice of the president of the tribunal or sole arbitrator. Indeed, ChatGPT can already ghostwrite for Fyodor Dostoevsky, Ernest Hemingway, J.K. Rowling and many other well-known authors. In fact, it's easy to train it to write in the style of any person. It took me only a minute to train it to write like me based on a sample from one of my past articles. (33)

All of the possibilities I've imagined thus far go to how AI might affect the preparation of written submissions. There is still, however, the issue of reading them. Are there ways in which ChatGPT and the like might make submissions easier to read? Here, I regret that my imagination is more limited. It's not immediately obvious to me how AI could make submissions as quick to read as to write. And the increased ease with which the parties

may be able to generate written submissions could lead them to want to produce even more of them. It's hard to see how that would count as an improvement. ●

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I note, however, that during the written-submission phase, certain issues generally come to the fore, while others drop away – either because they are in fact undisputed or end up abandoned due to a lack of legal or evidentiary support. With each exchange of written submissions, the parties may soon be able to use AI to generate for the tribunal a consolidated list of the material issues in dispute with references to the relevant authorities and evidence of each side. Such a consolidated list might be similar to those arbitrators often have experts prepare to highlight points of agreement and disagreement in advance of the hearing. In my view, this would not obviate the need to read the submissions, but it would help the tribunal to focus its attention on the points most in need of consideration. This should save time and cost and therefore constitute an improvement.

A similar device known as a Scott Schedule is actually already in use. The Scott Schedule was originally developed by the Official Referee George Alexander Scott (1862–1933) for use in construction disputes, but it is now used in a wide variety of other cases. (34) It is essentially a table – like a Redfern Schedule – with inputs from both sides, and can be especially useful in cases that concern a large number of piddly claims. (35)

The claimant files the first draft of the Scott Schedule with its Statement of Claim and sets out in tabular form each claimed item and the amount – for example, each disputed invoice or each alleged defect – with references to the relevant evidence in support of the claimant's position. The respondent then updates the Schedule with its position on each item when filing its Statement of Defence. The parties update their respective columns with each exchange of written submissions with a column of the Schedule left open for the tribunal's decision. It's foreseeable that such Schedules will soon likewise be generated in a flash using ChatGPT or the like – along with an AI-generated, comprehensive overview of the main points of contention and the relative strengths and weaknesses of the parties' arguments – allowing the arbitrators to focus their attention directly on the most pivotal aspects of the case. (36)

Such an approach is not altogether dissimilar to the method used in the German courts (and German domestic arbitration) to focus a dispute on the dispositive legal and factual issues, the so-called *Relationstechnik*. (37) Working iteratively with the parties, German judges isolate the material legal issues, then the facts ● material to the resolution of those issues. To the extent a legally relevant fact is undisputed, no evidence is necessary. As to legally relevant facts that are disputed, the judge typically folds a sheet of A4 paper in half vertically – creating two columns – and sets out with respect to each disputed fact the claimant's narrative on the left and the respondent's counternarrative on the right, both with references to the supporting evidence that has been offered. In this way, the judge has a quick overview of the key disputed facts and can focus the hearing on those. (38)

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AI could also be particularly helpful in creating chronologies. Many arbitrators (rightly) insist on having a chronology of the documents and events at issue in the case. Depending on the volume of the evidence – and the level of detail the arbitrators want reflected – these can be time-consuming for the parties or the arbitrators to create and update as the case moves along. It is foreseeable that ChatGPT and similar technologies will soon materially simplify and expedite this process.

This could be especially helpful in cases that involve a series of distinct claims, each of which has its own story and could benefit from its own distinct chronology. This is not uncommon in construction cases where there may be, for example, a claim related to Section A of a power plant, another related to section B of the power plant and yet another related to a service road that connects the power plant to the nearest highway. Each of these claims may revolve around a distinct sub-set of facts and evidence that could be helpfully set out in a chronology to aid the tribunal in considering the circumstances of each claim in a targeted way. As ChatGPT and the like bring down the time and cost associated with their creation, such chronologies should allow the tribunal to isolate and understand the facts material to each claim more quickly, expediting their analysis and resolution of the case as a whole.

Now, to the extent anyone has been listening to me go on about ChatGPT and thinking that all of this sounds far-fetched, please know that I have actually created written submissions using ChatGPT. And I did it in the manner I've imagined here. I took the factual background from a mock ICDR arbitration seated in New York and copied it into ChatGPT. One of the issues in the mock case concerns whether the tribunal has jurisdiction over one of the parties – a man named Benjamin Lee from Ruritania – who is not a named party in the contract containing the arbitration clause.

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I asked ChatGPT to prepare a legal submission arguing that the tribunal had jurisdiction over Benjamin Lee. Then I asked it to prepare one arguing that the ● tribunal did not have jurisdiction over Benjamin Lee. And then I asked it to revise the latter submission and present it to me as a poem in iambic pentameter. It did all these things in a matter of seconds. I confess that I found the poem most persuasive:

In the realm of law, where rules abide,

We raise a plea, a claim to confide.
 Benjamin Lee, a man distinct and true,
 Bears not the burden of this feud anew.
 Privity of contract, the steadfast guide,
 Restrains the tribunal's reach so wide.
 No signature of Lee on parchment's face, No mention within this Agreement's embrace.
 'The Parties', it states, with words precise,
 Doth signify the signatories' device.
 Lee stands apart, a stranger to their pact,
 With no intent to join their legal act.
 In New York's realm, where arbitration's sought,
 Lee finds no connection, no tether he ought.
 A foreign land, Ruritania's his abode,
 To its courts, jurisdiction's bestowed. ●

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