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In Memory of Professor Hans Smit

Volume 4 of the *Yearbook on Arbitration and Mediation* is dedicated to the memory of Professor Hans Smit, long-time Columbia Law School professor and pillar of the international litigation and arbitration community. Professor Smit, was the father of “fast-track” arbitration and, more recently, of consultative relationships between parties and the arbitrators. He founded the *American Review of International Arbitration* and, with Vrat Pechota, constructed the 8-volume work entitled, *The Smit Guides to International Arbitration*. He was an exceptional man who made a remarkable and singular contribution to law teaching and the development of arbitration.