

Book Review: 'Taming the Guerrilla in International Commercial Arbitration' (2022, by Navin G Ahuja)

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There is a growing concern over the use of guerrilla tactics in international commercial arbitration. These tactics, which involve various forms of disruptive behaviour and procedural gamesmanship, can lead to increased costs, delays, and uncertainty in the arbitral process. The use of such tactics can also undermine the legitimacy and effectiveness of international arbitration as a means of resolving disputes. In light of these concerns, Dr Navin G. Ahuja's book 'Taming the Guerrilla in International Commercial Arbitration' is a valuable contribution to the field. This book offers a new and insightful viewpoint on the use of guerrilla tactics within the realm of international commercial arbitration. The author meticulously examines a diverse range of tactics employed, both prior to and during the Covid-19 pandemic, and proffers practical solutions to counteract these practices that are in line with the principle of party autonomy. This book is sure to evoke contemplation and impart a wealth of knowledge.

The author of this book, Dr Navin G. Ahuja, holds the position of Practice Development Manager at Pinsent Masons MPillay LLP, where he lends his expertise to the firm's international arbitration practice. As a recognised authority in international arbitration and dispute resolution, Dr Ahuja has honed his acumen through both academic and professional avenues. After earning his doctorate, which focused on guerrilla tactics in international commercial arbitration, he has become a noteworthy figure for his contributions to the field. In the preface of the book, he has stated:

'[t]he purpose of this book is inter alia to provide a step-by-step analysis of the topic from the definition all the way to the methods that could be used to curb the use of guerrilla tactics. Hopefully, the book can serve as a reference for future arbitration-related initiatives and be a companion to anyone interested in guerrilla tactics in international commercial arbitration or even just the field of international arbitration.'¹

The book is divided into nine chapters and is part of the 'International Law and the Global South' book series, which endeavours to advance a nuanced perspective

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¹ Navin G Ahuja, 'Taming the Guerrilla in International Commercial Arbitration' (2022, Springer Singapore), pp. 1-323.