

Robert Parker Files Amicus Brief with U.S. Supreme Court on Behalf of International Arbitration Center in Tokyo (IACT)

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Partner Robert Parker filed an amicus brief with the United States Supreme Court on behalf of International Arbitration Center in Tokyo (IACT). The case, *ZF Automotive US, Inc. v. Luxshare, Ltd.*, involves a U.S. statute, 289 U.S.C. § 1782, that allows U.S. courts to order discovery for use in a proceeding before a “foreign or international tribunal.” The question before the Supreme Court is whether a private arbitration falls in the category of a “foreign or international tribunal.” IACT says yes, but also points out that the statute sets other limits on the court’s discretion to order U.S.-style discovery in support of a foreign proceeding. A copy of the brief can be found on the Supreme Court’s docket [here](#).

IACT was organized in 2018 under the auspices of the Japanese Patent Office and Professor Katsuya Tamai at the University of Tokyo. IACT provides a forum for the arbitration and mediation of international disputes at the intersection of commerce and technology. IACT’s leadership includes former judges from the United States, China, Japan, Korea, Europe, Australia, and South America. The retired U.S. judges involved in IACT are former circuit, district, and administrative law judges, including former Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit, Randall Rader. The retired Japanese judges include Judges Ryuichi Shitara, Toshiaki Iimura, Ryoichi Mimura, and Misao Shimizu. The retired Korean judges include Judges Seongsoo Park and Kijoong Kang.

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