

## **Bahrain Pre-Moot**

Comments by Vikki Rogers, Director of the Institute of International Commercial Law and former colleague of Professor Albert H. Kritzer:

The Institute of International Commercial Law celebrates all of you for coming together for the inaugural Middle East Pre-Vis Moot and are deeply honored to know that the memory of our colleague Albert H. Kritzer will be preserved through the tribute of the Albert H. Kritzer Bridge of Friendship award.

I had the privilege of working with Professor Kritzer at the time he conceived the idea for this pre-moot and watched him spend countless hours developing the framework and possibility for this moot to take place. Professor Kritzer believed that harmonized international commercial law is one of the primary vehicles for establishing peace between nations and dedicated the latter years of his life to develop programs to help achieve this objective throughout the world.

This pre-moot was the very last project he worked on before his passing and no project could have been more suitable given his objectives. For a myriad of reasons, the Middle East is in a profound, historical period of transition. This pre-moot will provide unique opportunities in your growth and development as international commercial law experts. Take advantage of this training to the greatest extent possible as the knowledge and tools you acquire can have a profound future impact on the course of development within your region and the world. You are the next generation and have the ability to use harmonized international commercial law to peacefully bridge gaps and foster stability amongst trading partners of the world.

In the memory of Professor Kritzer, we thank you for your participation, dedication and all your hard work.