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Victoria is a Knowledge Management Lawyer in the International Arbitration team. She is responsible for the development of the knowledge management and training strategy within the International Arbitration Group.

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The Law Commission of England and Wales has concluded its review of the Arbitration Act 1996. In our International Arbitration Survey 2022, we canvased views on the potential areas for reform of the Act. On 6 September, the Law Commission published a final report setting out its conclusions and recommendations for the reform together with a draft Arbitration Bill. The headline point is that the new Act will not contain any dramatic changes. A common refrain during the consultation process was that the 1996 Act was fundamentally sound and there was no need for a fundamental re-draft. Instead, the focus has been on incremental improvements to the Act to ensure that it remains "state of the art" and "continues to support London's world-leading role in international arbitration." Here is a summary of what we can expect to see in a new Arbitration Act.

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