

## **Second Study Commission**

### **Civil Law and Procedure**

#### **66th Annual Meeting of the IAJ – Cape Town (South Africa)**

#### **Questionnaire 2024**

#### **Written submissions – when do they turn from a help to a hindrance?**

In Taipei, Taiwan, we decided that in 2024, our Second Study Commission will focus on how written submissions in civil litigations can turn from a help to a hindrance and whether there are limits on written submissions in our various jurisdictions. If so, what these limits include.

We have limited the questionnaire to six questions and expect to receive short but concise answers. The questions are as follows:

1. Are there limits for written submissions in civil litigations in your jurisdiction in terms of the maximum length?
2. Are there time limits for filing written submissions?
3. Are there limits in terms of a maximum number of additional submissions in a case?
4. Are there rules, including penalties or cost implications, for breaches of these requirements?
5. Are these limits or requirements effective in terms of reducing the number and length of written submission and the time spent preparing for and determining a case?
6. What is the effect of written submissions on any hearing which subsequently takes place?
7. Comments or suggestions as to what could otherwise prove to be effective