



North America Branch

**Virtual
Accelerated Route to Fellowship
(International Arbitration)
Assessment Course**

**November 7 & 8 and
November 14 & 15, 2024
Plus Exam**

**Zoom via Internet
Over Four Half-Day Sessions**

Presented and Organized by:

**The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
North America Branch**

Venue: Remote Video Conference

Course Schedule

**Thursday, November 7 – 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., EST
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Nine interactive breakout workshops PLUS three plenary sessions explore the challenges of organizing and managing a complex international arbitration and the drafting of an enforceable reasoned international award.

Presented in Cooperation with



Testimonial: Noah Hanft - former President & CEO, CPR; Co-Founder AcumenADR

"This course was one of the most valuable and rewarding programs I have ever attended. It was rich in substance and, at the same time, conveyed how to practically apply substantive learnings. The workshop/interactive structure makes this program both fun and practical. I particularly appreciated the problems presented because they are real, and finding solutions required not only an understanding of the applicable rules and law, but the exercise of sound judgment. In sum, this course provides the thought processes to resolve and document the complex issues that arise during an international arbitration and when drafting an enforceable reasoned award. I can truly say it made me a better arbitrator."

Internationally Renowned Faculty



Orlando F. Cabrera C., FCI Arb: Having studied law in Canada, Mexico, and the United States of America, and fluent in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French, Orlando counsels companies, governments, and corporate investors in international dispute resolution. With more than 15 years of experience, Orlando draws on his deep understanding of complex domestic and international disputes to effectively represent clients in ICSID, ICC, ICDR, LCIA, UNCITRAL, CANACO and Arbitration Center of Mexico (CAM) arbitrations. Orlando is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) and former Board Secretary of CI Arb's North American Branch (NAB), a listed arbitrator by the Tashkent International Arbitration Centre (TIAC), the Arbitration Center of the Lima Chamber of Commerce, the International Center for Conciliation and Arbitration, the Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission, and the Panama Conciliation and Arbitration Centre, Vice president to the ICC Mexico Investment Arbitration Committee, an ICC Mexico Delegate to the ICC World Commission on Arbitration and ADR, former ICC Committee Member on the Proposal of Arbitrators. He teaches investment arbitration at Universidad Iberoamericana and previously served as a legal intern in the New York State Supreme Court.



Joan Stearns Johnsen, FCI Arb: Joan has over thirty years' experience resolving disputes as an arbitrator and mediator. She has a diverse commercial practice with particular expertise in financial matters including trading, banking, and mergers and acquisitions. Joan is an active member of the dispute resolution community. She is a past Chair of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution, the Vice Chair of the Mediation Committee of the International Bar Association, a member of the Council of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution ("CPR"), and an academic Board Member of the Miami International Arbitration Society. Joan is also an experienced trainer and teacher. She is the Director of the Institute for Dispute Resolution at the University of Florida Levin College of Law where she teaches international arbitration, arbitration, mediation, and negotiation. Joan also conducts corporate trainings and participates on dispute resolution programs and publishes regularly on a range of dispute resolution issues, including best practices in arbitration and mediation



Marcus Quintanilla, FCIArb: Marcus Quintanilla serves as arbitrator, mediator, and counsel in domestic and international disputes – primarily in the construction, energy, and technology sectors. He handles cases in English and Spanish and is experienced in both Common Law and Civil Law. He maintains arbitration chambers in San Francisco, Houston, and Miami. Marcus is on the arbitrator rosters of the ICDR, the AAA’s Commercial and Construction divisions, the Energy Disputes Arbitration Center in Ankara, Turkey, and the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB International). He teaches international arbitration at UC Davis Law School and serves in a range of professional groups. Marcus graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School and was formerly a partner in the Global Disputes practice of Jones Day. Alongside his current work as a neutral, Marcus is Of Counsel at Umberg Zipser LLP, where he represents clients in arbitration and cross-border litigation matter..



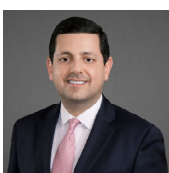
Harshitha Ram, FCIArb: Harshitha Ram is an international disputes attorney, arbitrator, and mediator in domestic U.S and international arbitration and mediation. Ram has served as the sole arbitrator for several hundreds of cases including large and intricate cases valued over USD 15 million. She was one of the youngest arbitrators approved as the Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London (2010). Ram also serves as an adjunct professor of law at Michigan State University and North Eastern Illinois University. She has served on for AAA-ICDR, National Mediation Board, FINRA, American Health Law Association, Asian International Arbitration Center, Bali International Arbitration & Mediation Center, among others. Her legal training spans three jurisdictions—USA, India, and the UK, and she is admitted to practice law in Illinois, USA and India. Ram holds an honors degree in law and a Master of Laws with a specialization in Dispute Resolution from the University of South Wales. Recognized for her expertise, she frequently speaks at national and international conferences, ADR forums, law schools, and ADR groups. She further chairs the ADR Section of the Detroit Bar Association and as the Publications Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the American Bar Association. Ram has been elected as the ICC-YAAF representative for the North America Region for the 2024–2026 mandate.



Peter Rosen, FCIArb: Peter Rosen retired from Latham & Watkins at the end of 2018 and then joined JAMS where he mediates and arbitrates both international and domestic disputes. Mr. Rosen currently teaches International Commercial Arbitration Law and Advocacy at UCLA Law School and taught insurance law at USC Gould School of Law and Pepperdine University School of Law for more than a decade. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Fellow in the American College of Coverage Counsel, a Fellow in the College of Commercial Arbitrators, an Accredited Mediator through the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution and a Certified ARIAS Arbitrator.



Jerome Roth, FCIArb: Jerry Roth brings 40 years of cross-border and international litigation, arbitration and mediation experience to his arbitrator and mediation practice as principal of Roth Global Law/Arb. He also heads up FedArb’s European desk. As a partner with Munger, Tolles & Olson for 27 years, he led complex international litigation and arbitration matters for international companies and individual clients. Jerry is fluent in Spanish and French, and has worked in German, Italian and Portuguese. Jerry holds a JD from Harvard University and a French-language LLM in European business law from the University of Paris. In 2019-2020, Jerry served as President of the Paris-based Union Internationale des Avocats, the world’s oldest international lawyer’s association.



Harout Jack Samra, FCIArb: Harout Samara is a Miami-based attorney in DLA Piper’s international arbitration, litigation and investigations practice groups. A Board Certified Specialist in International Law, he focuses his practice on international dispute resolution and arbitration matters. Harout has represented clients from both the public and private sectors, including foreign governments and clients from the energy,

insurance, banking, finance, manufacturing, aviation and hospitality industries. He has experience in international arbitrations administered under the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), JAMS, Bogota Chamber of Commerce (CCB), and International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) arbitration rules. Harout is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Miami School of Law. He also received B.A. (cum laude) and M.B.A. degrees from the University of Miami. Harout is a Lecturer in the University of Miami School of Law's White & Case International Arbitration LL.M. Program and frequently writes and lectures on arbitration and litigation topics. He currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Miami International Arbitration Society (MIAS).



Program Director – John B. Pinney, FCI Arb: John is the senior lawyer at Bricker Graydon in Cincinnati. His practice is focused on international business disputes, including litigation of such disputes in U.S. courts and international arbitrations in the United States and in many countries throughout the world. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, teaches International Commercial Arbitration at the University of Cincinnati and coaches the Cincinnati team that competes in the Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot. John also frequently speaks on international arbitration at programs throughout the world. In addition, he is active with the American Bar Association and has recently completed service on its Standing Committee for the Federal Judiciary that evaluates and rates all U.S. federal judge nominees.

Venue: Remote Video Conference

The program will be conducted virtually over a Zoom platform. All participants will receive a Zoom link and information regarding Zoom use prior to the program.

Accelerated Route to Fellowship (International Arbitration) Assessment

The Accelerated Route to Fellowship program is designed for senior practitioners in the field of dispute resolution, ordinarily with 10 years of experience in complex litigation and/or international dispute resolution. It is a qualification program; *not* a fundamentals training program. Successful completion of the program permits participants to apply to become Fellows of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, which allows the use of the designation FCI Arb.

The program focuses on applicable laws and procedures for the conduct of efficient arbitration hearings in complex international cases. The program is comprised of three elements:

1. Oral Assessment

This element of the Accelerated Route to Fellowship Programme consists of two days of workshops (4 days of the program is via remote video conference) based on a case study of a dispute. Each participant is assessed on their knowledge, judgment and self-presentation during discussion of a series of problems arising during a mock complex international arbitration and role play simulations.

2. Written Assessment

Written assignments will be part of the assessment process during the workshop portion of the program. One of the written assignments will be prepared in advance of the workshops and will be collected via email early on the first day of the workshops.

3. Award Writing Examination

This element consists of a written, open book examination in which an award must be written and fully reasoned based on the evidence in an arbitration proceeding. The exam is administered as part of this program. To receive a passing grade, the award must meet international standards for enforcement. The exam administration and assessment fee is included in the tuition fee for the program.

Following successful completion of the three elements described above, candidates may schedule a Peer Interview. There will be a separate charge for the Peer Interview: it is not included in the tuition fee of this program.

Who Should Attend? You are a practicing lawyer or arbitrator with substantial complex litigation and/or dispute resolution experience (10 years minimum). For further information regarding one's qualification to participate in the program, please contact John Pinney, Program Director (jpinney@brickergraydon.com).

Assessment. There is continual assessment throughout the workshop portion of the program, written submittals, and award writing exam.

Assessment Result. Successfully passing the oral and written assessments during the workshop portion of the program allows the candidate to take the Award Writing Examination. Successful completion of the Award Writing Examination and (separate) Peer Review Interview allows the candidate to apply for Fellow status (for full details of route to Fellowship, please visit the CIARB website www.ciarb.org). Candidates may apply for Associate CIARB membership with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators at any time.

Frequently Asked Questions

What will happen during the oral assessment portion of the program?

You will be in small groups with two or more assessors. You will be given a case study comprising a commercial contract and a set of facts describing the events which lead to a dispute between a number of parties. During the assessment workshops, various situations or problems which might arise during an international arbitration will be put to you and you will discuss how you would deal with them. There are also written and role play exercises.

What grade of membership will I be entitled to?

You may apply as an Associate member of the CIARB at any time. If you pass the oral and written assessments during the workshop portion of the Accelerated Route to Fellowship program, and are not already a Member of the CIARB, you will be entitled to apply for Member status. This applies whether you sit for and pass the Award Writing Exam or not. Applying for Member status as soon as possible is encouraged as all persons applying for Fellow status must first be Members of the Institute.

If you do not pass the oral and written assessment portion of workshop portion of the Accelerated Route to Fellowship program, you will not be permitted to take the Award Writing Exam.

If you do not pass the Award Writing Exam, you will not be permitted to proceed to the Peer Interview process for Fellowship status.

If you successfully pass the workshop portion of the Accelerated Route to Fellowship program as well as the Award Writing Exam, you will be able to schedule a Peer Interview. There will be a separate charge for the Peer Interview process: it is not included in the tuition cost of this program. Following



successful completion of the Peer Interview you may apply to upgrade your membership level from Member to Fellow status.

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Timing and Scheduling

The course will commence at 10:00 a.m. Thursday morning, Eastern U.S. Time, on November 7, 2024 and continue on Friday, November 8, at the same time. The course will then continue on Thursday, November 14, and Friday, November 15, at the same start time. Each session will end at approximately 3:30 p.m. The award writing examination will proceed as described below.

Workshops

**Thursday, November 7, 2024 - 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., EST
Friday, November 8, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., EST
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Award Writing Exam

Candidates will be required to write a reasoned international arbitration award. Candidates will have 48 hours to write their award at any time they wish during a five-day period starting on November 20, 2024, and ending on November 24, 2024.

Cost

Tuition is \$2,300

\$300 discount available for current members of CIArb, JAMS, ABA Section of Dispute Resolution and the CPR Institute, including CPR neutrals.

**Registration Though North America Branch Website
www.ciarbnab.com**

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Cancellation: You may freely substitute someone from your organization until the Monday before the Training. A cancellation fee of \$250 will be charged if cancellation is received prior to October 28, 2024; tuition will not be refunded if cancellation is received after that date. However, the fee paid may be applied to a future NAB course or program.

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