



North America Branch

**The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Accelerated Route to Fellowship
(International Arbitration)
Assessment Courses**

**In Person
Miami, Florida
November 9 & 10, 2023 Plus Exam
Courses Conducted in English**



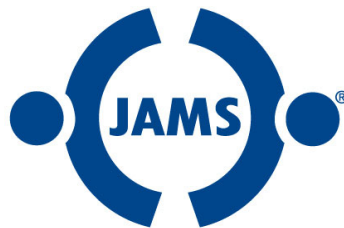
Venue:

**JAMS MIAMI RESOLUTION CENTER
600 Brickell Avenue, Suite 2600, Miami, Florida**

***Presented and Organized by:
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Seven 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

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The Course is scheduled at the beginning of the Miami International Arbitration Week and just prior to the 2023 ICC Miami Conference on International Arbitration being held on November 12 – 14, 2023.

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

"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

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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



Gary Birnberg, FCIArb: Gary serves as a mediator, arbitrator, and settlement negotiator in a diverse array of complex commercial matters, both internationally and domestically. His ADR practice is concentrated on business and commercial, aviation, insurance/reinsurance, financial markets, and intellectual property disputes. Prior to joining JAMS, Gary spent 20 years providing strategic and business consulting services to companies in a wide variety of industries, including aviation, technology and communications, energy, life sciences, sports and entertainment, and maritime, among others. Through his work consulting with companies on global business initiatives, such as creating and executing distribution expansion strategies, Gary has garnered a strong understanding of the needs of businesses facing cross-border disputes. His business experience, multi-lingual capabilities, and negotiation skills make him uniquely qualified to resolve matters involving international issues. Gary is a U.S. citizen and permanent resident of Brazil, fluent in English, French, and Portuguese with conversational capacity in Italian and Spanish.



Maria Christina Cardines, FCIArb: Cristina focuses her practice on international arbitration and commercial litigation. She is a native Spanish speaker with experience representing clients in a variety of complex international arbitrations and business disputes. Cristina has served as counsel before the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), the American Arbitration Association (AAA), and the Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission (IACAC), among others. She serves as adjunct professor at the University of Miami teaching International Arbitration in Latin America. She is a member of the U.S. Delegation to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a former Chair of the Miami International Arbitration Society (MIAS) and currently serves as a Member of the ABA Center for Human Rights. Cristina has received numerous professional recognitions, including, among others being “Highly Recommended” by *Latin Lawyer 250 – Arbitration 2023*, ranked as a Future Leader for Arbitration in the Global Guide, *Who’s Who Legal: Arbitration 2021*, ranked in *Chambers Global* for Latin America-wide Arbitration (International) 2020-2022, selected International Arbitration Lawyer of the Year for Miami *The Best Lawyers in America*© (2022), and ranked by *Latinvex* as one of Latin America’s Top 100 Female Lawyers.



Gaela Gehring Flores, FCIArb: Gaela Gehring Flores is a partner of Allen & Overy and co-director of the Americas International Disputes practice. Gaela draws on decades of experience representing multinational corporations and sovereign states in international commercial and investment arbitrations. Gaela’s experience includes more than 60 high-stakes international disputes before the world’s leading arbitral institutions, as well as litigation and appellate proceedings before U.S. federal courts. Gaela advises clients on a broad range of disputes, including energy, infrastructure, intellectual property, life sciences, natural resources, construction, transportation, and government contracts. Gaela also provides legal services to private sector and sovereign clients on investment protection, enforcement of arbitral awards, effective contractual dispute resolution clauses, and a variety of public international law issues. Gaela’s practice capitalizes on her broad experience and her native Spanish skills and bicultural background. Gaela serves as Co-Chair of the District of Columbia Bar International Dispute Resolution Committee and co-hosts the popular DC Bar podcast *The Tea on International Arbitration*. Gaela has been recognized as a leading practitioner in Chambers Latin America, Chambers Global,

and Chambers USA, Legal 500, Global Arbitration Review, Who's Who Legal, and Latin Lawyer 250, among others.



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.



James (Jim) Reiman, FCI Arb: Jim is the past chair of the North America Branch of the CI Arb. He is an arbitrator and mediator of complex domestic and international commercial disputes and serves as a director on the boards of public and private companies. He has 18 years' experience as a trial and commercial transactions attorney practicing in Chicago, IL law firms followed by 20+ years as CEO, chairman and board director of public and private companies in the US, UK and China. In addition to his ADR and board work, Mr. Reiman is a member of the faculty of the University of Oxford's Oxford Programme on Negotiation and a Board Leadership Fellow of the National Association of Corporate Directors. He is the author of the award-winning book *Negotiation Simplified: A Framework and Process for Improving Negotiating Results*, Herndon, VA., Amplify Publishing (2022).



Cecilia Flores Rueda, FCI Arb: Cecilia after collaborating in large national and international law firms, founded her own dispute resolution boutique (2015), where she participates as arbitrator and counsel in complex and large-scale cases. Leveraging her extensive career in international arbitration, she founded Real Hearing (2019), a full-service company for arbitration hearings. She obtained a Law Degree with honors from the *Universidad Panamericana* (1999). At said University she also completed postgraduate studies in International Trade Law (2020). She obtained her Master's Degree in International Law with honors, at the *Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey* (2005). As a Folssom Scholarship recipient, she attended the Center for American and International Law's Academy for American and International Law in Dallas, TX (2008). She has completed several diplomas and has obtained certifications in subjects such as: (i) Energy from the *Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México* (2018); (ii) Anti-Corruption by the International Chamber of Commerce (2019); and (iii) Valuation of Companies by the *Club Español del Arbitraje* (2022). She successfully passed the Specialization Course in Administrative Law for Arbitrators (2019) and is currently taking the State Contracting Course, both taught by the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP). She has been recognized as one of the best lawyers, in Chambers Latin America, Leaders League and Who's Who Legal, in the categories of International Arbitration and Litigation. In 2014, Cecilia was awarded by the Inter-American Arbitration Commission (CIAC) for her outstanding career in arbitration and in 2022 by the Court of Arbitration of Madrid and the

Asociación de Mujeres Empresarias of Madrid. Also in 2022, the *Foro Jurídico* magazine recognized her as one of the Most Influential Lawyers in Mexico.



Mauricio Gomm Santos, FCI Arb: Mauricio Gomm Santos serves as counsel, and predominantly as arbitrator in arbitration proceedings before major international providers in the field of commercial contracts in general. He also serves as a mediator. Mr. Gomm Santos is admitted to practice law in Brazil, New York, and, as Foreign Legal Consultant, in Florida. He serves as an expert witness in matters regarding Brazilian law before arbitral tribunals and judicial courts. He holds an LL.M. in Private Law at the Federal University of Paraná, Brazil (1985), an LL.M from Queen Mary University of London with a focus on International Commercial Arbitration (1993), and an LL.M from the University of Miami, School of Law in International Comparative Law (2006). Adjunct professor at the University of Miami, School of Law, teaching "Arbitration in Latin America" from 2007 to 2010. Visiting Professor at PUC/Sao Paulo and PUC/Paraná teaching classes on International Arbitration in post-graduate courses. He served as an international arbitration academic expert in several meetings with Supreme Court Justices in the Americas and the Caribbean, at the request of the Organization of American States.



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.

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 based on a case study of a dispute. Each participant is assessed on his/her 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 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. 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.



Timing and Scheduling **COVID Testing**

The Courses begin at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, November 9, at the Jams Miami Resolution Center, 600 Brickell Ave., Suite 2600, Miami, Florida, and at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 10. The award writing examination will proceed as described below.

Attendees are required to take a Self-Administered COVID test within 48 hours of the beginning of the Course (and immediately again should symptoms develop) and report to the Program Director at jpinney@brickergraydon.com that they have done so. Anyone testing positive will not be permitted to take the course.

Workshops

Thursday, November 9, 2023 – 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Friday, November 10, 2023 - 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Reception & Dinner

There will be a cocktail reception and dinner for Candidates and Faculty on Thursday evening, November 9, 2023, at a location to be determined in downtown Miami. The cost of this reception / dinner is included in your tuition fee.

Also, a light breakfast, lunch and beverages/snacks will be provided on both Thursday and Friday at no costs to our attendees.

Examination

Participants will be required to write a reasoned international arbitration award. They will have 48 hours to write their award at any time they wish during the five-day period starting on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, and ending on Monday, November 20, 2023.

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We are anticipating strong demand for this program and would ask that you register at the earliest possible date.

Registration is limited!

Fees

USD \$2,250 – United States Dollars

USD \$300 Discount Available for Current CIArb Members

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Cancellation: You may freely substitute someone from your organization until the Monday before the Training. A cancellation fee of USD \$250 will be charged if cancellation is received prior to November 6, 2023; 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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