



## Accelerated Route to Fellowship (International Arbitration) Assessment

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**In-Person – Austin, Texas**  
**June 12 & 13, 2023 Plus Exam**



**MCGINNIS LOCHRIDGE**

**Presented and  
Organized by:**

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

**Venue:**

**McGinnis Lochridge, Austin, TX**

**Five interactive workshops PLUS three plenary sessions explore the challenges of organizing and managing a complex international arbitration and the drafting of an enforceable reasoned award**



**Members and Attendees at the Annual Meeting of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration in Austin on June 14-16, 2023, receive a \$200 discount.**

**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**



**David E. Harrell Jr., FCI Arb:** David is Co-Chair of Locke Lord’s Litigation Department and chairs the Firm’s International Arbitration practice group. He practices out of the firm’s Houston, TX office. David has extensive first and second-chair trial and arbitration experience in the areas of energy litigation, commercial litigation and land use/permitting litigation. David’s energy litigation experience includes representations of operators, producers, transporters, marketers and royalty owners. He has litigated contract disputes, royalty disputes, environmental claims, throughput and processing claims, and permitting claims, both onshore and offshore. His commercial litigation resume includes representations of plaintiffs and defendants in contract disputes, fiduciary relations issues, usury claims, real estate litigation, fraud, securities collection, deceptive trade practices, Lanham Act and first party insurance defense.



**John B. Pinney, FCI Arb:** John is a senior trial lawyer at BrickerGraydon 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, including most recently on the Supreme Court’s decision in the ZF Automotive case regarding Section 1782 and obtaining evidence in U.S. courts for use in international arbitrations. In addition, he is active with the American Bar Association’s Litigation, International Law and Dispute Resolutions Sections and has recently completed service on the ABA’s Standing Committee for the Federal Judiciary which evaluates and rates all U.S. federal judge nominees.



**Ann Ryan Robertson, FCI Arb:** Ann Ryan Robertson is the past President of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. An International Partner in Locke Lord LLP’s Houston office, Ms. Robertson serves as both arbitrator and counsel in international and domestic arbitrations in a variety of complex business disputes across a number of industries. She is a member of the panel of neutrals for the ICDR, HKIAC, AIAC, KCAB, and BVI\_IAC. As counsel, she appears as an advocate, designs dispute resolution mechanisms, enforces arbitral awards, and advises and negotiates settlements. Ms. Robertson is a member of the Council of the American Arbitration Association, a member of the U.S. delegation to the NAFTA Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes and a past member of the International Chamber of Commerce Commission on Arbitration. She is also an Adjunct Professor at the



University of Houston Law Center and for the past 18 years has coached its Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot team.



**David E. Sharp, FCI Arb:** David is the current Chair of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrator’s North America Branch. He is the principal of the Law Offices of David E. Sharp P.L.L.C.. Previously, David was a partner at one of Houston's largest law firms and practiced at several firms during which has handled a wide variety of litigation and arbitration matters ranging from workers comp to antitrust, securities, energy and complex commercial litigation. His experience also includes toxic torts, numerous construction disputes, insurance coverage matters, contract disputes, breach of fiduciary duty claims, legal malpractice, representation of securities broker dealers, and representation of plaintiffs and defendants in personal injury cases, including a long running case involving the death or injury of numerous people in a foreign country, application of a foreign country’s law in a state court, and taking of testimony via letters rogatory proceedings in a foreign country.



**William Wood, FCI Arb:** Willie is a partner in the Houston offices of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP where he concentrates his practice on defense and prosecution of U.S. and international commercial business litigation and arbitration cases, with an emphasis on energy industry matters. Willie’s active trial, arbitration and litigation practice includes numerous cases of domestic and international origin. He has prosecuted and defended claims involving breach of contract, tortious interference, state and federal antitrust, common law and statutory fraud, misappropriation of trade secrets, negligent misrepresentation, business disparagement, state and federal securities actions, product liability, nuisance, trespass, conversion, insurance coverage, corporate governance, breach of fiduciary duty, shareholder oppression and *qui tam*.



**Program Director – James (Jim) Reiman, FCI Arb:** Mr. Reiman 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).

## Venue

In Person – Austin, TX USA

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**Austin, TX 78703**

Office Locations: Austin, Dallas, Decatur, Houston, McAllen

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

The Accelerated Route to Fellowship program is designed for senior practitioners in the field of 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, the highest grade of CI Arb membership 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 if the program is via remote video conference) 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 with substantial complex litigation and/or dispute resolution experience (10 years minimum is typical). For further information regarding one's qualification to participate in the program, please contact Jim Reiman, Program Director (jreiman@ReimanADR.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 CI Arb website



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www.ciarb.org). Candidates may apply for Associate CI Arb 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 CI Arb 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 CI Arb, 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**

The program will commence at 8:00 a.m. Monday morning, June 12, 2023 (workshops will commence at 9:00) and will conclude at approximately 5:30 PM on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. The award writing examination will proceed as described below.

**There will be a cocktail reception and dinner for Candidates and Faculty on Monday, June 12, 2023** at a location to be determined near McGinnis Lochridge's offices. The cost of this reception / dinner is included in your tuition fee. A light breakfast, lunch, and beverages/snacks will be provided on Friday and Saturday by our host McGinnis Lochridge at no cost to our attendees.

### **Workshops**

**Monday, June 12, 2023**

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.



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**Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Award Writing Exam**

**Participants will be required to write a reasoned award. They will have 48 hours to write their award at anytime they wish during the period June 17 - 21, 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!****

**PROGRAM REGISTRATION**

[\*\*Click Here\*\*](#)

**Fees**

**Accelerated Route to Fellowship Program registration fee:**

**\$2,250.00 – United States Dollars**

***Existing CI Arb members will receive a \$300 discount***

***Existing ITA members and attendees at the ITA Annual Meeting will receive a \$200 discount***

**Cancellation:** You may freely substitute for someone from your organization until the Friday before the Training. A cancellation fee of US\$ 250 will be charged if cancellation is received prior to May 15, 2023; tuition will not be refunded if cancellation is received after that date. However, the fee paid may be applied to a future program.

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**Hotel Information**

There are many hotels near the venue with a wide range in price and luxury. The CI Arb has not arranged special hotel pricing for participants. Below are several hotels within walking distance of McGinnis Lochridge's offices:

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### **Canopy by Hilton Austin Downtown**

604 W 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

### **JW Marriott Austin**

110 E 2nd St, Austin, TX 78701

### **The Westin Austin Downtown**

310 E 5th St., Austin, TX 78701

### **Four Seasons Hotel Austin**

98 San Jacinto Blvd, Austin, TX 78701

### **Club Wyndham Austin**

516 W 8th St, Austin, TX 78701