Accelerated Route to Fellowship (International Arbitration) Assessment

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Venue: Locke Lord, LLP
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Internationally Renowned Faculty

Trey Bergman, FCIArb: Trey Bergman has served as single arbitrator, panelist and chairman on hundreds of national and international arbitrations since 1990 in cases ranging from complex multi-party to simple disputes including banking, commercial, construction, consumer, contract, copyright, employment, energy, franchise, health law, insurance, malpractice, oil & gas, partnership, personal injury, real estate, securities, and trademark matters. He is the past chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, State Bar of Texas, and a Fellow and Board Member of the College of Commercial Arbitrators. He is Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and has arbitrated and mediated more than $95 Billion in disputes since 1990.

Ann Ryan Robertson, FCIArb: Ann Ryan Robertson is the current Deputy President, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and will be the president of the Institute in 2021. 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.

Amb. (r.) David Huebner, C.Arb: Chair of the North America Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. David Huebner has more than 25 years’ experience as an arbitrator and advocate in international, investment, and complex commercial arbitrations. He is a Chartered Arbitrator with the Chartered Institute, a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators, and a CPR Distinguished Neutral. He has particular expertise in technology and life sciences disputes but has handled matters across a wide range of industry sectors, legal issues, and geographic regions. Currently resident in California, he hears cases internationally and has in the past been based for extended periods in Tokyo, Shanghai, and New York. Amb. Huebner served as the American Ambassador to New Zealand and the Independent State of Samoa from 2009 to early 2014, appointed by President Barack Obama.

Tom Alan Cunningham, FCIarb: Tom Cunningham has been an active trial lawyer and arbitrator for over 40 years. He was a Senior Litigation Partner at the firm Norton Rose Fulbright before creating his own firm to focus exclusively on the trial and arbitration of business cases. Mr. Cunningham’s extensive trial and arbitration experience covers a variety of substantive areas, including energy, oil and gas, construction, hospitality, contracts, business torts, fiduciary liability, estates, trusts, professional liability, officer and director liability, and product liability. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and chaired the Texas State Committee of the American College. He also chaired the Texas Commission on Lawyer Discipline, the Texas agency that oversees and administers the system of lawyer professional responsibility, and served as chair of the Board of
Directors of the State Bar of Texas, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Texas Bar Foundation, and Chair of the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation.

**Program Director – James Reiman, FCIArb:** Jim Reiman is an arbitrator and mediator of 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, Jim 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 past Chair of the North America Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and also the past Chair of the American Bar Association’s Tort Trial Insurance Practice Sections Dispute Resolution Committee.

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

The three-day Accelerated Route to Fellowship program is designed for senior practitioners in the field of dispute resolution. Fellowship is the highest grade of CIArb membership and allows the use of the designation FCIArb.

The program focuses on applicable laws and procedures for the conduct of efficient arbitration hearings in complex international cases. Satisfactory assessment of performance in role play exercises will permit the candidate to take the award writing examination for qualification as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, which will be administered as part of the program.

The three-day program is a process comprised of three elements:

1. **Oral Assessment**
   This element of the Accelerated Route to Fellowship Programme consists of two days of oral assessment based on a case study of a dispute. You will be assessed on your knowledge, judgment and self-presentation on a series of problems, written exercises and role play, as well as your reasoned award writing ability.

2. **Written Assessment**
   Written assignments will be part of the assessment process during the workshop. One of the written assignments will be prepared in advance of the workshop and will be collected early on the first day of the workshop.

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. This element is included in the tuition cost of this program.
Following successful completion of the three elements described above candidates may apply for 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.

**Who Should Attend?** You are a practicing lawyer with at least 10 years litigation and/or Dispute Resolution experience. For further information regarding one’s qualification to participate in the program, please contact Jim Reiman, Program Director ([jreiman@ReimanADR.com](mailto:jreiman@ReimanADR.com)).

**Assessment.** Continual assessment throughout the workshop, written submittals and award writing exam.

**Assessment Result.** Successfully passing the Oral and Written assessments at the Accelerated Route to Fellowship 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](http://www.ciarb.org)). Candidates can apply for Associate membership with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators at any time.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What will happen in the oral assessment sessions?**

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

**What grade of membership will I be entitled to?**

You may apply as an Associate member at any time.

If you do not pass the oral and written assessments, you will not be permitted to take the Award Writing Exam.

If you pass the oral and written assessments for the Accelerated Route to Fellowship program, and are not already a member, you will be entitled to apply for Member status. This applies whether you 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 Award Writing Exam, you will not be permitted to proceed to the Peer Interview process for Fellowship status.

If you successfully pass the oral and written assessments for the Accelerated Route to Fellowship program as well as the Award Writing Exam you will be able to apply for a Peer Interview, following successful completion of which you may apply to upgrade your membership level from Member to Fellow status.

**Continuing Legal Education (CLE)**

Application for CLE credit is pending. Typically, this program is approved for 12 – 15 CLE Skills and 1 – 2 Ethics Credits.
Timing and Scheduling

The workshops will commence promptly at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 27, 2020 and will conclude at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2020. The award writing examination will commence at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2020. For those scheduling flights, we suggest you plan on departing the program venue no earlier than 2:30 p.m. to assure that you’ve time to properly turn in your exam, complete all post-exam forms, and receive your Certificate of Attendance.

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

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Hotel Information

Many nearby are available near the program venue. Three that are walking distance are:

**Sheraton Dallas Hotel**
400 North Olive Street, Dallas, TX 75201
Phone: (214) 922-8000
https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/daldh-sheraton-dallas-hotel/?scid=45f93f1b-bd77-45c9-8dab-83b6a417f6fe

**Hotel Fairmont Dallas**
717 N Akard Street, DALLAS, TX 75201
Phone: (214) 720-2020
https://www.fairmont.com/dallas/

**HALL Arts Hotel**
1717 Leonard St.
Dallas, TX 75201
Phone: (214) 953-1717
https://hallartshotel.com/

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Fees

Accelerated Route to Fellowship Program registration fee:

$2,195.00* – General attendees
$1,995.00* – Current and CIArb State Bar of Texas Dispute Resolution Section Members

* Fee includes all workshop materials, coffee, refreshments, continental breakfast, lunch and dinner on June 27, 2020, continental breakfast and lunch on June 28, 2020, and a continental breakfast on June 29, 2020. Tuition for Accelerated Route to Fellowship Program includes the Oral Assessment and Award Writing examination, as well as all course materials. For applicants requiring a Visa Letter, there is an additional cost of $75 (to defray expenses).

Cancellation: A cancellation fee of $150 will be charged if cancellation is prior to May 1, 2020; $500 if after June 1, 2020 but prior June 15, 2020. No tuition refunds will be made if cancellation is after June 15, 2020, however the full tuition sum paid less $600 may be credited toward a future Accelerated Route to Fellowship program offered by the North America Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.