



Accelerated Route to Fellowship (International Arbitration) Assessment

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Amb. (r.) David Huebner, C.Arb: Chair of the North America Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; American Ambassador to New Zealand and the Independent State of Samoa from 2009 to early 2014, appointed by President Barack Obama. David Huebner has more than 25 years' experience as an arbitrator and advocate in international, investment, and complex commercial arbitrations. 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 based in California, he hears cases internationally and has in the past been based for extended periods in Tokyo, Shanghai, and New York.



M. Cristina Cárdenas, FCI Arb: Cristina Cárdenas is a partner in the Miami office of Reed Smith where she focuses her practice on international arbitration and complex commercial litigation representing clients in a variety of complex international arbitrations and business disputes. Ms. Cárdenas has served as counsel, both in Spanish and in English, 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). She also coordinates and oversees work of local counsel in connection with litigation proceedings in Latin America, and currently serves as Chair of the Miami International Arbitration Society and Co-Chair of the Miami Advisory Committee for the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR).



Daniel Urbas, FCI Arb: Mr. Urbas is an experienced arbitrator with 25 years of dispute resolution experience. He sits regularly as a sole arbitrator and as chair or member of three-member panels. His appointments have been by individual parties, jointly by the parties, the court, and institutions such as ICC, CCAC and IATA. Mr. Urbas is listed on various rosters including AAA, ICD and CIETAC. Fluent in both English and French with degrees in both Common Law and Civil Law, Mr. Urbas is an active member of the Québec, Ontario, British Columbia, Newfoundland, and Labrador law societies. He is frequent speaker and guest lecturer at law societies and law schools regarding international arbitration and arbitration ethics.



Kabir Duggal, PhD, FCI Arb: Dr. Duggal practices in the New York office of Arnold & Porter. He focuses on international investment arbitration, international commercial arbitration and public international law matters. Dr. Duggal's experience includes complex disputes under numerous bilateral/multilateral investment treaties and contracts in South Asia, Latin America, Central Asia, Middle East, Europe, and Africa. Dr. Duggal's experience flows from his triple training in international law, common law, and civil law traditions. Additionally, he is a Lecturer-in-Law at Columbia Law School and is the managing editor of the American Review of International Arbitration.



José Antonio Rivas, SJD, FCI Arb: Founding partner of Xstrategy LLP in Washington DC. He has a sophisticated understanding of international investment and international commercial arbitration from his service as an arbitrator of domestic and international disputes, as counsel for private parties and sovereign clients, lead negotiator of investment treaties, ICSID Counsel and, most recently, as managing director of a third party funder providing financial solutions to clients trying to solve disputes through arbitration, and enforce awards or judgments. Before joining private practice, José Antonio served as Director of Foreign Investment in the Ministry of Trade of Colombia, where he headed international negotiations and concluded Investment treaties with 15 countries, including those with Canada, China, India, Switzerland and the U.K. In that position, he routinely worked with the business community to promote investments and solve related disputes.



Elizabeth Sandza, FCI Arb: Chair of the Washington DC, Chapter of the North America Branch, Ms. Sandza is Senior Counsel in the Washington DC office of Wilson Elser. She chairs Wilson Elser's Commercial Litigation practice and is co-chair of the firm's Class Action practice. A former Delaware Deputy Attorney General, Ms. Sandza has extensive experience representing corporate clients in government investigations and in complex business litigation. In the international arena, Ms. Sandza serves as corporate secretary and general counsel to the board of directors of the Southern Africa Enterprise Development Fund, a \$100 million equity fund created by the U.S. government that invests in small and medium-sized companies in eleven Sub-Saharan countries.



Program Director – James (Jim) Reiman, FCI Arb: Past Chair of the North America Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; current Vice-Chair – Training. Jim Reiman is an arbitrator and mediator of domestic and international commercial disputes. He has 18 years experience as a trial and commercial transactions attorney practicing in Chicago, IL law firms followed by 15+ years as CEO, chairman and board director of public and private companies in the US, UK and China. In addition to his ADR work, Jim is a member of the boards of directors of US and foreign public and private companies, and a member of the faculty of the University of Oxford's Oxford Programme on Negotiation.

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 CI Arb membership and 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. 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).

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 CI Arb website 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 has been made in the District of Columbia. Forms will be provided for CLE credit in other jurisdictions. Typically, this program has been approved for 8 and 14 credits depending upon the state.

Timing and Scheduling

The workshops will commence promptly at 9:00 AM on Friday, November 15, 2019 (please arrive no later than 8:30 a.m. to register) and will conclude at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 16, 2019. The award writing examinations will commence at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 17, 2019. For those scheduling flights, we suggest you plan on departing the host venue's offices 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.

There will be a cocktail reception and dinner for participants and Faculty on Friday, November 15, 2019 starting at 7:00 p.m. The cost of this dinner is included in your tuition fee.

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 hotel options are available in the Washington DC area. The host firm, Arnold & Porter, has negotiated a corporate rate at the following nearby hotels. Attendees will need to ask for the Arnold & Porter rate when booking rooms.

It is strongly recommended that all participants have accommodations Saturday evening that will permit quiet study and preparation for the Award Writing Examination Sunday morning.



CONRAD WASHINGTON DC
950 NEW YORK AVE NW
WASHINGTON DC 20001
1-202-844-5900

RENAISSANCE WASHINGTON DC
999 9TH STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON DC 20001
1-202-898-9000

COURTYARD WAS DTWN/CONV CTR
901 L STREET NW
WASHINGTON DC 20001
1-202-589-1800

MARRIOTT MARQUIS WASHINGTON DC
901 MASSACHUSETTS A
WASHINGTON DC 20001
1-202-824-9200

MORRISON CLARK HISTORIC INN
1011 L STREET NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON DC 20001
1-202-898-1200

KIMPTON MONACO WASHINGTON DC
700 F STREET NW
WASHINGTON DC 20004
1-202-6287177

HENLEY PARK HOTEL
926 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE NW
WASHINGTON DC 20001
1-202-638-5200

HAMPTON WASHINGTON DOWNTOWN
901 6TH STREET NW
WASHINGTON DC 20001
1-202-842-2500

GRAND HYATT WASHINGTON
1000 H ST
WASHINGTON DC 20001
1-202-582-1234

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REGISTRATION

On-line registration and additional information for the program is available at

<https://conta.cc/33zntNC>

Fees

Accelerated Route to Fellowship Program registration fee:

\$1,950.00* – General attendees

\$1,650.00* – CI Arb members “upgrading” their membership

\$1,750.00* – per registrant for groups of 3 or more from the same firm

* Fee includes all workshop materials, coffee, refreshments, continental breakfast, lunch and dinner on November 15, 2019, continental breakfast and lunch on November 16, 2019, and a continental breakfast on November 17, 2019. Tuition for Accelerated Route to Fellowship Program includes the Oral Assessment and Award Writing examination. 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 November 1, 2019; No tuition refunds will be made if cancellation is after November 1, 2019, however the full tuition sum paid less \$500 may be credited toward a future Accelerated Route to Fellowship program offered by the North America Branch.