



# **Accelerated Path to Fellowship: International Commercial Arbitration Workshop & Award Writing Examination**

**November 8-10, 2019 San Diego, California**



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**David E. Harrell Jr., FCI Arb:** David Harrell is Co-Chair of the Litigation Department of Locke Lord LLP and chairs the Firm's International Arbitration practice group. He has extensive trial and arbitration experience in the areas of energy litigation, commercial litigation and land use/permitting litigation including 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. Additionally, he is Adjunct Professor, University of Houston Law Center, "International Arbitration Advocacy."



**John W. Garman, FCI Arb:** John Garman's background and experience is in the areas of international commercial transactions and alternate dispute resolution. Mr. Garman is a part time Professor at University of Southern California, Gould Law School teaching International Arbitration Competition and an adjunct Professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Boyd Law School, teaching International Negotiation/Mediation and International Commercial Arbitration.

Mr. Garman is the Past Chair of the North American Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Additionally, Mr. Garman is a member of the Board of Directors of the California International Arbitration Council (CIAC). The CIAC coordinates and supports international arbitration initiatives in California.



**Sandra A. Jeskie, FCI Arb,** is an attorney, arbitrator, mediator and Special Master to the courts, handling a variety of commercial disputes and matters involving technology or intellectual property. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, listed on the Roster of Neutrals for the American Arbitration Association's (AAA) and the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR). She has also been recognized by the Silicon Valley Arbitration & Mediation Center (SVAMC) as one of the world's leading technology arbitrators and mediators on their "Tech List." Ms. Jeskie is also co-author of chapters in the acclaimed treatise *Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts* and has taught at nearly a hundred professional education conferences in numerous cities around the United States and in fourteen countries in Europe, Asia and South America. *Law360* listed her as "Best-of-the-Best Attorneys" and "Cream of the Crop Litigators". Ms. Jeskie serves on the executive committee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, North America Branch and on the governing board of Duane Morris. She practices in California, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.



**David Brennan, J.D., LLM(I), FCI Arb** was a civil litigator for over thirty years during which he tried numerous civil lawsuits in both state and federal courts, as well as engaged in domestic and international arbitrations. He was the founding and senior partner of two successive law firms and later served of counsel to three Southern California litigation firms. He is a certified mediator and arbitrator who served both the San Diego and Orange County Superior Courts for civil case resolutions and engaged in private mediation practice. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) and a founding member of the International Association for Court Administration (IACA). He is member of the American Board of Trial Advocates San Diego Chapter and a Senior Master in the American Inns of Court, San Diego Lewis M. Welsh Chapter. He is a user-member of the London Court of International Arbitration – North American Branch, and a member of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration in The Hague. He has been a



Professor in Residence at the University of San Diego School of Law for ten years teaching courses in: International Law, International Criminal Law, UCC, International Arbitration, and Professional Responsibility. He is the coach and advisor for the USD Law VICAM student competitors in the VIS International Arbitrations and for the Inter-American Human Rights Competitions.

## **Accelerated Route to Fellowship Program**

The Accelerated Route to Fellowship Programme is a designed for senior practitioners in the field of dispute resolution procedures. Fellowship is the highest grade of Institute membership and allows the use of the designation FCI Arb.

The Programme 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 programme. 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. *NB, 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 weekend program. To receive a passing grade, the Award must meet international standards for enforcement. This element is included in the tuition cost of this Programme.

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 Programme.

**Who Should Attend?** You are a practicing lawyer with at least 10 years litigation experience and experienced in the area of Alternate Dispute Resolution.

**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](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 grade. This applies whether you pass the Award Writing Exam or not. Applying for Member grade 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.

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.

## Timing and Scheduling

The workshops will commence at 9:00 AM on Friday, November 8, 2019 and conclude at 5:00 PM on Saturday, November 9, 2019. The award writing examinations will commence at 9:00 AM and conclude at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 10, 2019.

There will be a cocktail and dinner for Candidates and Faculty on Friday, November 8, 2019 starting at 6:30 PM.

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

## Venue

Duane Morris LLP  
750 B Street, Suite 2900  
San Diego, CA 92101-4681

## Hotels



Feel free to contact any of these nearby hotels. **No arrangements have been made regarding pricing.**

THE WESTGATE HOTEL SAN DIEGO  
1055 Second Avenue  
San Diego, CA, 92101, US  
Phone: (855) 680-3239

Marriott Vacation Club Pulse  
701 A Street  
San Diego, CA 92101  
Phone: (619) 696-9800

The Bristol Hotel  
1055 1st Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92101  
Phone: (619) 232-6141

### **Continuing Legal Education (CLE)**

CLE approval pending

### **Accelerated Route to Fellowship Program registration fee: \$1,950.00\***

- Fee includes all workshop materials, coffee, refreshments, continental breakfast, lunch and dinner on November 8, 2019, continental breakfast and lunch on November 9, 2019, and continental breakfast on November 10 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 fee** of \$150 if cancellation is prior to October 15, 2019, \$500 if after October 15, 2019 but prior to October 31, 2019, and full tuition if cancellation is after October 31, 2019.

**EARLY PRICING:** For registrations (and fees) received by September 30, 2019, \$1,750.00

## **Registration and Additional Information for the Program**

On-line registration and additional information for the programs is available at <https://ciarbnab.com/accelerated-route-to-fellow/>.

The course is being held at:

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Please contact John W. Garman, Course Director, with any questions at [jwg@garmanlaw.com](mailto:jwg@garmanlaw.com).