



**North America Branch**

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

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**In Person  
Mexico City, Mexico  
October 13 & 14, 2023 Plus Exam  
Courses Conducted in English\***

**CREEL** GARCÍA-CUÉLLAR  
AIZA Y ENRÍQUEZ

**Venue: Creel Law Firm, Mexico City**

***Presented and Organized by:***

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

\*Fluency in English is required.

**Five 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**

## Co-Sponsored by the Following Organizations



## Concurrent Members and Fellows Courses

The Mexican Chapter of the North America Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators is pleased to hold concurrent programs for both CI Arb's Accelerated Route to Membership Course (ARM) and its Accelerated Route to Fellowship Course (ARF) in Mexico City. The faculty for both programs will work together and the candidates will also join the faculty for complementary group dinner (included in registration fee) at the El Bajío Restaurant on Friday evening, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Complementary light breakfasts and lunches are provided at the Creel law firm on both October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Recommended Hotels

For those traveling to Mexico City to attend, the following hotels are near the program venue at the Creel law firm: **W Mexico City Hotel** (<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/MEXWM-w-mexico-city/overview/>), and **Intercontinental Presidente Hotel** ([https://www.ihg.com/hotels/us/en/reservation?cm\\_mmc=domains-\\_-MM-\\_-1213-\\_-intercontinentalhotels.com](https://www.ihg.com/hotels/us/en/reservation?cm_mmc=domains-_-MM-_-1213-_-intercontinentalhotels.com)).

**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**



**Orlando Federico Cabrera Colorado, FCI Arb:** Orlando is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) and former Board Secretary of CI Arb's North American Branch (NAB), a listed arbitrator by the Tashkent International Arbitration Centre (TIAC), the Arbitration Center of the Lima Chamber of Commerce, the International Center for Conciliation and Arbitration, and the Panama Conciliation and Arbitration Centre, Vice President to the ICC Mexico Investment Arbitration Committee, an ICC

Mexico Delegate to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, ICC Committee Member on the Proposal of Arbitrators. Before, he served as Young ICCA Events Coordinator. He teaches investment arbitration at Universidad Iberoamericana and previously served as a legal intern in the New York State Supreme Court.



**René De Liux Campos Garcia, FCI Arb:** René De Liux Campos Garcia is an experienced independent arbitrator with over a decade of experience. He holds the title of Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London since 2009. His arbitration experience includes participation as both an arbitrator and party counsel in various procedures, including Ad Hoc cases, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS), and the National Chamber of Commerce of Mexico City (Canaco). He has a strong educational background, having obtained a Bachelor's

degree in Law with special honors from Centro Universitario México, Division Estudios Superiores (CUMDES). Additionally, he holds a Master's degree in International Trade Law from the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) in Australia and a postgraduate degree in Commercial Law from the Escuela Libre de Derecho in Mexico City.



**Napoleão Casado Filho, FCI Arb:** Napoleão Casado Filho is the current Chair of the Brazilian Branch the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He holds a PhD degree in International Law at Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC/SP) and was a Post-doctoral Researcher at Université Paris II – Pantheon-Sorbonne. He is a Board Member of The Federation of Industries of the State of São Paulo (FIESP). Napoleão teaches Arbitration and International Commerce at the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC/SP) and at the Brazilian Institute of Markets (IBMEC). Napoleão has been

coaching Vis Moot teams from PUC/SP and UNIPE since 2007. He is a founding partner of Clasen, Caribé & Casado Filho, a boutique arbitration law firm in São Paulo, Brazil.



**Cecilia Flores Rueda, FCIArb:** Cecilia Flores Rueda handles complex and high-stakes international and domestic arbitration cases and represents clients before federal and local courts. She also acts in arbitration as both a party representative and an arbitrator and focuses her practice on issues related to cases involving governmental entities, shareholders' disputes, energy, oil and gas, infrastructure projects, trusts, construction, joint ventures, lease agreements, transportation and logistics, international sale of goods, distribution, insurance and reinsurance, e-commerce, intellectual property, and commercial transactions in general. Cecilia previously worked for major law firms, and, before that, she acted as Secretary General for the Mediation and Arbitration Centre of the Mexico City National Chamber of Commerce (CANACO), where she was in charge of the administration of mediation and arbitration proceedings, both domestic and international, under the rules of CANACO, the Commercial Arbitration and Mediation Centre for the Americas (CAMCA) and the Inter-American Arbitration Commission (IACAC). At the same time, as an independent practitioner, Cecilia participated in many arbitration proceedings related to international trade, some of them ad hoc proceedings under the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).



**Sofia Gómez Ruano, FCIArb:** Sofia Gómez Ruano is partner with the program host law firm, Creel Garcia-Cuellar Aiza y Enriquez. Sofia is an experienced lawyer and arbitrator with over 20 years of experience in dispute resolution. Her practice is focused on domestic and international commercial arbitration. She has represented clients and served as an arbitrator in disputes involving a variety of industries, including construction, automotive, hospitality, financial services, and information and communications technology under the rules of the ICC, LCIA, ICDR, CAM and CANACO. Sofia also served as the Secretary General and Council of the Arbitration Center of Mexico (CAM) for more than a decade, and participated as a member of the National Chamber of Commerce of Mexico City's Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CANACO). She is also part of the USMCA Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes and is listed on the panel of conciliators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) for the period 2018 to 2024, by appointment of the Mexican government. She has also been included in the ICDR and WIPO panel of arbitrators. She is a native Spanish speaker, and fluent in English and German.



**Amb. (r.) David Huebner, C.Arb:** Trustee for the Americas of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Deputy Chair of the board of trustees, David Huebner has handled more than 300 arbitrations in more than 3 dozen jurisdictions around the world. He has particular expertise in technology, life sciences, new energy, and investment disputes but has handled matters across a wide range of industry sectors, legal issues, and geographic regions. Currently resident in California, he has in the past been based for extended periods in Tokyo, Shanghai, and New York. He served as the American Ambassador to New Zealand and the Independent State of Samoa from 2009 to 2014, appointed by President Barack Obama, and has chaired the California Law Revision Commission for Govs. Davis, Schwarzenegger, and now Newsom. He is a graduate of Princeton University (summa cum laude) and Yale Law School, a member of the bars of CA, NY, and DC, a licensed solicitor in England & Wales, and a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators.



**Ann Ryan Robertson, FCI Arb:** Ann is a past global President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and served as the Chair of the ICDR Rules Revision Committee responsible for the 2021 ICDR Mediation and Arbitration Rules. An International Partner in Locke Lord LLP's Houston office, Ann is an experienced chair, party appointed, sole and emergency arbitrator and has acted as arbitrator and advocate in a wide variety of complex business disputes across numerous industries. She is one of ten arbitrators appointed by the United States to serve as a dispute settlement panelist pursuant to Chapter 31 of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) and recently served on the panel tasked with deciding the dispute brought by Canada and Mexico against the United States regarding the rules of origin in the automotive sector. Named to Global Arbitration Review's "Who's Who Legal: Arbitration" since 2015 and to "The Best Lawyers in America" since 2014, Ann is a member of major arbitral institution panels, including ICDR, SIAC, and HKIAC. She is frequent author and speaker on arbitration issues, an adjunct professor at the University of Houston Law Center and for eighteen years coached the Law Center's Vis Moot team. Long a supporter of diversity in arbitration, Ann is also a founding member of ArbitralWomen.



**José Antonio Rodríguez Márquez, FCI Arb:** Jose Antonio obtained his Law Degree from the National Autonomous University of Mexico; he graduated Summa Cum Laude and received the *Gabino Barreda* medal. He received his Doctorate Degree from the Mexican Academy of International Law, with the Award of the Mexican Order of Law, Culture and Peace (Title of Commander). For more than 35 years, he has been a transactional Attorney and has served as sole arbitrator, chair, co-arbitrator, mediator and/or counsel, in more than 65 international and national arbitrations, in areas such as: commercial, insurance, shareholders disputes, joint ventures, franchises, industrial property, construction, real estate, infrastructure, electricity generating plants, water treatment plants, oil and gas, golf courses, mergers and acquisitions. He was a Member of the Executive Committee of the North American Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; currently he is a Member of the Peer Review Committee for Cross-Border Panel of Neutrals of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution and Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators. He served as Vice-President of the Mediation Committee in the Commission of International Arbitration of the ICC Mexico.



**Jeffrey (Jeff) M. Senger, FCI Arb:** Mr. Senger is a partner at Sidley Austin handling commercial arbitration, litigation, and mediation, with special expertise in life sciences, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and matters involving the government. He served as FDA's acting General Counsel, managing its litigation and high-profile regulatory matters. He coordinated arbitration and mediation for the entire federal government as Senior Counsel in the Office of Dispute Resolution at the U.S. Department of Justice. He is a panelist for the American Arbitration Association and a Distinguished Neutral with the CPR International Institute, and he has served as a mediator for the United States District Court. He is the author of the award-winning book, *FEDERAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION* (Wiley) and has taught trial practice, negotiation, and mediation at Harvard Law School. He testified as an expert witness on ADR before the U.S. Congress and has spoken about dispute resolution on behalf of the U.S. government on five continents. He is an honors graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School.



**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.



**Reynaldo Urtiaga, F.CI Arb:** Mr. Urtiaga is the Chair of the Mexico Chapter of CI Arb's North American Branch. He is a Partner at Bryman, Gonzalez Vargas y Gonzalez Baz (Mexico City), where he heads its Arbitration Practice, and is a Law Professor with tenure (since 2007) at UNAM. Mr. Urtiaga regularly sits as chairman, co-arbitrator, sole arbitrator, and panelist in domestic and international proceedings (ICC, WIPO, ICANN, CANACO, CAM), and is listed on the rosters of CAFA, CIETAC, SCIA, SHIAC, BVI-IAC, and other arbitral institutions. Mr. Urtiaga holds a law degree and a Doctor of the Science of Law degree, both awarded *summa cum laude* by UNAM, and a Master of Laws degree awarded by LSE.

**The above faculty members will be participating in the concurrent Fellows and Members courses.**



**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, 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.

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**October 13 & 14, 2023**  
**PLUS Exam**



## **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 is typical). For further information regarding one's qualification to participate in the program, please contact John Pinney, Program Director ([jpinney@brickergraydon.com](mailto: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](http://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. Friday, October 13, at the Offices of Creel Garcia-Cuellar Aiza y Enriquez at Torre Virreyes, Pedregal 24, Lomas - Virreyes, Mexico City, and at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 14. 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](mailto:jpinney@brickergraydon.com) that they have done so. Anyone testing positive will not be permitted to take the course.**

## **Workshops**

**Friday, October 13, 2023 – 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 14, 2023 - 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

## **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 October 15, 2023, and ending on October 20, 2023.**



## Faculty Dinner

The faculty for both courses will be meeting on Thursday evening for dinner and to complete preparations for the program and workshops on Friday and Saturday. The North America Branch is grateful to the **Flores Rueda law firm in Mexico City** and **Real-Hearing** for the sponsoring the faculty dinner.



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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!  
Registrations Paid in US Dollars Through  
Real-Hearing, which will issue Mexican Tax Invoice**

### Fees

**Accelerated Route to Fellowship Program Base Registration Fee:**

**USD \$2,250 – United States Dollars**

**Discounted Registration Fee Available for  
Residents of Mexico, Central America and Brazil only**

**USD \$1,700 – United States Dollars**

**Additional “Early Bird” Discount for Registrations by October 2, 2023**

**Additional Discount – USD \$150  
Net Cost, after Discounts, for Residents of  
Mexico, Central America and Brazil**

**USD \$1,550 – United States Dollars**

**Payments accepted by wire transfer net,  
or Credit Card/PayPal with 3.65% surcharge.**

**(Fees are inclusive of 16% Mexican VAT and Exam Assessment Cost)**

**Payments are to be made through Real-Hearing S.A. de C.V.**

**PROGRAM REGISTRATION  
Through Real-Hearing**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW](#)**

**Payment can be made by wire transfer net using bank  
details on Registration Page and clicking wire transfer tab.**

**Cancellation: You may freely substitute someone from your organization until the Monday before the Training.** A cancellation fee of USD \$250/MXN \$4,200 will be charged if cancellation is received prior to October 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.