



Accelerated Route to Fellowship (International Arbitration) Assessment

In-Person: December 2 & 3, 2022 Plus Exam



Presented and Organized by:

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators North America Branch, California Arbitration, and the Silicon Valley Arbitration & Mediation Center

Venue:

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, San Francisco, CA

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

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



Laura Abrahamson, FCI Arb: Ms. Abrahamson is a member of the CI Arb North America Branch’s Board of Directors and Vice President of California Arbitration. She is a full time independent arbitrator and mediator with JAMS. Prior to joining JAMS, Ms. Abrahamson served for five years as Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Global Head of Litigation at AECOM, an American multinational firm that provides engineering, design, consulting and construction services, where she oversaw complex, cross-border disputes. Previously, Ms. Abrahamson spent nearly 20 years in-house at Occidental Petroleum (OXY), where she led major litigation and domestic and international arbitration efforts. She also serves as a panelist on multiple domestic and international arbitration centers, including the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC); the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA); the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and California’s Public Works Contract Arbitration Program (PWCA).



Gary L. Benton, C.ARB: Mr. Benton is an internationally recognized Arbitrator with expertise in US and international business, corporate investment, technology and emerging growth matters. He serves on the panels of the leading international arbitral institutions in the US, Europe and Asia. He is a Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow of CI Arb and a member of the CI Arb North American Branch. He is also a Fellow and serves on the Executive Committee of the College of Commercial Arbitrators (CCA) and is an Academy Member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (NADN). In addition to his arbitration practice, Mr. Benton is an Adjunct Professor at Santa Clara University. He is the founder and current Chairman of the Silicon Valley Arbitration and Mediation Center (SVAMC) and the founder and President of California Arbitration (CalArb.org). He was previously a partner with the international law firms Pillsbury Winthrop LLP and Coudert Brothers LLP. He is qualified as a US lawyer and an English solicitor.



Amb. (r.) David Huebner, C.Arb: Trustee for the Americas 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 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.



John B. Pinney, FCI Arb: John Pinney is the senior trial lawyer at 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. Mr. Pinney also frequently speaks on international arbitration at programs throughout the world, including most recently on use of Section 1782 to obtain evidence for use in private international arbitrations in the U.S. courts. In addition, he is active with the American Bar Association and currently serves on its Standing Committee for the Federal Judiciary which evaluates and rates all U.S. federal judge nominees.



Jeff Senger, FCI Arb: Mr. Senger is a partner at Sidley Austin handling commercial arbitration, litigation, and mediation, with special expertise in life sciences, healthcare, 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.

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Program Director – James (Jim) Reiman, FCI Arb: Mr. Reiman is the past chair of the North America Branch of the CI Arb and is currently a member of the Branch's board of directors. 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 – San Francisco, CA USA

December 2 & 3, 2022 (plus exam)

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
1 Market Street
Spear Tower 19th Floor
San Francisco, CA



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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 submissions, 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 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 8:30 a.m. Friday morning, December 2, 2022 (workshops will commence at 9:00) and will conclude at 5:00 PM on Saturday, December 3, 2022. The award writing examination will proceed as described below.

There will be a cocktail reception and dinner for Candidates and Faculty on Friday, December 2, 2022 at a location to be determined near Wilson Sonsini'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 Wilson Sonsini at no cost to our attendees.



Workshops

Friday, December 2, 2022

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 3, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 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 December 7 and December 11, 2022.

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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

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Fees

Accelerated Route to Fellowship Program registration fee:

\$2,250.00 – United States Dollars

Existing CI Arb, Cal Arb, and SVAMC members will receive a \$300 discount

Cancellation: You may freely substitute 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 September 3, 2022; tuition will not be refunded if cancellation is received after that date. However, the fee paid may be applied to a future program.

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 Wilson Sonsini's offices:

Hyatt Regency San Francisco (across the street from Wilson Sonsini's offices)

5 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco, CA 94111

+1 415-778-1234

Le Méridien San Francisco

333 Battery St, San Francisco, CA 94111

+1 415-296-2900

Hilton San Francisco Financial District

750 Kearny Street, San Francisco, CA 94108

+1 415-433-6600

Harbor Court Hotel

165 Steuart St, San Francisco, CA 94105

+1 415-882-1300

Palace Hotel, a Marriott Luxury Collection Hotel

2 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

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