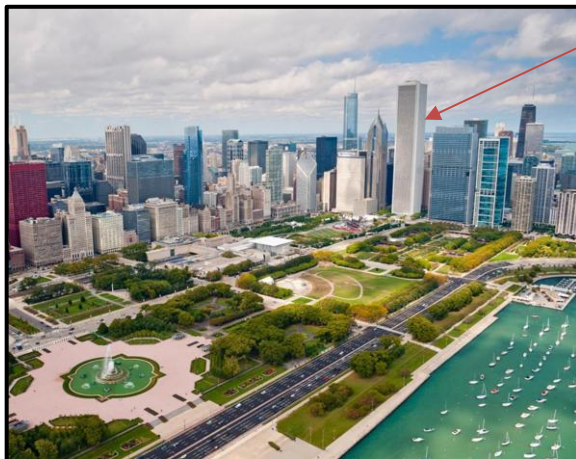


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## Accelerated Route to Fellowship (International Arbitration) Assessment

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**In-Person – Chicago, IL**  
**May 14 & 15, 2026 Plus Exam**



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North America Branch **and** the Chicago  
International Arbitration Center (ChIAC)**

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**International Centre for Dispute Resolu-  
tion (ICDR)**

**Venue:**

**Jenner & Block, Chicago, IL**

**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**

## **Pricing:**

<b>Partners and lawyers associated with the ChIAC Member Firms; ChIAC member attorneys or neutrals</b>	<b>\$350.00*</b>
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## **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**



**Amb. (ret.) David Huebner, C.Arb, FCI Arb, FColl Arb:** Board of Trustees, CI Arb (past Chair). David has more than 30 years' experience as an arbitrator and advocate in international, investment, investor-state, and complex commercial arbitrations. He is a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators, has been designated a Chartered Arbitrator by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and has been named to numerous distinguished practitioner lists. He has particular expertise in technology, life sciences, investment, and energy disputes but has handled matters across a wide range of industry sectors, legal issues, and geographic regions. In addition to practicing law as a partner in firms in the AmLaw 100, he has served as U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand, founding managing partner of a law office in China, chair and CEO of an international law firm, chair of the California Law Revision Commission, and IP adviser to a member of Japan's National Diet.



**The Honourable Barry Leon, FCIArb:** Barry, a Canadian, is an arbitrator and mediator with 33 Bedford Row Chambers (London), Arbitration Place (Canada), and Caribbean Arbitrators (British Virgin Islands (BVI)). He was Presiding Judge of BVI's Commercial Court from 2015 to 2018. Experienced in arbitrating and mediating corporate and commercial, contract, shareholder and business breakup, joint venture, employment, insurance, intellectual property, technology, expropriation, natural resources, and construction disputes. Barry is the past Chair of ICC Canada's Arbitration Committee, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), an International Mediation Institute (IMI) Certified Mediator, and a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He is a Vice Chair of CIArb's Caribbean Branch; a co-chair of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration's Caribbean Task Force; an executive editor of the Canadian Journal of Commercial Arbitration; a moderator of the global international arbitration listserv, OGEMID; and a member of the Organizing Committee for Canadian Arbitration Week (CanArbWeek).



**John B. Pinney, FCIArb:** John is a senior trial lawyer at BrickerGraydon 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, including most recently on the Supreme Court's decision in the ZF Automotive case regarding Section 1782 and obtaining evidence in U.S. courts for use in international arbitrations. In addition, he is active with the American Bar Association's Litigation, International Law and Dispute Resolutions Sections and has recently completed service on the ABA's Standing Committee for the Federal Judiciary which evaluates and rates all U.S. federal judge nominees.



**Yanett Quiroz:** Yanett is the Vice President of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), overseeing Mexico, Canada, and the Central and Western United States, as well as the Energy sector. Her activities focus on outreach and development of these regions and sectors. She is located at the Houston office. Before becoming a Vice President, she served as Director of the ICDR-AAA for almost 10 years and provided case management services to parties and clients worldwide. Yanett is an attorney licensed in Mexico and holds a Master's degree in International Law. This year, Yanett celebrates 20 years of experience in ADR at the practice, including as a member of arbitral institutions, a secretary of arbitral tribunals, and counsel.



**Harshitha Ram, FCIArb:** Harshitha Ram is an international disputes attorney, arbitrator, and mediator of both domestic U.S and international arbitration and mediation. She has deep experience in a wide array of legal areas, including commercial & contract law, information technology (including blockchain, cryptocurrency, artificial intelligence, and smart contracts), manufacturing, healthcare, energy & natural resources, corporate & business law, banking & securities, aviation, marine & shipping, construction & infrastructure, pharmaceuticals & life sciences, international trade & investment law, lemon law, labor and employment matters among others. Harshitha handles complex and high-stakes arbitrations and mediations, under different rules and institutions, including the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, AAA, and ICDR. She is the Chair of the ADR Section at the Detroit Bar Association, Co-chair of the Arbitration Committee of the American Bar Association

and the Publications Chair at the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution. Harshitha is multilingual and culturally adept, with a deep sensitivity to cross-cultural dynamics and a reputation for fair, principled, and effective dispute resolution.



**Javier Rubinstein, FCI Arb:** Javier is the Chairman of the newly formed Chicago International Arbitration Center (ChIAC) as well as a member of ChIAC's Board of Directors and its Board's Executive Committee. He is also the principal of Rubinstein ADR. Before serving as an independent arbitrator at Rubinstein ADR through which he serves as an arbitrator for domestic and international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations, Javier served as Global General Counsel and Chief Risk Officer of PricewaterhouseCoopers International. He also led the international arbitration practices at Kirkland & Ellis LLP and Mayer Brown LLP, and most recently he was a partner in the international arbitration group at King & Spalding LLP. Javier also is a Lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School, where he has been teaching international arbitration and other courses since 1996. Javier is a native of Argentina, raised and trained in the United States, and conducts arbitrations with native fluency in English and Spanish.

## **ADDITIONAL FACULTY TO BE ANNOUNCED**

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**Program Director – James (Jim) Reiman, FCI Arb:** Jim is the past chair of the North America Branch of the CI Arb and a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Board of ChIAC. 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 multiple award-winning book *Negotiation Simplified: A Framework and Process for Improving Negotiating Results*, Herndon, VA., Amplify Publishing (2022).

## **Venue**

**In Person – Chicago, IL USA**

**May 14 & 15, 2026 (plus exam)**

# JENNER & BLOCK

**353 N. Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60654-3456**

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

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?** Practicing attorneys with substantial complex litigation and/or dispute resolution experience (10 years is typical). If an arbitrator or considering becoming an arbitrator, this program is a must. If an advocate in domestic or international arbitrations, this program will enhance your advocacy skills by increasing your understanding of the process and thinking of arbitrators as they manage the arbitration. 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 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 qualifies participants to be Members of the CI Arb and to use the MCI Arb designation if you join the CI Arb and pay the necessary membership fee. It also qualifies successful participants 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 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 8:00 a.m. Thursday morning, May 14, 2026 (workshops will commence at 9:00) and will conclude at approximately 5:30 PM on Friday, May 15, 2026. The award writing examination will proceed as described below.

**There will be a cocktail reception and dinner for Candidates and Faculty on Thursday, May 14, 2026** at a location to be determined near Jenner & Block'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 Jenner & Block at no cost to our attendees.

## Workshops

**Thursday, May 14, 2026**

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Friday, May 15, 2026**

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 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 June 12 – 17, 2026.**

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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**

[Click Here](#)

## **Fees**

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**Cancellation:** You may freely substitute for 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 May 1, 2026; tuition will not be refunded if cancellation is received after that date. However, the fee paid may be applied to a future program.

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## 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.