

New Course in International Commercial Arbitration: Introductory Offer

For the past three years, UCLAN/UOME have run a programme of skills training in the field of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) following its approval as a Recognised Course Provider by the internationally-renowned Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb). Attendance on the course also attracts CPD points (please contact the IJLS for further details).

The third training course was held on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th March 2018. The course provides an Introduction to International Commercial Arbitration in a small workshop setting, at UCLAN/UOME's campus in Ebene.

International Commercial Arbitration

Arbitration is a process for the settlement of disputes outside the courts, but using a judicial technique. One or more 'Arbitrators' constitute an Arbitral Tribunal which reviews the evidence and makes a decision that is binding on all parties to the dispute.

The role of an Arbitrator is similar to that of a judge, although the procedures are more flexible. The course equips participants with a foundational knowledge in a system of law and a dispute resolution discipline that Lord Neuberger has described as: *"essential for the national business community [and] also essential for the international business community"*. Indeed, as international commerce increases, so does the demand for Arbitrators trained in international arbitration procedures. In many industries, arbitration has become the default resolution method due to its efficacy and the international recognition of arbitral awards. This introductory course could be your first step to developing a practice as an Arbitrator or advocate in arbitral proceedings involving transnational parties.

Professional Qualification

The course is equivalent to the first stage of training on the CI Arb International Arbitration pathway. Successful completion of this entry-level course leads to eligibility to apply for Associate membership of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, subject to payment of the applicable membership fees.

Associate Members are able to use the post-nominal letters 'ACI Arb', as a mark of professional standing and recognition within the national and international arbitration community. They are also able to take advantage of the many other benefits of CI Arb Membership (please see: www.ciarb.org for more details).

The full CI Arb pathway continues through Membership, Fellowship and, ultimately, to Chartered status.

Background to the Course

In May, Mauritius hosted the 2016 Congress of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA). Almost 1,000 delegates attended the Congress and keynote speeches were made by both the Mauritius Prime Minister, Sir Anerood Jugnauth GCSK, KCMG, QC, MP, PC, and, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon. This underpinned the strategic development of Arbitration skills in Mauritius over the coming years. The demand for accredited practitioners is expected to be high and our training is designed to provide the relevant expertise and professional qualification.

Course Content

This course provides an introduction to the general principles of International Commercial Arbitration and its relationship to other dispute resolution methods. By the end of the course participants are able to explain the nature of international commercial arbitration, its international legal framework and recognise good practice and procedure.

Syllabus Summary

- Brief comparison of dispute resolution methods
- Essential features of arbitration agreements
- Legal framework, including the UNCITRAL Rules and Model Law
 - Composition, powers and jurisdiction of the Arbitral Tribunal
 - Organising the arbitral proceedings
 - Costs and interest
 - Arbitral clauses and awards, drafting and enforcement

Course Delivery and Assessment

The course comprises the three elements that CIArb requires of candidates for Associate status:

- ☐ prior reading (estimated 4 hours)
- ☐ a full day of face-to-face interactive training- this course will be run as an interactive 'small group' workshop (maximum 12 delegates)
- ☐ a written assessment to be submitted within 28 days of the release of the assignment question(s). The word limit for the assignment is 2500 words and is assessed on a pass or fail basis.

Entry Requirements: 5 'O'-Levels or equivalent.

Date / time of next course: To be confirmed

Venue:UOM Enterprise Ltd, 1st Floor, Blue Tower, Rue de L'Institut, Ebene

Trainer: Susan Fletcher BSc (Econ) (Hons), MCIArb, FHEA, FRSA, Solicitor and Senior Lecturer in Law

Booking and Course Fees

The regular cost for this course will be GBP 450, but members of the IJLS and UCLAN/UOME alumni qualify for a discount of 25%, making the usual cost for this course GBP 360.

N.B. Booking is on a 'first come first served' basis. Payment is required to secure a place subject to availability. This payment is non-refundable unless the course is cancelled by UCLAN/UOME. Places on each course are limited to 12 delegates.

Enquiries:

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