


Course Information

Accelerated Route to Fellowship in International Arbitration
4 to 6 December 2024 | Singapore | In-person

	<p>Public CPD Points Day 1 – 6 Day 2 – 6 Practice area: Alternative Dispute Resolution Training Level: Advanced</p>
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What is the aim of the programme

To provide a fast-track route to Fellowship through the International Arbitration Pathway.

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be eligible to apply to become a Ciarb Fellow which is the only globally recognised fellowship qualification for arbitration.

On payment of a regular subscription fee, you will be entitled to use the title FCI Arb after your name.

The Accelerated Route to Fellowship has been designed for busy professionals who have substantial knowledge and experience in International Arbitration.

The aim of the programme is to assess whether the candidate has the knowledge required to apply the principles and procedure of the UNCITRAL Model Law and Arbitration Rules and is capable of writing a reasoned and enforceable International Arbitration Award. This is an intensive in-person course with opportunities for role play, peer learning and feedback from experienced arbitrators.

Candidates must evaluate their personal suitability to undertake the programme, appreciating that the assessments are intensive and that they will be assessed against standard benchmarks.

This programme focuses on the process, practice and procedures in International Arbitration which is an essential requirement for qualification as a Fellow and for those who aim to practice as an International Arbitrator.

What are the learning outcomes?

On successful completion of this course candidates will be able to:

- Identify and explain in depth all the key elements of the International Arbitration process;
- Evaluate issues and apply the principles of the UNCITRAL Model Law appropriately;
- Demonstrate practical skill in carrying out the tasks required in preparing for and progressing an International Arbitration;
- Demonstrate skill in controlling an International Arbitration, communicating effectively with the parties, applying the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and adopting appropriate procedures;
- Be eligible to apply for Fellowship of Ciarb.

What is covered within the syllabus?

- Arbitration agreements;
- The legal framework: the importance of the seat, the New York Convention, procedural laws, and procedural rules;
- Types of Arbitration: ad-hoc, institutional, documents only, time limited;
- Commencement of the Arbitration, terms of reference;
- Obligations of the Tribunal, responsibilities, and obligations of the parties;
- An Arbitrator's jurisdiction and powers;
- Challenges to jurisdiction, conflicts of interest;
- Managing the Arbitration process: communications, preliminary meeting, interlocutory matters, dealing with factual and opinion evidence and disclosure of documents;
- Security for costs;
- Presenting the claim and the defence: alternative methods;
- Preparation for and procedure at a typical hearing, contrasting common law and civil law jurisdictions;
- Essentials of an enforceable Award;
- Costs and interest; alternative approaches in different jurisdictions.

How is the programme delivered?

This is an assessment programme as opposed to a teaching module. Learning will be based on private study prior to the oral assessment workshop, reinforced by tutor input and peer discussion during the workshop. The programme is delivered over a period of three days, with an in-person assessment workshops on the first two days (4 to 5 December). On day three (6 December), candidates may commence their award writing assessment.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment of this programme is split into three parts, all of which must be passed:

- Assessment 1 - An interactive 2 full-day assessment in a series of workshops, where situations will be presented to candidates in groups for their consideration and role playing. Candidate's knowledge, judgment and communication skills are assessed by oral exercises.
- Assessment 2 - Written exercises before and during the 2-day workshops:
 - one written exercise on arbitration law to be submitted before the assessment workshops (10%)
 - one written exercise on arbitration law to be submitted during the workshops (20%)
 - two written exercises to be submitted on during the workshops (10% each)
 - one written exercise to be completed overnight (30%)
 - one final written exercise (20%)
- Assessment 3 - Final examination for this course is a 48-hour open book examination which can be done within a 5-day window. (70%)

Details of the assessment are as follows:

- Assessment 1 - Oral Exercises: This assessment is on a pass or fail basis. Candidates must pass all the workshop sessions. Candidates who fail the workshop will be required to re-sit this assessment.
- Assessment 2 - Written Exercises: Candidates must achieve a minimum overall mark of 55% to pass this assessment.
- Assessment 3 - Final examination: This is a 48-hour open book examination. Additional information is provided on the day of the assessment in form of the Arbitrator's notebook. Candidates are required to write an award. Candidates must achieve a minimum overall mark of 65% to pass the course.

Candidates are permitted to use any materials they wish throughout the workshops.

Results are dispatched to candidates normally eight to twelve weeks from the date of the submission of the examination.

What are the entry requirements?

Candidates must submit evidence to show:

- They have a minimum of 5 years of practical experience of international arbitration either as a representative or an international arbitrator;
- They have substantial knowledge of the framework of international arbitration;
- They can recognise and evaluate evidence;
- They can significantly evaluate and apply the principles and requirements of an international arbitration;
- They can noticeably demonstrate practical skill in the carrying out of tasks required in preparing for and progressing an international arbitration.

Candidates who have not completed Module 2 must also register and complete the Module 2 Law of Obligations Exemption Test prior to the commencement of the Accelerated Route to Fellowship. This has a separate fee.

What is the course fees and what does it include?

Ciarb Members:	S\$3,200
Members of Reciprocating organisations (AIMA, APIEx, SCL and SIAC)	S\$3,400
Non-members:	S\$3,700

The fee and a copy of your Module 2 Law of Obligations Certification (course/exemption test) must be submitted with the registration form for the registration to be processed.

The fee includes registration on the course, study materials, tutorials, coursework assessment fee, and award writing exam (GBP408).

What happens when I register for the course?

Upon successful registration on the course, candidates will receive confirmation that they are booked on the course. Joining instructions and course materials will be sent to candidates prior to the course start date by email on the condition **that full payment has been received.**

Candidates will be provided with an electronic copy of a Workbook to assist them with their studies together with a suggested reading list. It is recommended that candidates are familiar with the UNCITRAL Model Law and Arbitration Rules and the substantive law in their respective jurisdiction together with the relevant Act(s) and Scheme(s) and important case

decisions (where applicable). Candidates should also refer to the recognised standard textbooks to supplement their study in their respective jurisdiction where these are available.

What is Ciarb's policy on cancellation of courses?

Ciarb reserves the right to cancel or change the date, venue or content of programmes and the names of speakers, lecturers and tutors. Candidates will be provided with adequate notice of any change. If the Institute has to cancel a course, candidates will be provided with a full refund or the opportunity to transfer their registration to the next course. Should a candidate wish to cancel his or her registration of a course, notification must be received in writing to secretariat@ciarb.org.sg at least two weeks before course commencement. If a candidate fails to give such notice, the Ciarb may apply a cancellation charge of 50% of the course fee or such other amount as it may in its sole discretion determine.

What is the Attendance Policy?

Participants who wish to obtain CPD Points must comply strictly with the Attendance Policy set out in the CPD Guidelines. For this activity, participants are reminded to sign in on arrival and sign out at the conclusion of each day of the event in the manner required by the organiser. Participants must not be absent from each day of the event for more than 15 minutes. Participants who do not comply with the Attendance Policy on any particular day of the event will not be able to obtain CPD Points for that day. Please refer to <http://www.sileCPDcentre.sg> for more information.

What is my next step when I complete the course?

On successful completion of this programme, candidates:

- ✓ may be eligible to claim CPD points.
- ✓ will be eligible to apply for Member grade of Ciarb and take advantage of a range of educational and professional benefits.
- ✓ be eligible for a Peer Interview for Fellowship.

To register for the course or for more information, please visit our [website](#) and/or contact Ciarb Secretariat at secretariat@ciarb.org.sg.

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

"The Accelerated Route to Fellowship exceeded all my expectations. The in-person format allowed for invaluable interactive sessions and real-time feedback from leading arbitration experts. The content and materials were comprehensive and cutting-edge and strengthened my grasp of the theory and practice of arbitration. I highly recommend the course to anyone looking to elevate their arbitration expertise."

Course Director



Paul Sandosham
Director, Ciarb Singapore Branch
Partner, Clifford Chance Asia*

Paul Sandosham heads the Energy, Infrastructure and Resources (Disputes) practice for Southeast Asia and co-leads the firm's global contentious construction initiatives. He focuses on dispute resolution (litigation, mediation & international commercial arbitration), acting as counsel for various parties in disputes arising out of complex cross-border investments and projects. He is concurrently the Managing Partner of Cavenagh Law LLP, Clifford Chance's formal law alliance partner in Singapore.

Paul is a qualified Chartered Arbitrator. He is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He is on the panel of arbitrators of several arbitral institutions and is regularly appointed to sit as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator or presiding arbitrator in arbitrations seated across the world. He is the General Editor of the *Practical Guide to the SIAC Rules*. Paul is a member of the SAL Law Reform Committee. He has served as a member of the ICC National Committee Nomination Commission for Singapore.

He is an active member of the Ciarb Singapore Branch and has served as its Chair. He is a member of the teaching faculty of Ciarb, tutoring at arbitration courses conducted by Ciarb, including the award writing course.

Paul is recognised as a leading dispute resolution practitioner in numerous independent legal directories.

* Clifford Chance Asia is a Formal Law Alliance in Singapore between Clifford Chance Pte Ltd and Cavenagh Law LLP.

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

"Conducted in-person, the ARF was a very engaging and interactive experience! The course instructors were knowledgeable and shared many practical pointers which were well received."

"The in-person ARF course brought together a vibrant and diverse mix of experienced arbitration practitioners from around the region, and it was lovely to see some familiar faces and to make new connections. The expert instructors offered much insight and facilitated robust discussions on points of both academic and practical interest. It was an intense but thoroughly enjoyable course, and I would highly recommend it to anyone keen on international arbitration and on joining this lively community."

Faculty Member



Tan Chuan Thye SC

Chair, Ciarb Singapore Branch
Partner, Rajah & Tann

Chuan Thye is a Senior Counsel of the Supreme Court of Singapore and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

He has a broad commercial, corporate and financial dispute resolution practice as lead counsel in various arbitration and court proceedings. His practice has a wide geographical scope and he represents a range of international and domestic entities. He has been recognised by leading publications – such as Chambers Global – in the field of dispute resolution work, and is described as “a very safe pair of hands, analytical and very measured in his approach, clearly on the ascent and developing a sterling reputation.”

According to The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2022, Chuan Thye is “very experienced, calm and balanced, an excellent communicator.” Apart from his work as lead counsel, Chuan Thye has sat on a significant number of arbitration proceedings both as sole arbitrator and as part of a tribunal. He is on the panel of arbitrators of the SIAC, HKIAC, ICC and KLRAC.

Chuan Thye takes an active role in the Singapore legal profession and sits on various committees of the Singapore Academy of Law, and serves as a member of disciplinary tribunals established under the Singapore Legal Profession Act to consider complaints against lawyers practising in Singapore. He is also on the LASCO panel for counsel for capital case proceedings.

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

“The Accelerated Route to Fellowship course gave an excellent overview of the arbitral process and the key skills required of an arbitrator. The numerous hands-on sessions were especially beneficial. As someone who has not sat as arbitrator previously, going through this course gave me greater confidence to take on my first appointment.”

Faculty Member



Steven Lim

Arbitrator and Barrister
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"A vastly experienced arbitrator who is very well respected across Asia" Chambers and Partners 2022

Steven is an arbitrator and barrister. He has over 100 appointments as presiding, sole, co-arbitrator and emergency arbitrator, seated in Singapore, England, USA, India, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam. He is also instructed as lead counsel in arbitrations. He is a member of the English and Singapore bars.

He has extensive experience with SIAC, ICC, ICDR, SCMA, KCAB, UNCITRAL Rules, and ad hoc cases involving Indo-Pacific jurisdictions and farther afield, and is on the SIAC, HKIAC, ICDR, KCAB, JCAA, CIETAC and SHAC panels, amongst many others.

He has extensive experience with disputes and parties from across the world including Singapore, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, Indonesia, Philippines, Brunei, Australia, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, USA, Peru, UK, Netherlands, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Hungary, Russia, BVI, Rwanda, and South Africa.

He has experience with a broad range of commercial disputes covering private equity investments, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, share options, agency, licensing, internet gaming, hotel management, coal, mineral, agricultural commodities and trading contracts, mining, oil and gas, energy, offshore engineering, ship and rig building, and construction projects.

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

"I found the CiArb Accelerated Route to Fellowship course to be a valuable and rewarding experience. The syllabus was well-designed and substantive, with interactive and engaging workshop sessions focusing on practical issues. The course has certainly given me a strong understanding of the process, practice, and procedures in International Arbitration."