Training course on Advanced Arbitration Law and Practice

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Legal Institute	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the advanced principles governing the **validity and scope of arbitration agreements**.
2. Critically evaluate the implications of the **seat of arbitration** on arbitral proceedings and enforcement.
3. Master the selection, appointment, and **challenge of arbitrators**, including ethical considerations and disclosure.
4. Navigate complex **multi-party and multi-contract arbitrations** and consolidation issues.
5. Understand the legal framework and strategic use of **interim measures** in arbitration.
6. Apply advanced principles of **evidence** and discovery in international arbitration (e.g., IBA Rules on Evidence).
7. Assess the challenges and best practices in drafting and interpreting **arbitral awards**.

8. Deeply analyze the grounds for **setting aside and recognizing/enforcing arbitral awards** under the **New York Convention**.
9. Address complex issues related to **sovereign immunity** and enforcement against state entities.
10. Explore the intricacies of **investment arbitration**, including treaty interpretation and jurisdictional challenges.
11. Examine the role of **national courts** in supporting and supervising arbitration.
12. Discuss emerging trends in **international arbitration**, including technology, ESG disputes, and efficiency measures.
13. Formulate effective strategies for representing parties in complex international arbitrations.

Target Audience

This advanced course is designed for legal professionals and dispute resolution practitioners seeking to specialize or enhance their expertise in complex arbitration matters:

1. **Arbitration Practitioners:** Lawyers, barristers, and in-house counsel regularly involved in arbitration.
2. **Current and Aspiring Arbitrators:** Individuals seeking to serve as arbitrators or enhance their arbitral skills.
3. **Judges and Court Officials:** Those involved in supporting or reviewing arbitral proceedings and enforcing awards.
4. **In-House Counsel:** Legal professionals managing international disputes for multinational corporations.
5. **Government Lawyers:** Attorneys advising states on international commercial and investment disputes.
6. **Academics & Researchers:** Scholars and postgraduate students focusing on international dispute resolution.
7. **Mediators and Conciliators:** Professionals seeking to understand the arbitration interface with other ADR mechanisms.
8. **Business Executives:** Leaders involved in international contracts and risk management requiring an understanding of advanced arbitration.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Advanced Concepts in Arbitration Agreements

- Detailed Analysis of Arbitration Agreement Validity and Arbitrability
- Separability Doctrine and its Complexities
- Multi-Party and Multi-Contract Arbitration Clauses: Drafting and Interpretation
- Asymmetric Arbitration Clauses and Unilateral Options
- Choice of Law for the Arbitration Agreement vs. Substantive Law

Module 2: The Arbitral Tribunal: Appointment, Challenges, and Ethics

- Complexities in Arbitrator Selection and Appointment Procedures
- Grounds for Challenging Arbitrators: Bias, Independence, Impartiality
- Disclosure Obligations of Arbitrators: IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest
- The Role and Powers of the Arbitral Tribunal
- Ethical Considerations and Professional Conduct for Arbitrators and Counsel

Module 3: The Seat of Arbitration and Curial Law

- Significance of the Seat of Arbitration vs. Venue of Hearing

- Curial Law: The Law Governing the Arbitration Procedure
- Impact of the Seat on Judicial Intervention and Annulment Proceedings
- Choosing an Arbitration-Friendly Seat: Legal and Practical Considerations
- Challenges Arising from Changes in Seat or Curial Law

Module 4: Institutional vs. Ad Hoc Arbitration & Rules

- In-Depth Comparison of Leading Arbitral Institutions (ICC, LCIA, SIAC, AAA/ICDR, SCC)
- Pros and Cons of Institutional vs. Ad Hoc Arbitration
- Navigating and Interpreting Specific Institutional Arbitration Rules
- Administering Complex Arbitrations under Institutional Rules
- The Role of Emergency Arbitrators and Expedited Procedures

Module 5: Procedural Issues and Management of Arbitration Proceedings

- Terms of Reference / Procedural Orders: Strategic Drafting and Management
- Advanced Techniques in Case Management and Timelines
- Bifurcation of Proceedings: Jurisdiction, Liability, and Quantum
- Confidentiality in Arbitration: Scope and Exceptions
- Managing Parallel Proceedings and Anti-Suit Injunctions

Module 6: Evidence in International Arbitration

- Application of National Evidentiary Rules vs. Soft Law (e.g., IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence)
- Witness Statements and Cross-Examination Techniques
- Expert Evidence: Appointment, Role, and Challenges to Expert Opinions
- Document Production and E-Discovery in International Arbitration
- Privileges and Immunities in Evidence Gathering

Module 7: Interim Measures and Emergency Relief

- Types of Interim Measures (e.g., asset freezing, injunctions, preservation of evidence)
- Powers of Arbitral Tribunals to Grant Interim Measures
- Court-Ordered Interim Measures in Support of Arbitration
- Enforcement of Arbitral Interim Measures and Emergency Arbitrator Orders
- Strategic Considerations for Seeking and Opposing Interim Relief

Module 8: The Arbitral Award: Drafting, Content, and Typology

- Formal Requirements of an Arbitral Award: Mandatory vs. Best Practice
- Reasoning and Deliberation in Award Writing
- Types of Awards: Partial, Interim, Final, Consent Awards
- Correction, Interpretation, and Supplementation of Awards
- Costs of Arbitration: Allocation and Assessment

Module 9: Challenge and Annulment of Arbitral Awards

- Grounds for Setting Aside/Annulment under National Arbitration Laws (e.g., UNCITRAL Model Law)
- Procedures for Annulment Proceedings in the Seat of Arbitration
- Distinguishing between Annulment and Enforcement Defenses
- Strategic Considerations for Challenging an Award
- Impact of Annulment on Enforcement Efforts

Module 10: Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards (New York Convention)

- The 1958 New York Convention: Principles and Scope of Application
- Grounds for Refusal of Recognition and Enforcement (Article V)
- Public Policy Exception: Scope and Limitations
- Procedural Requirements for Enforcement Actions
- Enforcement of Non-Convention Awards and Domestic Awards

Module 11: Complex Enforcement Issues and State Entities

- Enforcement Against States and State-Owned Entities (SOEs)
- Sovereign Immunity (Absolute vs. Restrictive Immunity) and Act of State Doctrine
- Asset Tracing and Strategies for Enforcing Awards Against Challenging Debtors
- Challenges to Enforcement: Parallel Proceedings, Fraud Allegations
- Case Studies of High-Profile Enforcement Battles

Module 12: Investment Arbitration and Emerging Trends

- Introduction to Investment Arbitration: Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)
- Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) and Multilateral Agreements (e.g., ECT)
- Jurisdictional Challenges and Substantive Protections in Investment Treaties
- Current Debates: ISDS Reform, Transparency, Third-Party Funding
- The Future of Arbitration: AI, ESG Disputes, Cybersecurity, and Remote Hearings

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.

- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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