

Training Course on International Dispute Resolution and Arbitration

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Development	Duration	10 Days
Base Fee	\$3,000 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

In today's rapidly evolving global marketplace, professionals are required to master more than technical proficiency. Success in any career hinges on the ability to lead with vision, communicate with impact, and build strong interpersonal relationships. Training Course on Leadership, Communication, and Interpersonal Skills is crafted to empower emerging leaders, team members, and decision-makers to refine their personal influence, enhance emotional intelligence, and lead collaborative success. Through engaging content, real-world case studies, and practical modules, participants will gain essential soft skills that drive organizational performance and individual growth.

This results-driven training focuses on transformational leadership, assertive communication, active listening, conflict resolution, and team collaboration. Participants will experience hands-on training with current leadership trends, social intelligence techniques, and agile communication tools. By the end of this course, learners will be equipped with the tools to communicate clearly, lead confidently, and foster productive professional relationships in any industry.

Programme Curriculum

Training Course on International Dispute Resolution and Arbitration

Introduction

In an era of global interconnectedness and cross-border transactions, disputes arising from international contracts, trade deals, and commercial relationships have become increasingly complex. Training Course on International Dispute Resolution and Arbitration is designed to equip legal professionals, corporate executives, and government officials with the necessary skills, strategies, and frameworks for resolving disputes efficiently through internationally recognized arbitration mechanisms. This course combines theory with practical experience, ensuring participants gain comprehensive knowledge of institutional and ad hoc arbitration, arbitral rules, enforcement mechanisms, and case law from global jurisdictions.

With a focus on emerging trends in international commercial arbitration, investment treaty arbitration, and cross-border conflict resolution, this program enables participants to navigate dispute mechanisms with confidence. Through real-world case studies, hands-on simulations, and exposure to arbitration institutions like the ICC, LCIA, ICSID, and UNCITRAL, learners will be prepared to represent clients effectively or make informed corporate decisions in the face of legal uncertainty and jurisdictional challenges.

Course Objectives

1. Understand the fundamentals of international arbitration law and legal frameworks.
2. Analyze the role of global arbitration institutions (e.g., ICC, ICSID, LCIA).
3. Master the arbitration agreement drafting techniques and enforcement clauses.
4. Evaluate the arbitral tribunal formation process and conflict of interest rules.
5. Gain insights into cross-border contract dispute resolution strategies.
6. Learn techniques for investment treaty arbitration and ISDS mechanisms.
7. Identify jurisdictional issues in international commercial disputes.
8. Apply UNCITRAL Model Law and New York Convention enforcement principles.
9. Examine practical examples through landmark international arbitration cases.
10. Understand the importance of arbitral awards enforcement in different jurisdictions.
11. Navigate ethical considerations and third-party funding in arbitration.
12. Explore emerging trends in online arbitration (ODR) and hybrid proceedings.
13. Develop skills in negotiation, mediation, and arbitration hybrid models.

Target Audience

1. Corporate legal counsels
2. Government officials in trade and commerce
3. International business executives
4. Legal practitioners and arbitrators
5. Academics and law students
6. Contract managers and compliance officers
7. Members of arbitration institutions
8. Policy makers and economic advisors

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to International Dispute Resolution

- Overview of dispute resolution methods
- Key legal frameworks and doctrines
- Introduction to international arbitration
- Types of arbitration: commercial, investment, sports, etc.
- Importance of dispute resolution in global commerce
- **Case Study:** WTO Dispute between US and EU on banana imports

Module 2: Institutional vs. Ad Hoc Arbitration

- Features of institutional arbitration
- Role of arbitral institutions (ICC, LCIA, etc.)
- Advantages and disadvantages of ad hoc proceedings
- Choice of rules and seat of arbitration
- Cost and procedural considerations
- **Case Study:** ICC Arbitration in a multinational construction dispute

Module 3: Arbitration Agreements

- Essential elements of a valid arbitration agreement
- Clauses: separability and competence-competence
- Model clauses from major institutions
- Common drafting pitfalls
- Enforceability issues across jurisdictions
- **Case Study:** Dispute over arbitration clause validity in a technology contract

Module 4: Arbitral Tribunals and Jurisdiction

- Appointment and composition of tribunals
- Challenge and removal of arbitrators
- Jurisdictional challenges
- Independence and impartiality of arbitrators
- Role of party autonomy
- **Case Study:** LCIA arbitration with arbitrator conflict of interest

Module 5: Conduct of Arbitral Proceedings

- Preliminary meetings and procedural orders
- Evidence and document production
- Hearings and witness examination
- Confidentiality in arbitration
- Interim measures
- **Case Study:** Procedural delay in oil and gas sector arbitration

Module 6: Applicable Laws and Legal Principles

- Choice of substantive law
- Lex arbitri and governing law
- Use of international legal norms
- Contract interpretation principles
- Public policy exceptions
- **Case Study:** Interpretation dispute in an international trade contract

Module 7: Arbitration in Investment Disputes

- Introduction to ISDS and BITs
- Role of ICSID and UNCITRAL
- Jurisdictional threshold issues
- Expropriation and fair treatment
- Consent and investor-state contracts
- **Case Study:** Philip Morris v. Uruguay under ICSID rules

Module 8: Enforcement of Arbitral Awards

- Role of the New York Convention
- Grounds for refusal of enforcement
- Domestic vs. international enforcement
- Recognition and enforcement process
- Non-compliance remedies
- **Case Study:** Enforcement of award in India from Singapore arbitration

Module 9: Hybrid Mechanisms (Mediation-Arbitration)

- Advantages of hybrid ADR

- Med-Arb and Arb-Med procedures
- Legal and cultural considerations
- Confidentiality in dual processes
- Role of third-party neutrals
- **Case Study:** International energy dispute resolved via Med-Arb

Module 10: Online and Virtual Arbitration (ODR)

- Rise of virtual hearings
- Technological platforms and tools
- Procedural fairness and security
- Remote evidence submission
- Institutional guidance on ODR
- **Case Study:** Online arbitration case during COVID-19

Module 11: Arbitration Ethics and Professional Conduct

- Conflicts of interest
- Arbitrator disclosure duties
- Ethical obligations of counsel
- Code of conduct for arbitrators
- Impact of unethical behavior on awards
- **Case Study:** Arbitrator disqualification due to undisclosed interest

Module 12: Costs and Funding in Arbitration

- Arbitration cost structures
- Allocation of costs and fees
- Role of cost schedules
- Third-party funding regulation
- Security for costs
- **Case Study:** Litigation funding dispute in a commercial arbitration

Module 13: Public Policy and Sovereignty Issues

- Arbitrability and public policy constraints
- State immunity and sovereign rights
- Enforcement risks in sensitive sectors
- Role of national courts
- Impact on treaty obligations
- **Case Study:** Yukos arbitration and Russian Federation sovereignty defense

Module 14: Drafting and Reviewing Arbitral Awards

- Format and structure of awards
- Reasoned vs. unreasoned decisions
- Remedies and damages calculation
- Correction and interpretation of awards
- Time limits and finality
- **Case Study:** Challenge of arbitral award in a banking dispute

Module 15: Future Trends and Innovations in Arbitration

- AI in arbitration
- Sustainability and green arbitration
- Transparency in ISDS

- Blockchain in evidence management
- Diversity in arbitrator appointments
- **Case Study:** Use of AI-based transcription in a recent ICC case

Training Methodology

- Expert-led interactive lectures
- Hands-on practical simulations and role plays
- Analysis of real-world case studies
- Group discussions and peer learning
- Quizzes and knowledge assessments
- Final arbitration moot or capstone project

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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

- The participant must be conversant with English.
- Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	\$2,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0

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