



Legal and Corporate Law

Advanced Commercial Arbitration Procedures and Best Practices

Course Introduction

This advanced training program is designed for professionals engaged in commercial dispute resolution who wish to deepen their knowledge and enhance their skills in arbitration procedures and best practices.

This training program explores the full arbitration lifecycle, highlighting strategic, procedural, and ethical considerations.

The program integrates international standards, key institutional rules, and comparative practices, preparing participants to handle complex arbitration cases with confidence and professionalism.

Target Audience

- In-house legal counsel handling commercial disputes.
- Lawyers specializing in dispute resolution or international commercial law.
- Arbitrators and tribunal secretaries seeking to refine their practice.
- Contract managers and professionals engaged in drafting and negotiating contracts.
- Corporate executives involved in managing cross-border commercial disputes.
- Legal academics and advanced law students focusing on arbitration.

Learning Objectives

- Understand advanced arbitration procedures under major institutional and ad hoc rules.
- Analyze and draft effective arbitration clauses tailored to complex commercial transactions.
- Manage arbitration proceedings strategically from initiation to enforcement.

- Handle procedural complexities, interim measures, and evidence in arbitration.
- Apply best practices in conducting hearings and managing arbitral tribunals.
- Address challenges related to recognition, enforcement, and setting aside of awards.
- Evaluate the ethical and professional responsibilities of arbitrators and counsel.
- Integrate recent trends, including technology and diversity in arbitration.

Course Outline

• Day 01

Foundations of Advanced Commercial Arbitration

- Overview of international commercial arbitration frameworks.
- Key differences between ad hoc and institutional arbitration.
- Role of UNCITRAL Model Law and New York Convention.
- Jurisdictional principles and party autonomy.
- Multi-tier dispute resolution clauses.
- Selecting the seat and its legal implications.

Drafting and Negotiating Effective Arbitration Clauses

- Key components of arbitration agreements.
- Pathological clauses: common pitfalls and solutions.
- Choosing arbitration institutions and rules.
- Multi-party and multi-contract arbitration clauses.
- Incorporating choice of law provisions.
- Drafting clauses for interim measures.
- Techniques for negotiation of arbitration provisions.

• Day 02

Commencement of Arbitration Proceedings

- Notice of arbitration: form and requirements.
- Appointment of arbitrators and constitution of tribunal.
- Challenges to arbitrators and replacement procedures.
- Preliminary meetings and procedural timetables.
- Terms of reference: importance and drafting.

- Tribunal's powers to determine jurisdiction.
- Dealing with defaulting parties at initiation stage.

Case Management and Procedural Orders

- Developing a case management plan.
- Tribunal's discretion on procedural matters.
- Procedural orders vs. directions: drafting tips.
- Handling preliminary issues and bifurcation.
- Managing confidentiality and data protection.
- Time and cost efficiency in arbitration procedures.
- Using technology in case management.

• Day 03

Interim and Emergency Relief

- Types of interim measures available in arbitration.
- Procedures for requesting interim relief.
- Role and powers of emergency arbitrators.
- Enforcement of interim measures.
- Intersection with national courts: supportive measures.
- Security for costs and preservation of assets.
- Comparative approaches of major arbitration institutions.

Conduct of Hearings

- Preparing for arbitration hearings.
- Opening statements and submissions.
- Organizing oral arguments and witness examination.
- Handling tribunal questions during hearings.
- Use of interpreters and court reporting.
- Virtual hearings: challenges and best practices.
- Managing hearing logistics and protocols.

• Day 04

Award Writing and Deliberations

- Structure and form of arbitral awards.
- Legal reasoning and addressing parties' claims.
- Partial and interim awards.

- Consent awards and settlement in arbitration.
- Correction and interpretation of awards.
- Time limits and finality of awards.
- Ensuring enforceability of the award.

Recognition, Enforcement, and Challenges

- Grounds for refusal of enforcement.
- Setting aside arbitral awards: common bases.
- Enforcement strategies across jurisdictions.
- Role of state courts in enforcement and annulment.
- Practical challenges in enforcement.
- Cross-border enforcement of interim relief.

• Day 05

Evidentiary Issues in Arbitration

- Document production: IBA Rules and beyond.
- Witness statements: best practices.
- Expert evidence: appointment and examination.
- Managing cross-examination in hearings.
- Rules of privilege and admissibility.
- Weighing and assessing evidence.
- Digital evidence and e-discovery trends.

Ethics and Diversity

- Arbitrators' duties and ethical standards.
- Conflicts of interest: disclosure and management.
- Party representation guidelines.
- Promoting diversity and inclusion in arbitration.
- Recent reforms in major arbitration rules.

Confirmed Sessions

FROM	TO	DURATION	FEES	LOCATION
Dec. 22, 2025	Dec. 26, 2025	5 days	4250.00 \$	UAE - Dubai
Sept. 1, 2025	Sept. 5, 2025	5 days	4250.00 \$	UAE - Abu Dhabi