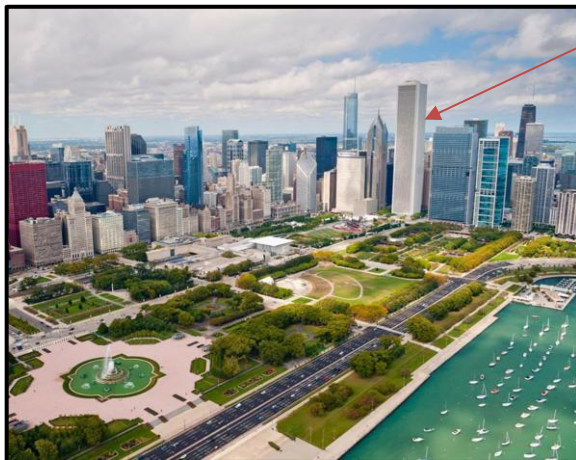




ARBITRATION ADVOCACY

Accelerated Route to Fellowship (International Arbitration) Assessment

In-Person – Chicago, IL
October 1 and 2, 2026
Plus Optional FCI Arb Exam



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**Presented and
Organized by:**

**The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators,
North America Branch **and** the Chicago
Bar Association (CBA)**

Venue:

Foley & Lardner, LLP, Chicago, IL

24 interactive problem-solving exercises PLUS three plenary sessions. *This is NOT a sit and listen program.* Participants will address real world issues that arise in arbitrations through role-play exercises and problem-solving discussions. You will leave the program with improved advocacy skills and a solid understanding of what works (and doesn't work) in arbitration, and an understanding of *why* what works works, and *why* what doesn't work doesn't.

Arbitration Issues Addressed

- **Hierarchy of Laws**
- **Difference Between The Law Governing The Arbitration and The Law Governing The Matter In Dispute**
- **Confidentiality – Arbitration is a Private Proceeding, *NOT* a Confidential Proceeding**
- **The Arbitration Agreement**
 - Applicable law
 - FAA / State Law / Treaties
 - Seat / Place of arbitration
 - Venue
 - Costs (attorney fees?)
 - 1 vs 3 arbitrators
 - AAA Rule 46(b) (and similar provisions in other rules)
 - Arbitration appeals (per the arbitration rules; not a court challenge)
- **Selecting An Arbitrator**
 - What makes a good arbitrator? What qualities should be considered?
 - Arbitrator disclosures – what should the advocate look for, and why?
 - Pre-selection interviews
- **The Initial Preliminary Hearing/Scheduling Conference**
- **Interim Measures and Preliminary Orders**
 - Finality/appealability
- **Exchange and Production of Information (*NOT* Discovery)**
 - Subpoenas
- **Effective Presentation of Evidence and Witness Examination**
 - Why arbitration is different
 - Witness statements
 - Experts and hot-tubbing
- **Types of Awards and Advantages of Each**
- **Post Award Remedies**

Program Description

All members of this faculty have years of experience as both advocates and arbitrators. They'll relate the differences between domestic and international arbitration, and tell you straight up based on their personal experiences serving in both roles that many advocacy techniques that result in great results in a state or federal court generally will not be well received in arbitration, and especially in an international arbitration. Motion practice, discovery (such that it exists in arbitration), and how arguments are presented both in writing and orally are different in both domestic and international arbitration than in court. This course will identify the differences through lecture and role-play exercises. The

faculty will explain why the differences exist, what works and what doesn't, and coach participants to improve their arbitration advocacy skills.

This program is a Chartered Institute of Arbitrators' qualifying program for the designations "Member" and "Fellow" of the Chartered Institute. As such, those who successfully complete the program are qualified to become Members of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and display the designation "MCIArb" after their names if they join the Institute and pay their annual fees. Additionally, those wishing to become Fellows of the Institute and display the designation "FCIArb" may write a reasoned award exam to qualify as a Fellow of the Institute.

In addition to advocacy, the program will explore the applicable laws and procedures for the conduct of efficient arbitration hearings in complex commercial cases. The program is comprised of two elements:

1. Oral Assessment

This element of the Accelerated Route to Fellowship Programme consists of two days of workshops (4 days if the program is via remote video conference) based on a case study of a dispute. Each participant is assessed on his/her knowledge, judgment and self-presentation during discussion of a series of problems arising during a mock complex international arbitration and role play simulations.

2. Written Assessment

Written assignments will be part of the assessment process during the workshop portion of the program. One of the written assignments will be prepared in advance of the workshops and will be collected early on the first day of the workshops.

Who Should Attend? Practicing attorneys with substantial complex litigation and/or dispute resolution experience (senior associates/junior partners, or seasoned practitioners considering becoming arbitrators). For further information regarding one's qualification to participate in the program, please contact Jim Reiman, Program Director (JReiman@ReimanADR.com).

Assessment. Continual assessment throughout the workshop portion of the program and written submittals.

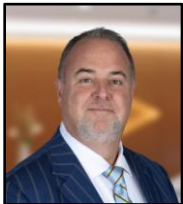
Assessment Result. Successfully passing the oral and written assessments during the workshop portion of the program qualifies participants to be Members of the Chartered Institute and to use the MCIArb designation if you join the CIARB and pay the necessary membership fee. It also qualifies successful participants who possess the required work experience to take the Award Writing Examination. Successful completion of the Award Writing Examination and (separate) Peer Review Interview allows the candidate to apply for Fellow status (for full details of route to Fellowship, please visit the CIARB website www.ciarb.org).

Pricing

Partners and lawyers associated with the ChIAC Member Firms; ChIAC member attorneys or neutrals; CIArb members	\$300.00*
Members of Chicago Bar Association and Chartered Institute of Arbitrators	\$350.00*
Program Participants associated with law firms located in the following Mid-west States: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin	\$450.00*
LLM Students	\$150.00*
All other Candidates	\$950.00*

* Successful completion of this course qualifies participants who have the requisite practice experience to write a reasoned award to become a Fellow of the Chartered Institute and eligible to display the FCIArb designation. The reasoned award exam is assessed in London at the CIArb's headquarters. Participants wishing to become Fellows of the Chartered Institute and who will write the reasoned award exam must pay a separate fee exam of \$600 which is in addition to the course fee.

Internationally Renowned Faculty



Tom Crist, FCIArb: Tom chairs Benesch's Global Infrastructure Team, leads Benesch's Middle East Practice, and is Co-Chairman of Benesch's Construction Law Practice Group. Tom is an international arbitration and disputes specialist headquartered in the United States and the UAE. He has spent most of his career as a trusted advisor, problem solver, and advocacy partner at an Am Law 200 firm. Tom also leads Benesch's MENA (Middle East/North Africa) and Federal Contracting Practices. The overlapping groups share an emphasis on innovation and delivery of essential services to established and developing locales, including those in the energy, chemical, natural resources, transportation, healthcare, manufacturing, and infrastructure sectors. His practice advises stakeholders and public and closely held company leadership in their planning and execution of a broad range of major projects and initiatives.

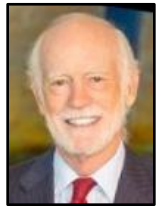


James Ferguson, FCIArb: Jim is a partner with Mayer Brown LLP who focuses his practice on intellectual property litigation, complex commercial litigation, and US and international arbitration. He has been lead trial counsel in patent, trademark, trade secret, antitrust, insurance, IT, breach of contract and employment cases in federal courts and domestic and international arbitral tribunals. A Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Jim has first-chaired more than 38 trials to verdict or final judgment and argued more than 30 appeals in federal appellate courts.

As part of his practice, Jim also counsels multinational clients on global IP portfolio management and licensing. In US and international arbitration, Jim has been lead counsel for a wide range of multi-national companies in the pharmaceutical, medical device, IT, financial services, global technology, aviation and other industries.



Craig Glidden, FCI Arb: Craig is the Founder & Managing Partner, Glidden Partners. Before forming Glidden Partners, Craig served as General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, and Executive VP of General Motors. At GM, Craig led a transformation of GM's global legal operations to support the company's vision of a future with zero crashes, zero emissions and zero congestion. Prior to joining GM, Craig served as executive vice president and chief legal officer for LyondellBasell, one of the world's largest plastics, chemicals and refining companies, and as senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of Chevron Phillips Chemical Co., a position he held after leaving private law practice. He also served as chair of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR) Board of Directors, and was a member of the Business Roundtable Legal Advisory Group.



John B. Pinney, FCI Arb: John is a senior trial lawyer at BrickerGraydon in Cincinnati. His practice is focused on international business disputes, including litigation of such disputes in U.S. courts and international arbitrations in the United States and in many countries throughout the world. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, teaches International Commercial Arbitration at the University of Cincinnati and coaches the Cincinnati team that competes in the Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot. John also frequently speaks on international arbitration at programs throughout the world, including most recently on the Supreme Court's decision in the ZF Automotive case regarding Section 1782 and obtaining evidence in U.S. courts for use in international arbitrations. In addition, he is active with the American Bar Association's Litigation, International Law and Dispute Resolutions Sections and has recently completed service on the ABA's Standing Committee for the Federal Judiciary which evaluates and rates all U.S. federal judge nominees.



Javier Rubinstein, FCI Arb: Javier is the Chairman of the newly formed Chicago International Arbitration Center (ChIAC) as well as a member of ChIAC's Board of Directors and its Board's Executive Committee. He is also the principal of Rubinstein ADR. Before serving as an independent arbitrator at Rubinstein ADR through which he serves as an arbitrator for domestic and international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations, Javier served as Global General Counsel and Chief Risk Officer of PricewaterhouseCoopers International. He also led the international arbitration practices at Kirkland & Ellis LLP and Mayer Brown LLP, and most recently he was a partner in the international arbitration group at King & Spalding LLP. Javier also is a Lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School, where he has been teaching international arbitration and other courses since 1996. Javier is a native of Argentina, raised and trained in the United States, and conducts arbitrations with native fluency in English and Spanish.



John Sciacotta: John is a senior member of Aronberg Goldgehn and serves on the firm's Executive Management Committee. He is a past President of the Chicago Bar Association (June 2024-June 2025) and possesses nearly 40 years of trial, litigation, white collar, and business law experience advocating for clients in complex civil litigation, arbitration, mediation, enforcement, investigation, and business counseling matters with a special emphasis on complex civil trial and appellate cases brought in federal and state courts and tribunals throughout the United States. John represents publicly and privately held domestic and foreign business entities, lenders, employers, municipalities, government bodies and individuals in transactional matters and disputes.



Wade Thompson: Wade is a Co-Chair of the firm's Business Litigation Practice and is an elected member of the firm's Policy Committee. He is Chambers ranked and has significant experience in high-stakes commercial disputes and government investigations around the world, practicing out of both the Chicago and London offices. In particular, Wade has substantial experience in complex commercial disputes across industries and fora, including international arbitrations and domestic courts. In addition to serving as an advocate in arbitrations, Wade serves as an arbitrator. Much of Wade's work involves cross-border disputes. For example, in 2024 Wade led a team that secured an exceedingly rare vacatur of an international arbitration award against Meleveetil Damodaran, the former chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), which is akin to the US Securities and Exchange Commission.



Frank E. Pasquesi: Frank is a health care and business litigation lawyer, with a particular skillset assisting clients in managing their overall legal exposure and navigating complex disputes to achieve their business objectives. He is the managing partner of the firm's Chicago office, a member of the firm's management committee, and former vice chair of the firm's national Litigation Department. Frank regularly represents public companies in high-profile federal lawsuits and arbitrations on a wide variety of matters in the pharmacy benefit management (PBM), pharmacy, health care, pharmaceutical, financial services, and retail industries. Frank is a member of the Commercial Litigation and Government Enforcement Defense & Investigations Practice and the firm's Strategic Health Care Sector. He previously served as senior vice president of litigation and assistant general counsel at CVS Health Corporation, where he reported to the CEO and held enterprise-wide responsibility for litigation and oversaw a broad spectrum of legal areas and matters, including commercial litigation, government and internal investigations, employment litigation and intellectual property.

ADDITIONAL FACULTY TO BE ANNOUNCED



Program Director – James (Jim) Reiman, FCI Arb: Jim is the past chair of the North America Branch of the CI Arb and a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Board of ChIAC. He is an arbitrator and mediator of complex domestic and international commercial disputes and serves as a director on the boards of public and private companies. He has 18 years' experience as a trial and commercial transactions attorney practicing in Chicago, IL law firms followed by 20+ years as CEO, chairman and board director of public and private companies in the US, UK and China. In addition to his ADR and board work, Mr. Reiman is a member of the faculty of the University of Oxford's Oxford Programme on Negotiation and a Board Leadership Fellow of the National Association of Corporate Directors. He is the author of the multiple award-winning book *Negotiation Simplified: A Framework and Process for Improving Negotiating Results*, Herndon, VA., Amplify Publishing (2022).

Venue

In Person – Chicago, IL USA

October 1 and 2, 2026 (plus exam)



FOLEY & LARDNER LLP

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Suite 3000
Chicago, IL 60654**

Frequently Asked Questions

What will happen during the oral assessment portion of the program?

You will be in small groups with two or more assessors. You will be given a case study comprising a commercial contract and a set of facts describing the events which lead to a dispute between a number of parties. During the assessment workshops, various situations or problems which might arise during an international arbitration will be put to you and you will discuss how you would deal with them. There are also written and role play exercises.

What grade of membership will I be entitled to?

If you pass the oral and written assessments during the workshop portion of the Accelerated Route to Fellowship program, and are not already a Member of the CIARB, you will be entitled to apply for Member status. This applies whether you sit for and pass the Award Writing Exam or not. Applying for Member status as soon as possible is encouraged as all persons applying for Fellow status must first be Members of the Institute.

If you do not pass the oral and written assessment portion of workshop portion of the Accelerated Route to Fellowship program, you will not be permitted to take the Award Writing Exam.

If you successfully pass the workshop portion of the Accelerated Route to Fellowship program as well as the Award Writing Exam, you will be able to schedule a Peer Interview to become a Fellow of the Institute. There will be a separate charge for the Peer Interview process: it is not included in the tuition cost of this program. Following successful completion of the Peer Interview you may apply to upgrade your membership level from Member to Fellow status.

Timing and Scheduling

The program will commence at 8:00 a.m. Thursday morning, October 1, 2026 (workshops will commence at 9:00) and will conclude at approximately 5:30 PM on Friday, October 2, 2026.

A light breakfast, lunch, and beverages/snacks will be provided on Thursday and Friday by our host Foley & Lardner at no cost to our attendees.

Workshops

Thursday, October 1, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Friday, October 2, 2026

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Award Writing Exam

Those participants wishing to write the reasoned award exam and who have the requisite practice experience will have 48 hours to write their award any time they wish during a 5 day period. The dates of the exam period will be announced before the commencement of the program.

We are anticipating strong demand for this program and would ask that you register at the earliest possible date. **Registration is limited!**

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

[Click Here](#)

Fees

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Cancellation: You may freely substitute for someone from your organization until the Friday before the Training. A cancellation fee of US\$ 250 will be charged if cancellation is received prior to May 1, 2026; tuition will not be refunded if cancellation is received after that date. However, the fee paid may be applied to a future program.

Hotel Information

There are many hotels near the venue with a wide range in price and luxury. The CI Arb has not arranged special hotel pricing for participants.