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Global Diploma in  
International Commercial  
Arbitration (Virtual)



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## Course Director

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Founding Partner and Head of International Arbitration, Construction and Energy, Zulficar & Partners, Egypt; Professor of International Arbitration, Private International Law and English Contract Law, Cairo University; Member of the Governing Board of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA); Chair of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Governing Body for Dispute Resolution Services; President Elect of Ciarb (2025); Dean of the Africa Arbitration Academy; Member of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law; Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA); Member of the Mauritius International Arbitration Centre (MIAC); Member of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre (LACIAC) Court of Arbitration; Member of the ITA Academic Council; and Member of the Court, Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA). He is also Member of the International Commercial Expert Committee, China International Commercial Court; fellow of the National Centre for Technology and Dispute Resolution at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA; Member of Inclusive Global Legal Innovation Platform on Online Dispute Resolution (iGLIP on ODR); and associate fellow of the Centre for Private International Law and Centre for Commercial Law at the University of Aberdeen (UK). He was also Chair of the Expert Advisory Committee of the

Permanent Forum of China Construction Law (PFCCL) (2020-2023); Vice-President of the ICC International Court of arbitration (2015-2021); Co-Chair, IBA Arab Regional Forum. (2020-2023); Member of the Court, LCIA (2014-2019); Member of the Governing Board, International Council on Online Dispute Resolution (ICODR) – (2017-2021); Vice Chair, IBA Arbitration Committee (2015-2018).

He served as 'Arbitrator', 'Legal Expert' and 'Counsel' in more than 260 cases, involving parties from Africa, Asia, Canada, Europe, the Middle East the United States and Latin America, and is recognised as a world-leading arbitrator and arbitration practitioner in international investment and international commercial arbitration, construction law and practice, energy law and infrastructure disputes, African and Arab Laws, Islamic Shari'a, private international law and online dispute resolution. His expertise in cross border multi-jurisdictional and highly complex transactions and disputes is extensive and broad. He was shortlisted among the top five arbitrators for the GAR award for the best prepared and responsive arbitrator (2021), and is regularly ranked by *Who's Who Legal*, *Chambers*, *The Legal 500* and *Client Choice Awards* as a world leading international arbitration thought leader, counsel and arbitrator.

He received the *Law Magazine 2023* Regional Lawyer of the Year, the *LAW Magazine 2022* Most Influential Legal Academic Award, the *2021 and 2020 Client Choice International Award*, the *2019 AYA Hall-of-Fame African Arbitrator Award*, the *2018 ASA International Arbitration Advocacy Prize*, and the *LAW Magazine 2017 Best Legal Practitioner Award*. He is listed in *Who's Who Global Elite Thought Leaders: International Arbitration*; selected among the *Legal500 Africa Powerlist* and the *AYA's Africa's Top 30 Powerlist*. He is the co-editor (with Professor Dr. Maxi Scherer and Niuscha Bassiri) of the first ever book on COVID-19 and international arbitration under the title *"International Arbitration and the COVID-19 Revolution"* (2020). He is also the co-editor (with Professor Ethan Katsh and Daniel Rainey) of *"Online Dispute Resolution: Theory and Practice"* (2011 and 2021). He is the author of the *Abdel Wahab Pandemic Pathway to Virtual/Remote Hearings* (2020); Co-author (with Dr. Kabir Duggal) of the first book dedicated to comparing the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Unified Arab Investment Agreement (UAIA) Treaties under the title *"The Resurgence of the Unified Arab Investment Agreement and the Organisation for Islamic Cooperation Investment Agreement"* Brill (2022).

**WWL: Arbitration & Global Elite Thought Leaders (2023)** says: *"He is an amazing practitioner and one of the hardest working people' 'His sharp mind never ceases to amaze' 'He is one of a kind!'"*.

**Chambers and Partners (2023) -Africa-wide** says: *"Mohamed Abdel Wahab is a leading arbitrator and arbitration*

*counsel based in Cairo. He is very highly respected for his international commercial and investment treaty practice. As an arbitrator, he frequently presides over disputes concerning construction, energy and infrastructure issues"; "Mohamed Abdel Wahab is someone who is very brilliant and technically capable. He is very smart on the law, but also emotionally intelligent as well".*

**Chambers and Partners (2023) - Dispute Resolution: Most in Demand Arbitrators**

says: *"Mohamed Abdel Wahab is one of the best-known arbitration lawyers and his practice combines expert witness and arbitrator appointments with regular roles as counsel on significant and high-profile cases, and he receives especially high praise for his expertise in oil and gas and construction disputes".*

**Legal 500 (2023) - Dispute Resolution: Arbitration**

says: *"Mohamed Abdel Wahab – very prepared arbitrator; deep experience in international arbitration; very thoughtful in his comments; collegial; engaged; insightful and sharp questions"; "Mohamed Abdel Wahab: Highly respected, very experienced arbitrator, exhibiting highest standard of integrity and ethics"* and *"Mohamed Abdel Wahab is a very highly regarded professional and a leading international arbitrator. He has the quality of being knowledgeable in several system of laws: common law, civil law and sharia law".*

**Who's Who Legal: Arbitration (2020)**

says Mohamed Abdel Wahab *"is at the top of the market"* and *"a very well-prepared, exceptional arbitrator."*



**Who's Who Legal: Arbitration (2019)** says Mohamed Abdel Wahab is *"a leader in the space."*

**Who's Who Legal Construction (2019)** says Mohamed Abdel Wahab is highlighted as *"a leading heavyweight construction law specialist whose analytical skills are second to none."*

**Chambers & Partners Global (2019)** states that *"Mohamed Abdel Wahab is consistently described by clients as a 'superstar in arbitration'."*

**The Legal 500 (2019)** calls Mohamed Abdel Wahab *"an arbitration expert with a global reputation",* who is *"one of the best in the world."*

## Introduction

The Global Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration is one of Ciarb's leading membership training programmes.

If you are serious about a career in international commercial arbitration and want to learn from tutors who teach from experience, network with delegates from around the world, and progress towards Fellowship status, then Ciarb's Virtual Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration, taking place from **3 to 26 May 2024**, is for you!

The Diploma is led by Course Director Professor Dr Mohamed Abdel Wahab, C.Arb FCI Arb and delivered by a host of highly experienced and distinguished tutors. You will gain a truly international learning experience. In 2023, our delegates hailed from Austria, Bahrain, Ghana, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Jordan, Portugal, South Africa, Tanzania, the UAE, the USA, and Zambia.

Upon successfully completing the course and all corresponding assessments, you can apply to become a Ciarb Fellow.



The comprehensive and well-structured content were delivered expertly with passion by many experienced arbitrators led by Professor Dr. Mohamed Wahab.

**Rebecca Huang**

Weintraub Erskine Huang LLP,  
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## Diploma Structure

The Global Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration (Virtual) is split into three parts.

### Part 1

One month before the Diploma, candidates choose and submit a general dissertation proposal from a list of subjects, based upon their experience of international commercial arbitration. Once approved, they are assigned and discuss their dissertation with a supervisor. They attend training sessions on the law, practice and procedure of international commercial arbitration, and submit a final 4000-word dissertation online approximately two months later. They must also submit two 1000-word assignments during the training programme, which they must also pass.

### Part 2

Candidates must take and pass an online exemption test on the common law and civil law of contract and tort before commencing the Part 3 assessment.

### Part 3

Candidates receive training on award writing during the training programme. Then they must take and pass award writing coursework, which they complete

at home and submit via Ciarb's online platform.

Upon successfully completing the course and all corresponding assessments, you can apply to become a Ciarb Fellow. Fellowship (FCI Arb) is internationally recognised and respected. When you become a Ciarb Fellow, you join a distinguished group of experienced alternative dispute resolution (ADR) practitioners. Fellowship unlocks eligibility to join Ciarb's and other global dispute panels.



## Course Fee

The course fee for the Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration (Virtual) is £5,499.00 inclusive of VAT. At least 50% of the course fee must be paid upon registration of the course.

The full course fee is due no later than **31 March 2024**.

## What does the course fee include?

- Access to online platforms;
- Study materials for the course;
- Dissertation Supervisor;
- Part 1: Assignment 1 and 2;
- Module 2 exemption test;
- Part 3 assessment.

Should a candidate fail any part of the Diploma, a resit fee for that part will be charged accordingly.

## What are the entry requirements for the Diploma?

To be considered for the Diploma you must meet both of the following minimum entry requirements:

- You must have a minimum of five years' professional workplace experience as, for example, a lawyer, surveyor, accountant, insurer, shipbroker or similar. This experience

must involve communicating with others, problem-solving, managing workloads effectively, decision-making and the exercise of judgment, **and**

- You must be actively involved in and have experience of arbitration (domestic or international).

All candidates enrolling on any Ciarb course should ensure that their command of spoken and written English is adequate for the course for which they have applied. Ciarb specifies the need for its candidates to have **adequate** English in order to ensure that their academic progress is not hindered by language difficulties.

Ciarb issues this advice as a guideline and, while it will not require any evidence of this standard prior to enrolment on a course, candidates who do not have this standard of English may be disadvantaged. It is recommended that they have achieved a standard that is, as a minimum, equivalent to the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) level 7 or a score of 94-101 in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) system but we do not require an official IELTS or TOEFL result.

Please contact the British Council for further details on how to improve your English skills:

[learnenglish.britishcouncil.org](https://www.learnenglish.britishcouncil.org)



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Thank you to the friendly, dedicated and professional team from Ciarb, thank you to the awe-inspiring Course Director and remarkable faculty members and thank you to my diverse and engaging colleagues. This has been a truly unforgettable experience. Onwards and upwards from here!

**Sudhar Thillainathan MCI Arb**

Advocate & Solicitor,  
Arbitrator. Steven Thiru  
& Sudhar Partnership



## How to apply

In order to be considered for this programme, please send your full CV to [atoyinbo@ciarb.org](mailto:atoyinbo@ciarb.org) by **29 February 2024** at the latest. Should you be successful in your application, you will be contacted regarding registration and payment.

Please note that CVs are processed in batches and as such, the review process can take upwards of four weeks. You will be contacted should you be successful in your application.

## Registration

Upon successful registration on the course, candidates will receive confirmation they are booked on the course. Initial Dissertation instructions will be sent to candidates approximately four weeks before the course start date.

Candidates will be provided with access to a virtual learning environment and electronic copies of material to assist them with the Diploma, 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 are my next steps when I complete the course?

On successful completion of the Diploma course and all the corresponding assessments, candidates:

- Will be awarded a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration;
- Will be able to progress onto the Peer Interview of the International Arbitration pathway and;
- Will be eligible to apply for Fellow grade of Ciarb and take advantage of a range of educational and professional benefits once they have been successful in the Peer Interview;
- Candidates are only eligible to apply for the relevant membership grade for a maximum of 2 years after having successfully completed the course and assessment.

## Important Dates

31 March 2024	The full course fee is due.
5 April 2024	An initial email with dissertation proposal and biography instructions will be sent.
19 April 2024	Due date for proposal and biography. Candidates will get access to the module 2 exemption test and access to the course materials
3 May 2024	Diploma course starts.
17 May 2024	Assignment 1 is released.
19 May 2024	Assignment 1 is due.
24 May 2024	Assignment 2 is released.
26 May 2024	Assignment 2 is due.
5 July 2024	Final Dissertation is due.
2 August 2024	Module 2 exemption test completion due date.
6 August 2024	Candidates will get access to stage 1 of the part 3 assessment.
16 August 2024	Candidates will get access to stage 2 of the part 3 assessment.



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