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Global Diploma in
International Commercial
Arbitration (Oxford)



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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."*



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International Construction: Contracts and Arbitration

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Introduction

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Ciarb) is hosting the Global Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration at Worcester College, Oxford, in 2024. The Diploma is Ciarb's most prestigious membership training programmes.

The Diploma has been delivered in the heart of Oxford for more than two decades - during the pandemic it was

taught virtually. The Diploma provides eligible candidates with the opportunity to undertake training and assessments that lead to eligibility for a Peer interview for Fellowship. Delivered by highly experienced and distinguished tutors, it involves a combination of lectures, seminars, and workshops, as well as ample time to network.



Diploma Structure

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

Part 1

Law, Practice and Procedure of International Commercial Arbitration

One month before the Diploma, candidates choose and submit a general dissertation proposal from a list of subjects. They are then assigned a dissertation supervisor and submit a final 4000-word dissertation online approximately three months later. There are also two 1000-word assignments that need to be completed.

Part 2

Law of Obligations

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

Part 3

Evidence and Award Writing of International Arbitration

Candidates must pass an award writing assessment, which they complete at home and submit via Ciarb's online platform.





If you desire to enter the professional world of international arbitration, join this programme. It not only enriched my knowledge and skills of arbitration but also expanded my international network and view.

Philip Qiao
Beijing Merits & Tree Law Firm



Course Fee

The course fee is £9,750.00 inclusive of VAT. Early bird special offers are available. At least 50% of the course fee must be paid upon registration of the course. The 50% deposit is non-refundable.

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

What does the course fee include?

The course fee includes accommodation in student housing on campus for ten nights, from the night before sessions start, to the morning after: (5 September to 14 September). A selection of meals are also included in the course fee and will be provided on campus, in the main hall. This is an opportunity to meet and socialise with your prestigious faculty and fellow candidates in the historic grounds of a 300-year-old institution.

The course fee also includes all study material, assessment, assignments and exemption test fees.

What are the entry requirements?

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)

How do I apply?

In order to be considered for this programme, please send your full CV to magrawal@ciarb.org by 1 March 2024 at the latest. If you are successful in your application, you will be contacted regarding registration and payment.

Please note that it takes four weeks to review applicants' CVs. We will contact you if you are successful.





Next Steps

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.

After completing the Diploma

On successful completion of the Diploma course and all the corresponding assessments, candidates will be awarded a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration. Additionally, they will be able to progress onto the Peer Interview of the International Arbitration pathway. After which, they 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 two years after having successfully completing the course and assessment.





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Important Dates

31 May 2024	The full course fee is due.
9 August 2024	An initial email with dissertation proposal and biography instructions will be sent.
23 August 2024	Due date for proposal and biography. Candidates will get access to the module 2 exemption test and access to the course materials.
6 -13 Sept. 2024	Diploma course takes place in Oxford
20 Sept. 2024	Assignment 1 is released.
22 Sept. 2024	Assignment 1 is due.
27 Sept. 2024	Assignment 2 is released.
29 Sept. 2024	Assignment 2 is due.
15 Nov. 2024	Final dissertation is due.
26 Nov. 2024	Candidates will get access to stage 1 of the part 3 assessment.
6 Dec. 2024	Candidates will get access to stage 2 of the part 3 assessment.



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