

Accelerated Route to Fellowship in Commercial Arbitration



Have you got five or more years' practical experience either as a representative or practitioner in international arbitration? Being FCIArb is an objective standard of knowledge and experience in commercial arbitration. Obtaining accreditation through the Accelerated Route to Fellowship (ARF) organised by Ciarb's Iberian Chapter is an opportunity to do so from an international perspective and with the dual perspective of Common Law and Civil Law.

Our arbitration community is welcoming this course with commitment and dedication through our excellent tutors and Directors. We hope that our students will feel at home in Madrid with our hospitality and dedication from the **San Pablo CEU University – CIAMEN**, which welcomes us into its classrooms through **José María Beneyto** and **Marta Lya Martini**, together with the entire team of Ciarb's Iberian Chapter, European Branch.

ARF Course Directors

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Tutors



Bernardo Cartoni FCI Arb Lawyer and Arbitrator

Bernardo Cartoni FCI Arb is a triple-qualified lawyer (admitted to the Bar of Italy and Poland and enrolled as a Solicitor Advocate in England and Wales). Bernardo is listed in the SHIAC Panel of Arbitrators, in the HKIAC List of Arbitrators, and he is also a member of several arbitral institutions spanned all over the world (SCCA, SQICMC, CAAI, GZAC, THAC, Lewiatan, etc.).

Bernardo has also written some papers on arbitration-related issues (some among the latest ones are about: a) Third-Party Funding in Hong Kong and Singapore; b) Witness Preparation; c) Belt and Road Initiative and Dispute Resolution; d) Fast Track Arbitration and COVID-19; e) Arbitrator's bias between Halliburton and Sun Yang); f) The Chinese Arbitration Jumps into the Future. He has also commented on a Chinese Court decision, in the book "Selected Chinese Cases on the UN Sales Convention (CISG)", Vol. 4.

He took part as a speaker at the UNCITRAL Conference about “International Commercial Legislation – Trends and Perspectives” (held in Doha on 24Th April 2024), addressing the topic: “Interim Measures in UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration – Problems, Challenges, and Perspectives”. In 2023, he was the Chair of the Drafting Committee of the “Universal Declaration on the Responsible Use of AI in the Legal Profession”, presented and approved at the UN premises in Geneva on the 26th of June.

He regularly serves as a lecturer and speaker in Europe, China, and India. He focuses on international disputes (arbitration and litigation both) regarding commercial trade, M&A, IP rights, construction, sports, and maritime law. He assists in contract negotiations, too.

Bernardo regularly serves as a volunteer arbitrator in the Vis Moot and the FDI Moot and recently joined the AIAC Academy Panel Tutors and the Ciarb Approved Faculty List, where he teaches International Arbitration.

Currently, he is the tutor of the Islamabad University team in the UNIDROIT Moot. He also serves as a Board Member of AIFOD (Artificial Intelligence for Developing Countries), an ONG based in Vienna.



Mercedes Tarrazon FCI Arb **Lawyer, Mediator and Arbitrator**

Distinguished Fellow of the International Academy of Mediators.

Mercedes is a lawyer admitted in Spain with over thirty years' experience as an arbitrator and mediator, very often in the international arena. Appointed by Spain to the ICSID list of conciliators (2020-2026), she has also experience in Dispute Boards. Mercedes has mediated or conciliated, conducted arbitrations, and rendered awards in Catalan, Spanish, English, French and Italian. She has also a good knowledge of German and Portuguese.

She is an ADR author who is very frequently invited as speaker at arbitration and mediation fora. Mercedes is also an experienced trainer in arbitration, mediation and negotiation, having developed the DIMA Training© methodology for training ADR practitioners in soft skills.

Mercedes is a member of the Mediation Forum of the Spanish Ministry of Justice, where she coordinates the Task Group on Quality and Best Practices in Mediation, and member of the Board of Management of the Spanish and Iberoamerican Club of Arbitration (CEIA), where she chairs the Commission on Mediation.

Among other positions held in the past, she has been member for Spain at the ICC International

Court of Arbitration (2000–2018), Vice-Chairwoman of the Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission (2008–2014), member of the Board of Management of the Ciarb (2006–2012) and member of the CPR European Advisory Committee (2007–2015).

Mercedes is listed in Who's Who Legal Mediation since the list's inception (2011 to 2025) and in several issues of Who's Who Legal Arbitration, including from 2021 to 2025.



**Victor Leginsky C.Arb FCI Arb
Chartered Arbitrator and Certified Mediator
Arbitralis ADR**

Victor Leginsky is a Chartered Arbitrator and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He holds a JD (Juris Doctor) degree and a B.Ed. (Bachelor of Education), both from Canada. He has served as Arbitrator in over 120 cases, a large proportion of which are high-value construction cases and conducts both institutional and ad hoc arbitrations.

He is certified as a mediator through the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (London) [CEDR] and works frequently in respect of mediation with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (London) [RICS] and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He conducts mediation including construction-related mediations. He confines his practice to that of a neutral (arbitrator / mediator), largely in construction and energy-related disputes.

Victor is an elected member of the steering committee of the ICC UAE Commission on Arbitration & ADR for the term 2023–2025. He is a past MENA Chapter Director of the Association of International Energy Negotiators (AIEN). Victor is on the panels of many arbitration institutions around the world. He has experience in Public Private Partnership, including being Sole Arbitrator in two large, complex cases, African government in partnership with private two party joint venture; and in construction projects with various forms of privately financed infrastructure. Victor is a Canadian citizen but has been resident of and has been working in the Middle East for 18 years.

Victor has served as Regional Pathway Leader for the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CiArb) and tutors Award Writing amongst other courses. He instructs and assesses in respect of Arbitration and Mediation through the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. He lectures frequently on dispute resolution in construction, oil and gas and general dispute resolution matters. He won the DIAC Gold Co-arbitrator Award, 2018, the only year that DIAC granted such awards.

Fee

€2,500 (includes training, assessment and online examination fee).

Info and Interest

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