



School of International Arbitration

is delighted to announce that its

Post-Graduate Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration

is now offered in association with



THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS

The Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration examines the jurisprudential bases and practices of international commercial arbitration, covering both past and current developments. Since its introduction in 1984-85, the course has attracted a wide range of participants from civil, common and Islamic law backgrounds from more than 90 jurisdictions across the world; some participants had limited law background except for professional experience in dispute resolution. This spread of experience and background has contributed to a lively interchange of contributions from the class to enhance the international and comparative approach to the topic; at the same time the growing globalisation and harmonisation receives due emphasis.

The Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration is aimed at giving a thorough grounding in the rules and procedures of international commercial arbitration. It is taught in a comparative way with reference to various national laws, the arbitration rules of UNCITRAL and the major international instruments and institutional rules relating to international arbitration. A detailed treatment of International Commercial Arbitration law and practice is given to allow students an insight, at an early stage, of the structure and issues of the preferred dispute resolution mechanism in over 80% of international contracts concluded worldwide.

THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

The programme of diplomas in advanced commercial law is designed as a degree course involving part-time study for a full year, *starting each academic year on 1 October*. General admission procedures and requirements, attendance, fees and other general aspects of the diploma programme are detailed below.

Candidates passing the Diploma paper on International Commercial Arbitration and the module on award writing are exempt from Part I, Part II and Part III of the examinations of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (full exemption from the academic stage).

COURSE CONTENT

The Diploma course in International Commercial Arbitration requires that the participants successfully complete two elements during a full year.

Element 1: Candidates will be expected to attend the intercollegiate LLM classes (lectures and small group seminars) in *International and Comparative Commercial Arbitration* and complete required assignments. The classes are scheduled for two hours from 6.15pm each Monday during term times, October to June. These classes are currently held at the Queen Mary campus at the Barbican in the heart of the City of London. Syllabus, lectures, assignments and examinations are common to the diploma and the LLM. Candidates should benefit from the varied and international nature of the LLM student body, as active participation by all students is a significant feature of the lectures. The course is taught by Professor Julian DM Lew, QC, and Dr Loukas Mistelis.

Element 2: Candidates may

- Either prepare a dissertation (15,000 words in length) on a relevant topic within the commercial arbitration diploma, as agreed with the course director,
- Or attend and be examined in *one* of the following courses:
 - International Construction Contracts and Arbitration;
 - International Commercial Law;
 - International Commercial Litigation;
 - International Trade and Investment Dispute Settlement
 - Alternative Dispute Resolution.

In addition the students will need to pass the *module on award writing*. This module consists of a 12 hour seminar followed by a four hour examination.

Each student will be allocated a *personal tutor*. Continuous assessment will enhance the student-tutor relation and will provide regular feedback in relation to student academic progression. Students will also be able to address questions and concerns directly to the course convenor and the course director. Participants are entitled to use the specialist electronic databases, such as WESTLAW, LEXIS and www.Kluwerarbitration.com throughout their program. Candidates are also afforded access to the collection of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies for one year.

ASSESSMENT

- Courses are assessed by written examination or a 15,000 words dissertation.
- Dissertations and exams are assessed by internal and external examiners.

ADDITIONAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

The usual admissions criteria for the post-graduate programmes apply. An upper second class honours degree in law (or with law as a major element) at a British University or the equivalent in other universities. Equivalent professional qualifications and experience are accepted at the discretion of the course director. The course director will be happy to advise in cases of doubt.

Candidates should apply by returning to the diploma administrator the attached application form accompanied by

- Evidence of English language proficiency, if candidates has not studied in Britain before;
- One passport size photograph;
- Curriculum vitae;
- Copies of transcripts in English of previous academic qualifications;
- Two letters of reference.

COURSE MATERIALS

All diploma students are supplied free of charge with two volumes of primary materials (laws, rules, conventions and other international instruments) as well as other teaching materials and handouts produced by School of International Arbitration. The course materials contain reading list and occasionally important reading which is not easily accessible in libraries. Each course has also a specially designed and password protected website.

Students are also given access to the specialist libraries at Queen Mary, University of London, and at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Russell Square.

Details of other reading will be supplied during the course.

FEES

The fees for the candidates enrolling for the diploma are £3000 [**currently under review**] payable at the start of the course. The fee covers course materials, examination and library use. It also covers teaching for the award writing module.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Law Society CPD and General Council of the Bar NPP accreditation apply. Full attendance at Diploma classes will attract maximum CPD credits for the year.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 31st JULY

COURSE DIRECTOR

Professor Loukas Mistelis, LLB, MLE, Dr Iuris, MCI Arb, Barrister (Athens Bar)
Clive M Schmitthoff Professor of Transnational Commercial Law and Arbitration
Director, School of International Arbitration

ENQUIRIES

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