

Applied Arbitration for Fellows

14 and 15 March 2026



What is the aim of the programme?

The course is for Ciarb Fellows who have not yet sat or do not sit as an arbitrator frequently. It provides an opportunity to develop practical skills and knowledge, in a realistic simulation of an arbitration proceeding, under the guidance of a highly experienced faculty of respected arbitration practitioners.

Last year's candidates have said the course offers:

"The course provides a unique opportunity to gain experience sitting as an arbitrator. From the moment the course starts you are asked to engage in practical and realistic arbitration scenarios. The feedback from seasoned arbitrators was so valuable. I don't believe there is another course like it. It was hard work, but I learnt a lot."

"An outstanding and worthwhile course."

What are the learning outcomes?

Candidates will practise the roles of co-arbitrator and presiding arbitrator in mock proceedings using realistic documentation, interacting with specialist arbitration counsel and witnesses as well as other tribunal members. Through active engagement with the course, participants will develop their knowledge, skills and confidence to:

- Plan and manage arbitration proceedings effectively.
- Draft, interpret and give effect to procedural orders, applicable arbitral rules and guidelines.
- Identify and address common procedural problems.
- Communicate effectively with all participants to ensure a fair, effective and efficient arbitration proceedings.

How is the programme delivered?

The course will be delivered in person at the office of HKA Global, London, with the course material shared before and throughout the simulated proceedings.

The course will be delivered by the following tutors:

Course Directors

Marion Smith KC and Tope Adeyemi

Arbitrators

Sola Adegbonmire
Professor Ike Ehiribe
Kim Franklin KC

Matt Molloy
Julia Sullivan

Michael Tonkin
Jonathan Wood

Counsel

Ebony Alleyne
Abdul Jinadu

Claire Stockford
Heidi Yildiz

What are the entry requirements?

Candidates must:

- Be a Fellow of the Ciarb.
- Preference will be given to Fellows who have not already been appointed as an arbitrator.

- Be willing to assist with the evaluation of the course by providing open feedback during a session on the final day of the programme.

What is the programme fee and what does it include?

The programme fee is £1,750 plus VAT if paid by 23 February 2026 or £2,050 plus VAT if paid after 24 February 2026. All course fees are to be paid a minimum of 7 days before the start of the course. The programme fee includes all course material, a completion certificate, tea/coffee at the breaks, lunches and dinner on the first day of the course.

How do I apply for this course?

Please submit your application for the course to: elinor@thevirtualpartnership.co.uk.

Your application should confirm that:

- You comply with the entry requirements set out above.
- State in no more than 250 words why you would like to attend this course.
- All applications should be submitted no later than 16 February 2026.

What happens when I apply for the programme?

The Ciarb will confirm receipt of your application, course fee and registration. Following payment of the course fees, the course material will be issued.

What is Ciarb's policy on cancellation of courses?

Cancellation of your place on the Applied Arbitrators for Fellows course must be made in writing to elinor@thevirtualpartnership.co.uk. The below cancellation charges will apply to any cancellation: Cancellation of your place on the Applied Arbitrators for Fellows course must be made in writing to elinor@thevirtualpartnership.co.uk.

The below cancellation charges will apply to any cancellation:

- If a registration is cancelled within 28 days of the course commencing, 100% of the course fee will be payable.
- If a registration is cancelled before 14 days of the course commencing, 50% of the course or assessment fee will be payable.

Where the Ciarb cancels the course, candidates will be provided with a full refund. Ciarb reserves the right to amend the programme at any stage.

Day 1

Date / Time	Event
8.45 am	Introduction and welcome to the course – plenary session
9.00 am	Demonstration by the Faculty – Preliminary Meeting before the Tribunal (a panel of three Chartered Arbitrators)
9.45 am	Demonstration by the Faculty – the Tribunal’s deliberations and decisions
10.00 am	Coffee
10.20 am	Practical Exercise 1 (Preliminary Meeting): the Tribunal’s pre-meeting FCIArbs’ role play
10.35 am	Practical Exercise 1 (Preliminary Meeting) procedural conference FCIArbs’ role play
11.25 am	Practical Exercise 1 (Preliminary Meeting): the Tribunal’s deliberations and directions FCIArbs’ role play
11.40 am	Practical Exercise 1 (Preliminary Meeting): Faculty feedback to FCIArbs
11.50 am	Practical Exercise 2 (challenge to the Tribunal’s jurisdiction): the Tribunal’s pre-meeting FCIArbs role play
12.05 pm	Practical Exercise 2 (challenge to the Tribunal’s jurisdiction): hearing of issue FCIArbs’ role play
12.40 pm	Practical Exercise 2 (challenge to the Tribunal’s jurisdiction): The Tribunal’s deliberations and Ruling FCIArbs’ role play
12.50 pm	Practical Exercise 2 (challenge to the Tribunal’s jurisdiction): Faculty feedback to FCIArbs
1.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm	Debrief and reset – plenary session
2.30 pm	Practical Exercise 3 (factual and expert witness directions): the Tribunal’s pre-meeting FCIArbs’ role play
2.45 pm	Practical Exercise 3 (factual and expert witness directions):: Procedural Meeting FCIArbs’ role play
3.15 pm	Practical Exercise 3 (factual and expert witness directions): the Tribunal’s deliberations and directions FCIArbs’ role play
3.30pm	Practical Exercise 3 (factual and expert witness directions): Faculty feedback to the FCIArbs
3.45 pm	Practical Exercise 4 (pre-hearing application and directions for the Evidentiary Hearing): the Tribunal’s pre-meeting FCIArbs’ role play
4.00 pm	Practical Exercise 4 (pre-hearing application and directions for the Evidentiary Hearing):: conference meeting FCIArbs’ role play
4.35 pm	Practical Exercise 4 (pre-hearing application and directions for the Evidentiary Hearing): the Tribunal’s deliberations and directions FCIArbs’ role play
4.45pm	Practical Exercise 4 (pre-hearing application and directions for the Evidentiary Hearing): Faculty feedback to the FCIArbs
4.55 pm	Coffee
5.15pm	Debrief. Setting the agenda for the first in depth review on Day 2 plenary

5.45 pm	Document production exercise: FCIArbs' practical exercise including drafting procedural order
6.45 pm	Submission of draft procedural orders for overnight review by the Faculty
7.30 pm	Course Dinner

Day 2

Date / Time	Event
9.00 am	Reflection/Q&A on day 1 and group discussion on document production exercise and procedural orders plenary
9.30 am	Tutorial/individual feedback on document production exercise and procedural orders Faculty/FCIArbs one on one
10.00 am	Coffee
10.20 am	Practical Exercise 5: (Evidentiary Hearing – procedural issues and opening speeches) Tribunal's pre-meeting FCIArbs' role play
10.35 am	Practical Exercise 5: (Evidentiary Hearing – procedural issues and opening speeches) day one of the evidentiary hearing FCIArbs' role play
11.20 am	Practical Exercise 5: (Evidentiary Hearing – procedural issues and opening speeches) Faculty feedback to the FCIArbs
11.30 am	Practical Exercise 6: (Evidentiary Hearing – hearing the evidence) the Tribunal's pre-meeting FCIArbs' role play
11.45 am	Practical Exercise 6: (Evidentiary Hearing – hearing the evidence) FCIArbs' role play
12.50pm	Practical Exercise 6: (Evidentiary Hearing – hearing the evidence) Faculty feedback to the FCIArbs
1.00 pm	Lunch
2.30 pm	Workshop: Costs including practical examples on assessing and awarding costs based on the experiences of the two days of training plenary
4.30 pm	Reflection/Q&A, feedback and evaluation (mandatory)
6.00 pm or earlier	Close

Tutors

Marion Smith KC FCI Arb

Marion Smith KC is a barrister, adjudicator, arbitrator and mediator with over 25 years' experience in complex disputes across a wide range of industry sectors and international geographical regions. She is regularly appointed as an arbitrator (sole, party and president) in DIAC, ICC, LCIA and SIAC arbitrations and is appointed to the KCAB Panel. She is recognised in key legal directories as both counsel and arbitrator.



Marion is an Honorary Professor in the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London. Marion is chair of the International Committee of the Bar Council of England & Wales. She is a Bencher of Gray's Inn and serves as a trustee of the Council of the Inns of Court. She contributes to various texts on construction law and dispute resolution including Wilmot-Smith on Construction Contracts (OUP), Foskett on Compromise (Sweet & Maxwell) and Net Zero and Nature Positive, (LPP).

Tope Adeyemi FCI Arb

Tope Adeyemi is a Barrister and Arbitrator practising from 33 Bedford Row Chambers in London. Dual qualified in England & Wales and Nigeria, her practice focuses on Alternative Dispute Resolution and Regulatory Law. She has appeared before a wide range of courts and tribunals and acts as Counsel and Arbitrator in institutional and ad hoc arbitrations. She has published over 30 arbitral awards under various institutional rules (LCIA, ICC, Ciarb, ABTA and Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Act).



Additionally, Tope undertakes adjudications as a member of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution's Consumer Panel (CEDR) and is a former member of the Financial Ombudsman Services' Panel of Ombudsmen. In 2024 she was appointed Vice Chair of the Appeals Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW). She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and past Chair of its London Branch Committee.

**Michael Tonkin BSc DipArb DipICIArb
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Michael Tonkin is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor, Chartered Arbitrator, Chartered Builder, CEDR Accredited Mediator, with 35+ years of experience in the construction industry.



He is the current Deputy President of the Ciarb and will become President of the Ciarb in 2027.

Michael is an expert witness in quantum and has been instructed around 80 times in complex disputes up to US\$4bn in value. He is named by Lexology as a Global Elite Thought Leader

Michael has been appointed as arbitrator on more than 70 occasions (as sole Arbitrator, Chairman of a tribunal of three, and Co-Arbitrator).

**High Chief (Professor) Ike Ehiribe
C.Arb FCIArb FAIADR QDR**

High Chief (Professor) Ike Ehiribe is a Barrister, Chartered Arbitrator, Adjudicator, Expert Determiner and Accredited Mediator and the founder of the law firm of Ike Ehiribe & Co. (International Lawyers & Dispute Resolvers) in Nigeria.

He was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1982 and the Bar of England & Wales by the Honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn in 1996. He has also obtained an Executive Certificate in Negotiation from the Said Business School of the University of Oxford.



He is listed on the ICC ADR Panel of Expert Determiners for the ICANN New gTLD domain names. He is also a CEDR Mediator in Investor-State Disputes. He is listed on the Panel of Arbitrators of the Court of Arbitration of Arts (CAfA) in Amsterdam; the Panel of Neutrals of the United Nations backed World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva; the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) in Lausanne; the Specialist IP Arbitration Panels of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) and the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC). As a full-time international arbitrator and dispute resolver, he accepts appointments in a broad spectrum of international, commercial, sports, arts and intellectual property disputes. He is also a Visiting

Professor and Fellow at the Centre for International Legal Studies (CILS) in Salzburg. He was a Member and then Chairman of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Committee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Ciarb) in London and appointed member of the Board of Management of Ciarb in 2005 and thereafter an officer of the African Users' Council of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) from 2013 – 2019.

Kim Franklin KC C.Arb

A recognised international arbitrator, Kim specializes in high value, technically complex project disputes and, more recently, sports arbitration. She acts as party appointed, sole arbitrator and Tribunal Chair under ICC and LCIA rules in the Gulf and Asia, with experience of the ICC Emergency and Expedited Procedures and UK Construction Adjudication. Kim has a reputation for clarity, strong case management and strategic judgment. Recommendations: 'She has everyone eating out of the palm of her hand ...'; 'clever, practical and no-nonsense, ... she is fun to work with.'



Abdul Jinadu FCI Arb

Abdul Jinadu was called to the Bar in 1995 and has been a practising barrister and arbitrator in Keating Chambers since 1996, specialising in construction, engineering and energy disputes, and domestic and international arbitration. He has acted for the full spectrum of clients including construction and engineering companies, government organisations, corporations, public utilities, local authorities, consultancies, architects and engineers.



He has extensive experience of cladding related disputes having been instructed on behalf of the Bereaved Survivors and Residents as a specialist construction counsel on the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and as counsel in various cladding claims including a £70m claim in the High Court. Abdul was also featured in The Lawyer Hot 100 for 2025 and was shortlisted for 'Construction and Energy Junior of the Year' at the Legal 500 UK Bar Awards 2025. Abdul is also a Part II DIFC registered practitioner. He has extensive experience of a wide range of disputes and advisory work relating to infrastructure projects. Significant

cases have involved oil and gas onshore and offshore facilities, solar power plants, aluminium smelting plants, pharmaceutical plants, hospitals, mining and marine construction.

He has an extensive international practice both as counsel and as arbitrator. He has acted as chair of the tribunal, sole arbitrator and party appointed arbitrator in respect of major projects internationally including in the GCC, Caribbean, Nigeria, Tanzania, Ghana and Turkmenistan. Recent appointments include as sole arbitrator in a Tanzanian arbitration, as president of the tribunal in a \$370m ICC arbitration and party appointed arbitrator in a £400m Nigerian dispute. His arbitrator appointments have included ICC and DIFC-LCIA appointments as well as ad hoc arbitrations. He also has experience of dispute boards acting both as counsel and dispute board member including as chair of a dispute board for a \$300m road project in Central Africa.

He is a chapter author for Keating on Construction Contracts, Keating on Offshore Construction and Marine Engineering, Keating on NEC, Construction Law in the 21st Century and Oil and Gas Contracts – Principles and Practice. He has lectured on a wide range of subjects to a wide range of professional bodies. He has written articles on a wide range of construction law related subjects.

Matt Molloy C.Arb FCI Arb

Matt is a highly experienced dispute resolver and has been appointed in approximately 1000 construction and engineering disputes either as adjudicator, arbitrator, mediator, expert determiner and Conflict or Dispute Avoidance Panel/Board member. These disputes have involved a wide range of projects in the UK, Europe and Middle East across the infrastructure, energy, education, housing and commercial sectors.



Matt is on numerous UK and international panels, and has been appointed in international arbitrations by both the ICC and DIAC. Alongside his professional practice, Matt is currently a Teaching Fellow and part time PhD Student at Queen Mary University of London where he is undertaking research into international law and arbitration and, in 2024, he co-authored his first book, "Adjudicating Construction and Engineering Disputes." Matt is the current Master of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators for 2025-2026.

Olusola Adegbonmire C.Arb FCIArb

Olusola Adegbonmire is a Legal Practitioner and Partner in the Law Firm of Sola Ajijola and Co. where she has practiced as a lawyer for the past 35 years. She not only teaches but also organises Arbitration and ADR courses for various stakeholders in Dispute Resolution.



Olusola has been a CEDR Accredited Mediator since 2007. She serves on the Panel of Neutrals of the Lagos Multi Door Court (LMDC) where she mediates extensively both court-referred and non-court referred disputes. She is also on the Lagos Multi Door Court Training Faculty which runs a bi-annual Mediation Skills Training (MST) Program.

Olusola is a tutor at the Centre for Law and Business, Lagos, Nigeria and teaches Applicable Laws in International Arbitration in the External LLm program of the University of London. She is a Chartered Arbitrator and has been a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators since 1999. She is listed on the Approved Faculty List of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators as a Tutor and Assessor for the Institute, for Arbitration and Mediation programs.

She is a past Chairman of the Training Committee of the Nigerian Branch of the Institute and has taught within Nigeria and outside Nigeria in other countries like Dubai, Rwanda and Ghana. She is currently the Chairman of the Institute.

She is also on the faculty of the College of Negotiation, of the University of Lagos, Nigeria where she teaches International Arbitration at Post Graduate level. She was a Training Consultant for the Lagos Court of Arbitration. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Law (LL.B) from the University of Ife in 1984 and her Master's Degree in Law (LL.M) from the University of Lagos in 1987. She was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1985.

Claire Stockford FCI Arb

Claire Stockford practises as counsel and arbitrator at Quadrant Chambers, London, UK. Claire was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1999. She then spent more than 20 years practising in international and UK law firms before returning to the independent Bar in 2022.



Claire specialises in international arbitration, representing clients in both commercial and investor-state disputes. Her experience spans jurisdictions as diverse as Kazakhstan and Madagascar, concerning industries ranging from hospitality to oil and gas. Within that broad scope, Claire's practice has a particular focus on renewable energy, including solar, off-shore wind and biomass.

Claire's experience encompasses arbitrations under many of the most frequently encountered arbitration rules, including ICSID, LCIA, ICC and ICDR. As arbitrator, Claire has acted as both sole arbitrator and as a member of a tribunal of three arbitrators. She has been appointed in arbitrations under the auspices of the ICC and LCIA, as well as in ad hoc proceedings.

Julia E. Sullivan FCI Arb

Julia E. Sullivan is an American lawyer, English solicitor, and international arbitrator specializing in energy, infrastructure, and finance. She with an experienced arbitrator with more than 150 appointments as Tribunal Chair, Tribunal Member, Emergency Arbitrator, or Sole Arbitrator in disputes involving parties from the U.S., Latin America, Europe, Africa, and Asia.



Ms. Sullivan is a Member of ArbDB Chambers. Prior to that, she chaired the Energy Regulation, Markets and Enforcement practice at a global law firm, where she also served on the Steering Committee of the Global Energy & Transactions practice. Ms. Sullivan holds graduate degrees in law and business from common law and civil law jurisdictions. She has taught college and graduate-level courses on international arbitration, international energy policy, and project finance.

Jonathan Wood FCIArb

Jonathan is an independent arbitrator; he is a past President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, having served as Trustee for 8 years and chair of the Board for 5 years. He is chair of the Board of the London Chamber of Arbitration and Mediation (LCAM) and chair of International Arbitration at the law firm of RPC. He was Secretary of the Singapore Rubber Association Arbitration Scheme. He is a Fellow of Ciarb. Admitted as a Solicitor in England since 1977, and a registered foreign lawyer in Singapore. He holds a Diploma in Maritime Law from Southampton University and Investment Treaty Arbitration from UCL. He has over 45 years' experience as an international disputes lawyer in relation to commercial law including international trade, dry shipping, commodities, energy on-shore and off-shore, trade finance, banking, insurance and reinsurance, fraud, joint ventures, IP, in a wide variety of industry sectors. He has significant experience of private and public international law.



For 30 years he has been advisor to the British Government's Export Credit Agency E.C.G.D (now UKEF) which provides trade credit, political risk and overseas investment insurance and financial support to British exporters. He has a niche in art and cultural property law. For the first 7 years of his long career, he practised as a criminal and human rights lawyer, appearing in Strasbourg in ECHR cases and on the Foreign Office pro bono panel. He has acted as counsel and sat as arbitrator in many institutional arbitration cases including ICC, LCIA, SIAC, LCAM, GAFTA, WIPO and ad hoc cases including UNCITRAL and LMAA cases. He was ranked as a Band 1 Arbitrator in Chambers, in the Legal 500 Hall of Fame and in the London International Arbitration Power List.

Heidi Yildiz FCIArb

Heidi Yildiz is a barrister at 36 Stone, the 36 Group in London, where she practises international arbitration, commercial litigation, and shipping. She also serves on the team's management committee. Heidi is additionally qualified and admitted to practise as an attorney in Finland. Before joining the Bar, Heidi practised as a solicitor for 12 years. In addition to her work as counsel, she regularly acts as an arbitrator. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is admitted to the DIAC List of Arbitrators and the SIAC Reserve Panel of Arbitrators.



Heidi has extensive experience representing a broad range of clients across multiple industry sectors in institutional arbitrations conducted under the ICC, LCIA, SCC, SIAC, DIS, FAI, LMAA, UNCITRAL, and PCA Rules, as well as in ad hoc arbitrations. These matters have been governed by a wide variety of substantive and procedural laws. In addition to commercial litigation experience before the English courts, she has acted at all stages of proceedings and at all levels of court in Finland. Heidi is recommended in the Legal 500 UK Arbitration Powerlist (2022 and 2023) and in the 2026 edition of the Lexology Arbitration Index. From 2018 to 2025, she was recognised as a Future Leader in Arbitration by the Lexology Index / Who's Who Legal.

Ebony Alleyne FCI Arb

Ebony is a highly regarded barrister at Gatehouse Chambers specialising in construction and engineering, construction insurance, professional negligence and property damage. She acts for a wide variety of commercial clients both domestically and internationally.

Ebony is a Deputy Master of the King's Bench Division, determining extremely technical and high-value High Court work alongside her practice. A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, she is also regularly appointed as an arbitrator.



An experienced trial advocate, Ebony has been instructed in multi-week trials in the Commercial Court, the Technology and Construction Court and the Chancery Division as well as acting as counsel in major and complex international and domestic arbitrations under various institutional rules. Ebony is recommended for Construction by Chambers Global, Chambers UK and Legal 500 as well as for Professional Negligence and Insurance and Reinsurance by Legal 500. Described as "simply phenomenal" (Legal 500) and "a brilliant barrister", she is commended for her effective court advocacy, the quality of her written work and her personable, commercial and straight-forward style. Ebony is a contributing author of key practitioner texts: Construction All Risks Insurance and Construction Professional Indemnity Insurance (both Sweet & Maxwell) as well as Emden's Construction Law (LexisNexis).