

### Joint Columbia Law School -Chartered Institute of **Arbitrators Course on** International Arbitration

A systematic and comprehensive examination of the law and practice of international commercial arbitration.

The course, compressed into a week's time with both lecture and interactive segments, is designed for arbitrators, advocates, in-house counsel and others interested in international arbitration. The course is jointly provided by Columbia University School of Law, through its Center for International Commercial and Investment Arbitration (CICIA), and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), through its New York Branch.

The course is a CLE (CPD) course for which NY State CLE credit will be available. Upon completion, all attendees will receive a certificate of attendance from both Columbia Law School and the Chartered Institute.

Keynote

Speaker: India Johnson, President and CEO

American Abitration Association, New York

Faculty: Gerald Aksen, Independent Arbitrator, New York

Catherine Amirfar, Counselor on International Law, U.S. State Department,

Washington, DC

Julie Bédard, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, New York

Prof. Klaus Peter Berger, University of Cologne, Germany

Prof. George A. Bermann, Director, Center for International Commercial and Investment Arbitration (CICIA), Columbia Univ. School of Law, New York

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Eugene Farber, Farber, Pappalardo & Carbonari and Adjunct Professor of Law, Pace Univ. School of Law, New York

Prof. Franco Ferrari, Professor of Law, New York Univ. School of Law, New York

Judith Kaye, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, New York

Louis B. Kimmelman, Sidley Austin LLP and Adjunct Professor of Law,

Brooklyn Law School, New York

Richard Naimark, Senior Vice President, International Centre for Dispute

Resolution, New York

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Josefa Sicard-Mirabal, Executive Director, SICANA Inc. /ICC International Court of

Arbitration and Adjunct Professor, Fordham Univ. School of Law, New York

Robert Smit, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, LLP, New York

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Anne-Marie Whitesell, Professor of Law, Georgetown Univ. Law Center,

Washington, DC and Former Secretary General, ICC International Court of Arbitration



**New York** Branch

CIArb

#### Dates:

May 11-15, 2015

#### **Course location:**

New York International **Arbitration Center** 150 E. 42nd St., New York City

#### Course directors:

Prof. George A. Bermann, FCIArb Columbia Univ. School of Law Gellhorn Professor of Law and Jean Monnet Professor of EU Law Director, Center for International Commercial and Investment Arbitration (CICIA) **New York** 

Peter L. Michaelson, FCIArb, C Arb Chair, New York Branch Michaelson ADR Chambers, LLC **New York** 

## COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

This course, having occurred over the span of a full week, provided a systematic and comprehensive examination of the law and practice of international commercial arbitration. The course involved both lecture and interactive segments. The course was jointly provided by Columbia University School of Law, through its Center for International Commercial and Investment Arbitration (CICIA), and the New York Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. The course was held at the New York International Arbitration Center (NYIAC) at 150 E. 42nd St.

The course directors were Prof. George Bermann, Columbia Law School; Peter Michaelson, Chair, NY Branch; and Thomas Halket, Vice Chair, NY Branch.

The faculty were drawn from the best arbitrators, advocates and academics, mostly but not exclusively, in the New York international arbitration community, specifically:

- 1) Gerald Aksen, Independent Arbitrator, New York
- 2) Catherine Amirfar, Counselor on International Law, U.S. State Department, Washington, DC
- 3) Julie Bédard, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, New York
- 4) **Prof. George A. Bermann**, Director, Center for International Commercial and Investment Arbitration, Columbia Law School, New York
- 5) James H. Carter, Wilmer Hale, LLP, New York
- 6) Rocio Digon, Counsel, SICANA Inc. /ICC International Court of Arbitration, New York
- 7) Eugene Farber, Farber, Pappalardo & Carbonari and Adjunct Professor of Law, Pace Univ. School of Law, New York
- 8) **Prof. Franco Ferrari**, *Professor of Law, New York Univ. School of Law, New York*
- 9) Louis B. Kimmelman, Sidley Austin LLP and Adjunct Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School, New York
- 10) Richard Naimark, Senior Vice President, International Centre for Dispute Resolution. New York:
- 11) Sophie Nappert, 3VB -- Three Verulam Buildings, London;
- 12) **Timothy G. Nelson**, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, New York:
- 13) Natalie Reid, Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP, New York
- 14) Robert Smit, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, LLP, New York
- 15) John M. Townsend, Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, Washington, DC
- 16) Anne-Marie Whitesell, Professor of Law, Georgetown Univ. Law Center, Washington, DC and Former Secretary General, ICC International Court of Arbitration.

The course, essentially parallel in scope and depth to a graduate level law course on international commercial arbitration, provided separate 90-minute sessions on: history, overview and institutions; legal framework: jurisdictional issue; separability and allocation of competence; arbitration agreement; illegality, arbitrability and other factors relating to the nature of the dispute; arbitral seat; appointment of and challenges to arbitrators; arbitral institutions and rules; non-signatories and multi-parties; emergency relief and interim measures; the preliminary conference; choice of law; procedural issues: discovery, evidence and confidentiality; the merits hearing; deliberation and award; annulment; recognition and enforcement; ethics; and emerging issues.



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Our students, numbering 34, came from around the world, specifically: Australia, Canada, Cypress, Djibouti, France, Haiti, Mexico, Nigeria, Qatar, Singapore, Thailand, Trinidad and US.

Ms. India Johnson, President and CEO of the AAA, was the keynote speaker at our formal dinner at the University Club on Wednesday, May 13.



Shown: Prof. George Bermann lecturing during the introductory, history and institutional session on Monday 5/11



Shown: Tim Nelson, Sophie Nappert and Gene Farber during the preliminary conference session on Thursday, 5/14



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Shown: Gene Farber teaching the interactive ethics session later on Thursday 5/14



Shown: Hon. Judith Kaye (Chief Judge, NYS Court of Appeals - ret) (above) spoke to the class during lunch on Thursday, May 14.



Shown: the students and course directors (taken at the conclusion of the course)

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The AAA/ICDR, ICC, New York International Arbitration Center, Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration, Singapore International Arbitration Centre, CPR Institute, the College of Commercial Arbitrators, GAR and Wilmer Hale were all cosponsors.

The course was extremely successful -- well beyond the expectations of the course directors. Our students had such a positive shared experience during the course that they are forming an "alumni" group on LinkedIn in order to remain contact with each other going forward.

The profits from this course were evenly split between Columbia Law School and the New York Branch and yielded a significant sum for each organization. Further, as the course was so well received, the course directors decided to run this course on an annual basis going forward through the continued partnership of Columbia Law School and the CI Arb New York Branch. Planning for the 2016 course for May 9-13, 2016 is already well underway.

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