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COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN



I am pleased to introduce you to American University Washington College of Law's Center on International Commercial Arbitration, which expands on the accomplishments of our law school's International Arbitration Program established in 2004 under the expert direction of Horacio A. Grigera Naón, former secretary general of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce.

The Center is a valuable resource for practitioners in the United States and around the world. We have a close-knit network of alumni performing important and exciting work in the field through diverse entities: international institutions such as the ICC International Court of Arbitration, the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, and the Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission; government organizations in charge of handling investment disputes; prestigious law firms including Arnold & Porter, Baker and Hostetler, DLA Piper, Hogan & Hartson, Steptoe & Johnson, and White & Case; and local arbitration centers.

The richness and quality of the curriculum, intensive training programs, faculty, and participants create an exceptional environment for the study and analysis of international commercial arbitration. I hope to welcome you soon to the law school's Center on International Commercial Arbitration.

Claudio Grossman

Dean

A CENTER AT THE CENTER OF ALL THINGS INTERNATIONAL.

International commercial arbitration today is a leading method for solving international commercial disputes and a thriving legal practice area that presents unique challenges and opportunities to practitioners across the globe. Here at American University Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C., the Center on International Commercial Arbitration offers a crossroads for international business and law by providing a high-level academic forum for exchanging ideas, educating students, and training practitioners on emerging issues in arbitration.

The Center oversees a variety of academic and extracurricular activities, including specialized course offerings, conferences and workshops, networking events, internships and professional development programming, research and publication opportunities, and participation in related moot court competitions.

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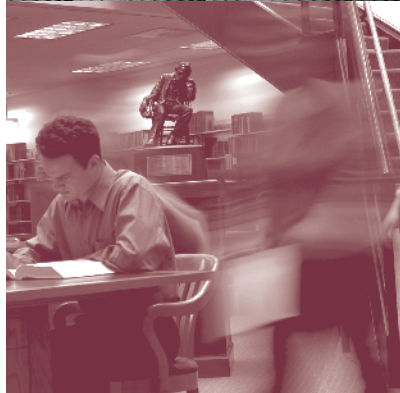
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**THE BEST IN THE
WORLD ARE HERE.**



DR. HORACIO A. GRIGERA NAÓN,

Director, Center on International Commercial Arbitration

Dr. Grigera Naón is a renowned independent international arbitrator and consultant on business and international law matters. He has published and lectured widely on these topics,

including the Hague Academy on International Law on “Choice-of-Law Problems in International Commercial Arbitration” (2001). Grigera Naón was previously special counsel with White & Case LLP, secretary general of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, and senior counsel with the International Finance Corporation in Washington, D.C.

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EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING, COLLABORATING, AND DOING.

Every year the Center hosts three world-renowned programs: the Summer Program on International Commercial Arbitration, the Annual Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration, and the Annual Lecture on International Arbitration. American University Washington College of Law is the ideal institution for these programs because they reflect our global vision and commitment to international legal education. You'll meet high caliber practitioners and students from all over the world, discuss arising topics and current arbitration cases, and learn about global arbitration institutions. Additionally, Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit is available as part of all offerings.

“INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION IS A SURPRISINGLY CREATIVE FIELD AND NOT NECESSARILY BOUND BY THE RULES. THE CENTER’S EVENTS, SEMINARS, AND PANELS ARE EXCELLENT WAYS TO LEARN THE INTERWORKINGS OF THE INDUSTRY AND TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN HELPING TO SHAPE ITS FUTURE.” - J. HESS '09

SPECIALIZED SUMMER PROGRAM ON INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

Taught by leading practitioners and arbitrators, the Specialized Summer Program addresses fundamental issues of commercial arbitration from both a theoretical and a practical point of view. Since its creation, this program has welcomed more than 300 law students and practitioners from domestic and foreign law schools around the globe. The first of its kind in the country, it is uniquely designed to meet the busy schedules of practicing attorneys. The program features courses in English and Spanish, and offers both academic and Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit. Additionally, the program credits may be applied towards an LL.M. degree.

COURSES IN ENGLISH:

- Advanced Seminar: Practical Skills and Cross-Examination in International Arbitration
- International Arbitration and Choice-of-Law Issues
- Contributions of the ICC Court of Arbitration to the Practice of International Commercial Arbitration
- Nuts and Bolts of International Commercial Arbitration
- Investor-State Arbitration: Current Developments

CURSOS EN ESPAÑOL:

- Arbitraje Comercial Internacional
- Arbitraje Inversionista - Estado
- Seminario Avanzado: Aspectos Prácticos del Proceso Arbitral

FEATURED SEMINARS:

- Cross-Examination in International Arbitration
- The Federal Arbitration Act in Practice: Overview, Selected Issues, and a Case Study
(this course can also be taken as independent study)



ANNUAL SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

Participants representing 40 countries and 70 organizations have attended this intensive three-day event held annually in October. The seminar teaches legal practitioners the critical skills and practical insight into handling arbitration cases effectively in an international context. Conceptualized with our co-sponsoring institutions — the International Court of Arbitration of the ICC, the American Arbitration Association, and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes — the seminar focuses on mock arbitration cases on topics such as construction arbitration, investment arbitration, oil and gas, and intellectual property.

ANNUAL LECTURE ON INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

The Annual Lecture at American University Washington College of Law has attracted some of the biggest names in arbitration today. It offers eminent figures in the field a platform to share their ideas on novel issues and explore new frontiers, while providing practitioners and academics an exclusive learning and networking opportunity.

LECTURERS:

- **Yves Derains**, Partner, Derains & Gharavi
- **Jan Paulsson**, Principal Consultant, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP
- **Sir Vivian Ramsey**, Justice of the High Court, London
- **Julian D.M. Lew**, 20 Essex Street
- **Gerald Aksen**, leading international arbitration attorney and mediator



SHAKE HANDS WITH SOME
VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE.

Come to any one of our events and take a look around the room. Chances are you'll be sitting next to some of the world's best arbitrators. Our seminars, programs, and lectures bring together practitioners, faculty, and students of the law in international arbitration. The connections and networking opportunities the Center provides are invaluable and inspiring and can even open new doors within your career.

ONE COURSE AND YOU'LL KNOW.

Many of our students have told us they decided to pursue a career in international arbitration after taking just one course. It's no wonder. This is a dynamic and exciting field that is constantly evolving. Our Center has one of the most diverse course offerings in the country. Taught in both English and Spanish by our distinguished faculty, courses combine the analysis of theoretical legal issues with the study of specific questions related to real arbitral cases. The curriculum is rigorous, interactive, and does an excellent job of getting you ready for practice.

LL.M. IN INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES - INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION SPECIALIZATION

The law school's International Legal Studies LL.M. Program prepares lawyers to meet new international law challenges and become leaders in the global practice of law. The LL.M. program is intellectually and culturally diverse, and consistently recognized as one of the top international law programs in the nation. Students may choose one of eight specializations, including international commercial arbitration. The specialization is designed to train students in the theory and practice of international commercial arbitration, focusing on procedural and substantive law topics that arise in the practice as well as foreseeable future developments. The program will give students working knowledge of the legal principles underlying international commercial arbitration and international investment arbitration.

SEMESTER COURSES:

- International Commercial Arbitration
- Bilateral Investment Treaty Arbitration (BIT)
- Investment under Regional Trade Agreements
- Dispute Resolution under Regional Free Trade Agreements
- International Litigation & Arbitration
- WTO Dispute Resolution
- Dispute Resolution Involving Sovereigns
- Regional and Bilateral Trade Agreements
- International Construction Arbitration

"I WAS DRAWN TO THE CENTER BECAUSE IT HAS A HIGHLY REGARDED REPUTATION AND THERE ARE A VARIETY OF COURSES AND SUBJECTS OFFERED. NOT MANY INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROGRAMS GIVE YOU THIS MUCH CHOICE, FLEXIBILITY, AND EXPOSURE TO OUTSIDE LEARNING." - DIEGO ROMERO '98

BRING YOUR SKILLS TO THE TABLE.

This is when theoretical becomes practical. One of the many strengths of this Center is the variety of unparalleled experiential learning opportunities that hone your skills and enable you to work with influential practitioners in the field.

MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS

Every year a team of students represents American University Washington College of Law at the prestigious Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria, and Hong Kong, the Competencia Internacional de Arbitraje Comercial in Bogota, Colombia, and Buenos Aires, Argentina, and the ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition in Paris, France, where in 2007, the law school's team placed first.



"WORKING AT THE ICC INTERNATIONAL COURT OF ARBITRATION IN PARIS, I SUPERVISE CASES IN EUROPE, ASIA, AND THE MIDDLE EAST. MY WORK WITH THE CENTER AND INTERNSHIP HELPED ME ACCLIMATE TO MY POSITION QUICKLY AND GAVE ME A SOLID INTRODUCTION TO THE EVERYDAY PRACTICE OF ARBITRATION."
- CÉLINE AYMÉ-WAUTHIER '06

SUPERVISED AND INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Students develop their expertise, make important connections, and gain extraordinary insight into the world of international commercial arbitration, working with organizations including the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, the American Arbitration Association and the U.S. Department of State in the Office of the Legal Adviser.

RESEARCH

Research, innovation, and creativity are the fabric of this Center. Students can participate in various research projects through Dean's Fellowships, internships, and independent studies for academic credit.

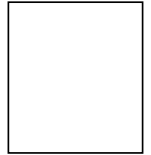


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