

**HOW TO BREAK INTO ARBITRATION:
USEFUL RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG PRACTITIONERS**

There are excellent resources for students and young practitioners interested in arbitration, but they are scattered across the Web. This list is intended to be a one-stop detailed reference, and includes links to young arbitration groups; arbitration websites; publications and podcasts; moots; Who's Who lists; law firm newsletters; law schools with specialized international arbitration programs; arbitration blogs; and online discussion groups.

The list focuses on international arbitration, not more general dispute resolution, and we have limited inclusion accordingly. The list cannot be exhaustive, although we have tried hard. We apologize in advance for inadvertent omissions, and we invite any organization to contact us about inclusion of inadvertently omitted links.

This resource is the product of a collaborative effort between students of the Georgetown International Arbitration Society (GIAS) and members of the DC Bar International Dispute Resolution Committee. GIAS is a non-profit association at the Georgetown University Law Center of students and lawyers who are dedicated to the promotion of international arbitration and dispute settlement, created in 2008 to facilitate discussion between students, academics and practitioners on issues concerning international arbitration. To learn more, e-mail the GIAS [leadership](#). You should also consider attending events sponsored by the DC Bar's International Dispute Resolution Committee. You can be added to the distribution list for future events by sending an e-mail to co-chairs [Jean Kalicki](#), Prof. [Marsha Echols](#) or [Mark Kantor](#).

Young Arbitration Groups

Below are links to a number of international arbitration groups catering to students and junior practitioners. Almost all of them are free to join.

[ICC](#) - Also [ICC Young Arbitrators Forum](#)

[ICDR/AAA](#) - [ICDR Young & International](#)

[LCIA](#)- (click YIAG at the top)

[ASA Below 40](#) - The Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) young practitioners' group holds events twice a year, in English. Topics and presentations are made available online. Membership is free. For events hosted by the ASA, contact [Lucas Wangler](#).

[AIJA](#) - The International Association of Young Lawyers operates in a similar fashion to the IBA. Its [International Arbitration Commission](#) is very active. Membership is not free but reasonable. The International Arbitration Commission has an e-mail newsletter.

[Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners](#) (YAAP)

[Institute for Transnational Arbitration](#) - ITA sponsors a number of roundtable conferences for young arbitrators, in cooperation with several other “young arbitration” groups.

[Young Arbitrators Stockholm](#) - at the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce.

[Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit](#) (DIS) (German Arbitration Institute) (click on DIS40 in the middle of the page).

[American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division](#) - ABA YLD Dispute Resolution Committee.

International Association of Young Lawyers ([AIJA](#)), [International Arbitration Commission](#)

[Club Español de Arbitraje](#) - Click on CEA-40 on the left side of the page (the below 40 group).

[Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners](#) (YCAP)

[Australasian Forum for International Arbitration](#) (AFIA) - Membership is free.

[Belgian Centre for Mediation and Arbitration](#) - Click on CEPANI 40 on the top right of the page (the below 40 group), and then select one of the items in the dropdown list.

The CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution’s [Young Attorneys in Alternative Dispute Resolution](#) (Y-ADR) is open to practicing attorneys 45 years old and younger.

[Young ICCA](#) - Applications for membership in Young ICCA and participation in its Mentoring Program are now open

Arbitral Women

Anyone may take advantage of the website for [ArbitralWomen](#), but women would particularly benefit by becoming members. In addition to providing mentoring, the group holds networking meetings and social gatherings, often on the sidelines of other arbitration conferences. Arbitral Women have also just established an Arbitral Women Award, which aims to support young lawyers from developing countries and promote the advancement of women in arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution.

Publications, Podcasts and Websites

[Global Arbitration Review](#) - You can sign up for free “breaking news” e-mail alerts from Global Arbitration Review, a bi-monthly journal, as well as subscribing.

[Investment Treaty News](#) - This periodic e-mail briefing covers cases and treaty developments in the area of investment treaty arbitration. It is a service of the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD). IISD is an NGO that is often very critical of the system of investment and trade treaties, including investment arbitration. Its weekly update is an excellent (if mildly biased) source of news.

[Investment Arbitration Reporter](#) is a “by subscription” specialized news publication tracking developments in the area of international investment law. You can sign up for free “breaking news” email alerts.

At [Transnational Dispute Management](#), an online journal, you can sign up for free e-mail alerts and news [digests](#). In addition, you can learn about OGEMID and YOUNG-OGEMID, very active e-mail discussion lists. YOUNG-OGEMID is aimed in particular at young professionals. You can subscribe to TDM for a fee, but it may be available through your law library. Participation on OGEMID requires a TDM subscription, but participation on Young-OGEMID is not similarly restricted.

You can sign up for [Arbitrage-ADR](#), the French arbitration discussion list.

[IBA](#) - If you are a member of the International Bar Association, you can access World Arbitration News, a LexisNexis search updated daily, from the Arbitration Committee's website.

[AIA](#) - The Belgian-based Association for International Arbitration has a monthly newsletter, In Touch.

[Chartered Institute of Arbitrators](#) - The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators has a Young Members' Group, but it is only open to qualified members of CIArb. You can [join](#) as an associate, which is not the same as a member, but Associate-level participation is being rethought right now to make it more accessible to young lawyers. The CIArb runs a number of easily accessible London-based events. CIArb has a number of regional branches, some of which also have their own websites. For example, the North American Branch website is [here](#).

[Institute for Transnational Arbitration](#) - The ITA publishes “News and Notes,” a quarterly newsletter with a regularly updated Scoreboard of Adherence to Transnational Arbitration Treaties, and World Arbitration and Mediation Review.

[Richard Happ](#)'s arbitration links.

[IDN Podcast Series](#) - International Dispute Negotiations is a CEDR award-winning podcast series about international disputes moderated by Michael McIlwrath. Each audio file is downloadable or within the iTunes Music Store (search for "arbitration podcast"). In iTunes, you can click “subscribe” to receive new episodes/updates for free.

The recently revamped [International Council for Commercial Arbitration](#) (ICCA) website.

[International Arbitration Institute](#)

[Juris International Arbitration and Mediation Centers](#) - (information on commercial arbitration, mediation, conciliation, expertise centers and other alternative dispute resolution centers or services including the full text of their rules and model clauses).

[Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Hague](#)

[UNCTAD Virtual Institute](#) or contact [Vlasta Macku](#) who is in charge of the program.

[UNCITRAL United Nations Commission on International Trade Law](#)

[WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center](#)

Moots and other Hands-on Training

Two moots focus on investment treaty arbitration - [The Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot](#) (“FIAC”) and the [FDI Moot](#).

[The International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot](#)

[Moot Madrid](#) occurs in the summer and is conducted entirely in Spanish.

[National Law School of India University International Arbitration Moot Court Competition](#)

The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot – The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot is the premier arbitration competition for law students. Year 2009-10 marked the seventeenth year for [Vienna](#) and the 7th year in [Hong Kong](#). Teams from law schools from all countries are eligible. The Vis Moot involves a dispute arising out of a contract of sale between two countries that are party to the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. The contract provides that any dispute that might arise is to be settled by arbitration in "Danubia", a country that has enacted the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration and is a party to the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards. The arbitral rules to be applied rotate yearly among the arbitration rules of co-sponsors of the Moot. Participants in the Vis can later become members of the [Moot Alumni Association](#) (the MAA). The MAA publishes the Vindobona Journal, provides members of the Board of the CISG review, sponsors conferences, has observer status at UNCITRAL for the ongoing revisions to the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and throws great parties.

[The Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy](#) runs a series of hands-on advocacy training workshops in Switzerland, on topics including witness examination, cross-examination, oral argument and written advocacy.

The Centre of Arbitration and Conciliation of the Chamber of Commerce of Bogotá offers a Specialized Course on International Arbitration as part of its [School of International Arbitration](#). The Specialized Course on International Arbitration is aimed at Latin American lawyers between the ages of 30 and 45 years with an interest and experience in the area of international commercial arbitration.

[La Competencia Internacional de Arbitraje Comercial](#) is an international arbitration moot competition organized jointly by the law schools of the University of Buenos Aires (Argentina) and the Universidad del Rosario (Colombia). Almost thirty teams from different countries (including Argentina, Colombia, Perú, Chile and Uruguay, among others) participated in 2009's competition, and the organizers expect the event will continue growing. The competition is similar to the Vis Moot. The written memoranda and the oral hearings are conducted in Spanish.

Who's Who Lists

The purpose of including these links is not to endorse any particular law firms or lawyers, or the rankings in these lists, but solely to provide useful information to students and young lawyers.

You can learn about individual arbitration practitioners and firms with strong arbitration practices on various lists of prominent practitioners; among others, [Who's Who Legal](#), [Chambers & Partners](#), [Best Lawyers](#), [Legal 500](#), and [Global Arbitration Review 100](#). FYI, subscribers see all of the lawyers listed in Best Lawyers. Non-subscribers see only the names of lawyers who have purchased links to their firm pages.

Newsletters and Publications

[ADR World Report](#)

[American University Arbitration Newsletter](#)

[Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce](#)

[The Commercial, Shipping and Investment Arbitration Watch](#)

Aggregators of Law Firm Newsletters - Three “aggregators” of law firm newsletters are [Linex Legal](#), [Lexology](#) and [Mondaq](#) (see the Litigation and Arbitration section). You can subscribe on a subject-by-subject basis to their periodic e-mails (with summaries and links to the relevant newsletter articles) at their websites.

Law Firm Newsletters, Publications and Events

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[Allen & Overy LLP](#)

Arnold & Porter on **[Facebook](#)** and **[Twitter](#)**

[Ashurst LLP](#)

[Beretta Godoy](#) - (click on “Press Center”, then “Newsletters”, then “Arbitration”)

[Blake Dawson](#)

[Chapman Tripp](#)

[Clayton Utz](#)

[Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP](#)

[Cripps Harries Hall LLP](#)

[DLA Piper LLP](#)

[Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP](#)

[Fulbright & Jaworski LLP](#)

[Herbert Smith LLP](#)

[Hogan Lovells LLP](#)

[Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP](#)

[King & Spalding LLP](#)

[K&L Gates LLP](#)

[Lalive](#)

[Lévy Kaufman-Kohler](#)

[Mallesons Stephen Jacques](#)

[Mayer Brown LLP](#)

[Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP](#)

[Norton Rose LLP](#)

[Ogilvy Renault LLP](#)

[Olswang LLP](#)

[Quinn Emanuel](#) (click on “Arbitration Trends” near bottom of page)

[Shearman & Sterling LLP](#)

[Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP](#)

[White & Case LLP](#) - Links to news, publications and events.

[Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP \(“WilmerHale”\)](#) (click on “Practices”, then “Litigation/Controversy”, then “International Arbitration” then “News”)

Law Schools with Specialized International Arbitration Programs

This list of schools is intended to cover those that have specializations in international arbitration, and cannot be exhaustive. We welcome suggestions about other law school international arbitration programs to include. Of course, there are a large number of extraordinary LL.M and other legal education programs worldwide where students can obtain a valuable education covering *inter alia* international arbitration, even without specialized programs in the field. See, for example, the programs listed at [LLM Guide: Master of Laws Programs Worldwide](#), [LLMStudy.com](#), [LLM Uniiks](#) and the [ABA Section on International Law Student Headquarters](#). By no means are we suggesting that a program specializing in international arbitration is a requisite for success in this field.

University of Cape Town Faculty of Law

Postgraduate Diploma in Conciliation and Arbitration

University of Dundee, Scotland (distance learning)

LLM in International Dispute Resolution

Geneva University Law School / Graduate Institute of International & Development Studies Master of International Dispute Settlement (MIDS)

Georgetown University Law Center

LLM in International Business and Economic Law (broad range of arbitration courses)

[George Washington University](#)

LLM in Litigation & Dispute Resolution

[American University Washington College of Law](#)

Center on International Commercial Arbitration

[University of Hong Kong](#)

LLM in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution

[Kings College London](#)

[Kingston University London](#)

LLM in Dispute Resolution

[University of London - Queen Mary \(QMUL\)](#)

LLM in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution

[University of London, University College London \(UCL\)](#)

LLM, with specialization in International Arbitration and Litigation

[University of Miami](#)

LLM Specialization in International Arbitration

[University of Missouri, Columbia](#)

LLM in Dispute Resolution

[Penn State University](#)

International Law, concentration in Arbitration, Mediation & Negotiation

[Pepperdine University](#)

LLM in Dispute Resolution

[National University of Singapore](#)

Graduate Diploma in Maritime Law & Arbitration

[Stockholm University · Stockholms Universitet](#)

Master of International Commercial Arbitration

[Blogs](#)

[International Arbitration](#)

[International Law and Economic Policy Blog](#)

[Kluwer Arbitration Blog](#)

[Lex Arbitri - the Indian Arbitration Blog](#)

[Marc J. Goldstein Litigation & Arbitration Chambers](#)

[Opinio Juris](#)

[Trade Lawyers Blog](#)

[World Directory of ADR blogs](#)

Facebook Groups

[ABA Section of Litigation International Litigation Committee](#)

[Association des Juristes en Arbitrage](#)

[Chartered Institute of Arbitrators \(East Asia Branch\) Young Members Group](#)

[ICDR Young and International](#)

[International Arbitration](#)

[International Commercial Arbitration](#)

[Young ICCA](#)

LinkedIn Groups

[Arbitration](#)

[ADR, Conflict Resolution and Mediation Exchange](#)

[ADR Resources > Dispute Resolution > Arbitration & Mediation](#)

[Chartered Institute of Arbitrators](#)

[Commercial Dispute Resolution - Europe and Middle East](#)

[Commercial and Industry Arbitration and Mediation Group](#)

[Georgetown International Arbitration Society](#)

[Greater American Arbitration Association \(AAA\) Connection](#)

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Young ICCA