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Introduction

This advanced programme provides a practical and comprehensive understanding of **international government contracts and international arbitration**, with a focus on governing law, jurisdiction, arbitration agreements, dispute resolution, arbitration proceedings, and the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards.

Participants will learn how to manage international contractual disputes from the conclusion of the contract through arbitration proceedings and the enforcement of arbitral awards, supported by practical case studies and exercises that simulate realistic international contract and dispute scenarios.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the legal framework governing international government contracts.
- Analyse governing law and jurisdiction provisions.
- Understand international arbitration agreements and the seat of arbitration.
- Distinguish between substantive contract law and procedural arbitration law.
- Understand the fundamental principles and stages of international arbitration.
- Apply the New York Convention and UNCITRAL frameworks in practice.
- Analyse arbitral jurisdiction, evidence, and arbitration proceedings.
- Understand arbitral awards and the procedures for their recognition and enforcement.
- Identify contractual and arbitration risks.
- Assess risks associated with government contracts and cross-border disputes.
- Improve the preparation of contractual claims, defences, and supporting evidence.
- Apply acquired concepts through practical case studies involving international contracts and arbitration.

Course Outlines

Day 1: International Government Contracts - Legal Framework and Contractual Structure



1. Nature and Structure of International Government Contracts
2. Legal Framework Governing International Contracts
3. Key Contractual Provisions and Risk Allocation
4. Governing Law and Dispute Resolution Clauses
5. **Practical Case Study: Reviewing an International Government Contract**

Day 2: Governing Law, Jurisdiction and International Contractual Disputes

1. Governing Law in International Contracts
2. Jurisdiction in Cross-Border Contractual Disputes
3. Seat of Arbitration, Hearing Venue and Procedural Law
4. International Contractual Claims and Disputes
5. **Practical Case Study: Determining Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

Day 3: International Arbitration Law and Arbitration Agreements

1. Principles and Fundamentals of International Arbitration
2. Drafting and Interpreting International Arbitration Agreements
3. New York Convention, UNCITRAL Model Law and Arbitration Rules
4. Commencement and Organisation of International Arbitration Proceedings
5. **Practical Case Study: From Contractual Dispute to Arbitration**

Day 4: Arbitral Tribunal, Evidence and Arbitration Proceedings

1. Appointment, Role and Independence of the Arbitral Tribunal
2. Arbitral Jurisdiction and Powers of the Tribunal
3. Evidence, Documentation, Witnesses and Experts
4. Conduct and Management of International Arbitration Proceedings
5. **Practical Exercise: Preparing and Presenting an Arbitration Case**

Day 5: Arbitral Awards, Recognition, Enforcement and Risk Management

1. Arbitral Awards, Remedies and Post-Award Procedures
2. Recognition and Enforcement of International Arbitral Awards
3. Challenges to Arbitral Awards and Grounds for Refusal of Recognition and Enforcement
4. International Contract and Arbitration Risk Management
5. **Final Practical Case Study: From International Contract to Recognition and Enforcement of an Arbitral Award**

Why Attend This Course? Wins & Losses!

Wins

Participants will:



- Gain a practical understanding of international government contracts.
- Improve their ability to analyse governing law and jurisdiction clauses.
- Understand the legal framework of international arbitration.
- Develop stronger arbitration and dispute resolution clauses.
- Understand the importance of the seat of arbitration and its impact on arbitration proceedings.
- Identify contractual and arbitration risks before disputes arise.
- Improve the preparation of contractual claims, defences, and supporting evidence.
- Understand arbitration proceedings from the submission of a claim through to the final award.
- Understand the procedures for recognition and enforcement of international arbitral awards.
- Improve their ability to assess legal and contractual risks in international projects.
- Apply acquired knowledge through realistic international contract scenarios.

Losses

Poor management of international contracts and disputes may result in:

- Unclear governing law provisions.
- Conflicting jurisdiction clauses.
- Weak or unenforceable arbitration agreements.
- Unnecessary jurisdictional challenges.
- Increased legal and arbitration costs.
- Weak contractual claims and defences.
- Poor management and preservation of evidence.
- Delays in dispute resolution.
- Difficulties in recognising or enforcing arbitral awards.
- Increased legal, financial, and contractual risks.

Conclusion

This programme provides a practical and structured understanding of **international government contracts and international arbitration law**, covering the complete contract, dispute, and dispute-resolution lifecycle.

Participants will connect the following key legal concepts:

International Contract Governing Law Jurisdiction Dispute Arbitration Agreement Arbitral Tribunal Evidence Award Recognition Enforcement

The programme combines legal concepts with practical case studies and exercises to help participants analyse international contracts, identify risks, understand arbitration mechanisms, and effectively manage cross-border contractual disputes.

Frequently Asked Questions FAQ



1. Who should attend this course?

The course is designed for government officials, legal professionals, contract managers, commercial managers, project managers, procurement and contracting professionals, dispute resolution specialists, and consultants involved in international contracts.

2. Does the course focus only on international arbitration?

No. The course covers **international government contracts, governing law, jurisdiction, international arbitration, and the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards**, providing an integrated understanding of the contract and dispute lifecycle.

3. Does the course cover governing law and the seat of arbitration?

Yes. The course explains the differences between **governing law, jurisdiction, the seat of arbitration, hearing venue, and procedural law**, while highlighting the importance of each in international disputes.

4. Does the course include practical applications and case studies?

Yes. Each day includes a **practical case study or exercise**, in addition to a comprehensive final case study connecting the contract, dispute, arbitration, and recognition and enforcement of the award.

5. What is the duration of the course and its main practical outcome?

The course is delivered over **1 week, 4 training hours per day, for a total of 20 training hours**. Participants will be able to analyse international contracts, identify risks, determine governing law and jurisdiction, understand arbitration proceedings, and assess the requirements for recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards.

