



**Toronto Commercial
Arbitration Society**

**Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society
Gold Standard® Course in Commercial Arbitration
Toronto: Arbitration Place, 333 Bay Street, Suite 900
Participation by video conference available throughout Canada**

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2019/2020 COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society Gold Standard® Course in Commercial Arbitration (the “Course”) is a comprehensive and intensive course in commercial arbitration as it is practised in Canada. It covers both international and non-international arbitration from that perspective. The Course is particularly relevant to those who wish to practise commercial arbitration (either as counsel or as arbitrator) in Ontario, and in other provinces with the same legislative framework. However, the practical skills and approaches, and virtually all of the legal principles, are relevant in any Canadian jurisdiction.

The Course meets and exceeds the Gold Standard® requirements of the ADR Institute of Canada. Successful completion of the Course satisfies the training requirements for the Q.Arb. designation conferred by the ADR Institute of Canada. (See ADRIIC website for details as to other requirements.) Successful completion of the Course also satisfies the professional designation requirement that is now a condition for TCAS membership.

Based on the CPD credits allowed by the Law Society of Ontario last year, we anticipate that the course will qualify participants for 18 hours of CPD credits, including 3 hours of Professionalism credits, in each of the two calendar years. On that basis, participants will not require any other CPD or Professionalism credits for 2019 or 2020. An attempt will be made to include at least one hour of diversity (EDI) content in one of the two calendar years in which the Course is taught.

The faculty for the Course includes over 20 leading Canadian and international arbitration practitioners, all of whom teach within the context of a detailed curriculum as set out in the Course Outline that accompanies this Course Description.

In addition to the teaching Sessions, the Course includes extensive reading materials, custom designed practical exercises in writing arbitration clauses, making procedural decisions and writing awards, and video supplements on specialized topics such as investor state arbitration and advocacy in international arbitration. Two textbooks (*Casey on Arbitration Law of Canada (3d)* and *Gay/Kaufman Annotated Arbitration Statutes of Ontario*), with a combined retail value of approximately \$300, are included in the price of the Course.

The Course will be conducted from September 14, 2019 to May 9, 2020 in 17 Sessions. The first and last Sessions are conducted on a Saturday. The remaining sessions are conducted on Wednesday evenings, two weeks apart except for the holiday break at the end of December and early January.

Enrollment in the Course is limited to 25.

All sessions are hosted by Arbitration Place at 333 Bay Street in Toronto.

For those outside Toronto who wish to take the Course, a combined in person/video version of the Course is available. Three designated sessions must be attended in person. Other Sessions may be completed by viewing previously videotaped content. All exercises will be done on the same schedule as for the students attending in person. Personal access to the Course Director will be available throughout the Course.

The Course is specifically designed for practicing lawyers and has been taken by lawyers who have practised for as few as 2 years, or as many as 42 years. However, enrollment in the course is open to anyone who has an interest in commercial arbitration, regardless of legal qualifications.

The cost of the Course is \$1,500, or \$1,300 to members of TCAS.

To register contact the Course Administrator, Tracy Thompson-Demeter at:

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TCAS Course Faculty List (in person and by video*)

Louise Barrington	Bradley Berg	Hon. Ian Binnie*
Sonia Bjorquist	Brian Casey	Stephanie Cohen
Christina Doria	Marc Goldstein	Brad Hanna
William Horton	Doug Jones*	John Judge*
Matthew Kronby*	Cynthia Kuehl	David McCutcheon
Peter Rees*	Joel Richler	Stephen Morrison*
John Terry	Janet Walker	Thomas Webster*
Robert Wisner*		

Comments about the TCAS Gold Standard© Course in Commercial Arbitration from prior participants:

Alexander Gay, Senior Counsel, Department of Justice Canada / Government of Canada (Co-Author of "Annotated Ontario Arbitration Legislation") : **"The best arbitration course in the Canadian marketplace. The content is interesting, useful and relevant, even for the most experienced arbitration practitioner. The speakers are hand-picked to provide insight into different aspects of arbitration and the readings are a wonderful addition to your personal library."**

George Karayannides, Partner Clyde & Co.: **"Merits its name, informative, practical, collegial, exceptional!"**

Lisa Munro, Managing Partner, Lerner LLP: **"Most in-depth course in Canada."**

John Campion, Partner Gardiner Roberts, LLP: **"Comprehensive and intense..."**

Michael Schafler, Partner Dentons: **"This is the A-Z course about arbitration essentials - fabulous!"**

Rahat Godil, Partner, Blake Cassels & Graydon LLP: **"Practical, useful and in-depth arbitration training – I highly recommend this course for both counsel and arbitrators."**

William Westeringh, Q.C., Partner Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP (Vancouver Office): **"I thoroughly enjoyed the course and learned a great deal."**

Roger B. Campbell, Barrister and Solicitor: **“...the best course I have taken on any topic during my professional life! ... exceptionally well planned and executed”**

Mark Freiman, Partner Lerner: **“... curriculum has the right balance of theory and practice; the faculty come from the highest levels of the profession ... the drafting exercises are meaningful but manageable. Highly recommended!”**

Ron Dash, Mediator and Arbitrator, ADR Chambers (Former Master of the Supreme Court of Ontario): **“Everything I didn’t know about arbitration.”**

Ben Hanuka, Law Works: **“Outstanding course & faculty. Learned immeasurably.”**