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# 11th Annual Arbitration Training Institute

**A Comprehensive Training in  
Advanced Arbitration Skills**

**May 17–18, 2018**

**Akerman LLP  
Miami, FL**

# An Interactive Two-Day Course of Instruction

- Access new ideas in arbitration
- Acquire innovative strategies to build and market your practice
- Advance your own skills, knowledge and practice techniques
- Discuss current trends and practices
- Learn tips from the pros

## Who Should Attend?

- Litigators wanting to better utilize arbitration
- Experienced arbitrators seeking better understanding of recent developments and trends in arbitration
- In-house counsel interested in learning the nuts and bolts of arbitration
- Those planning a career move to arbitration

## What participants are saying...

*"The participants represented a wide range of experience yet the group was kept small enough to allow for useful conversation and sessions. The opportunity for advocates and arbitrators to interact during the sessions made this an exceptional and valuable program for arbitrators and advocates alike."*



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Presented by nationally recognized experts, this two-day training features sessions on every stage of the arbitral process examined from the vantage point of neutrals, advocates, administrators and in-house counsel. Small group discussions allow participants to interact in depth with the faculty and each other. Substantive sessions address particular areas of arbitral practice.

## AGENDA

### THURSDAY, May 17th

7:45am – 8:20am **Registration and Breakfast**

8:20am – 8:45am **Welcome and Introductions**

Dana Welch and Bruce E. Meyerson, Institute Co-Chairs

8:45am – 9:45am **Plenary: Setting the Stage for a Successful Arbitration**

Before the arbitration even starts, what should neutrals and advocates be thinking about? This Panel will have the answers about arbitrator selection, disclosure, dealing with problematic arbitration clauses and other pre-hearing subjects.

*Presenters:*

**Moderator:** Joseph M. Matthews

**Arbitration Administrator:** Rebecca Storrow

**In-House Counsel:** Noah J. Hanft

9:45am – 10:00am **Break**

10:00am – 11:00am **Plenary: The All Important Preliminary Conference**

Where the detailed planning for the hearing occurs. When done properly, it assures a cost effective and efficient arbitration. This Panel will identify key topics and strategies including discovery, motion practice, witnesses, exhibits, and the hearing calendar.

*Presenters:*

**Moderator:** Philip S. Cottone

**Arbitrator:** Judith Korchin

**Counsel:** Patricia H. Thompson

11:15am – 12:15pm **Breakout Sessions on the Preliminary Conference and Setting the Stage**

*Facilitators:*

Trey Bergman  
Deborah Masucci  
Harrie Samaras  
Hon. Susan S. Soussan  
Hon. Scott J. Silverman

12:30pm – 1:00pm **Lunch**

1:00pm – 1:45pm **Panel Discussion: Building a Successful Arbitration Practice**

2:00pm – 3:00pm **Plenary: Managing the Hearing**

The A to Z of managing the hearing efficiently and fairly, including pre-hearing conferences, handling evidence, opening and closing arguments, managing time, and the arbitrator's role.

*Presenters:*

**Moderator:** Dana Welch  
**Arbitrator:** John A. Sherrill  
**Counsel:** Edward M. Mullins

3:15pm – 4:15pm **Breakout Sessions on Managing the Hearing**

*Facilitators:*

Trey Bergman  
Joan Stearns Johnsen  
Harrie Samaras  
Harout Jack Samra  
Hon. Joseph P. Farina

4:15pm – 4:30pm **Break**

4:30pm – 5:30pm **Plenary: Arbitration Ethics**

Explore the unique issues facing arbitrators and arbitration advocates in an interactive session drawing upon the skill and knowledge of the faculty.

*Presenter:*

Hon. Bruce E. Meyerson

5:30pm

**Adjourn**

**Thursday Evening Reception**

## FRIDAY, MAY 18TH

7:45am – 8:20am **Breakfast**

8:20am – 9:30am **Plenary: The Award and Post-Award Issues**

The hearing is over, so what is the best way to prepare the award, including reasoned awards, independent research, post-hearing briefing, attorneys' fees, and enforcing or challenging the award.

*Presenters:*

**Moderator:** John Burritt McArthur

**Arbitrator:** Karen Evans

**Counsel:** Francisco Rodriguez

9:45am – 10:45am **Breakout Sessions on The Award and Post-Award Issues**

*Facilitators:*

David H. Lichter

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Hon. Bruce E. Meyerson

John H. Rooney, Jr.

Hon. Susan S. Soussan

10:45am – 11:00am **Break**

11:00am – 12:15pm **Sessions on Substantive Topics**

Find the small group discussion that best suits your practice or your interests. The facilitators will kick off with their thoughts, leaving plenty of time for group interaction.

12:30pm – 1:00pm **Lunch**

1:00pm – 1:45pm **Current Trends and Hot Topics in Arbitration Law**



Liz Kramer, Stinson Leonard Street LLP, Author of the leading blog: **Arbitration Nation**

A high-level analysis of the major trends in how courts are interpreting arbitration law and what to expect in 2018.

2:00pm – 3:00pm **Breakout Sessions on Practical Issues**

**10 Things to do and to Avoid When Writing Awards**

Herbert H. Gray, III

**Practicum on Writing an Effective Arbitration Clause for Lawyers**

P. Jean Baker

3:00pm – 4:00pm **Wrap Up**

The chance to answer any questions you still might have!

4:00pm

**Adjourn**

**Health Care Arbitration:**

Anthony M. DiLeo

**Employment Arbitration:**

Susan Grody Ruben

**Construction Arbitration:**

Deborah Bovarnick Mastin

**Securities Arbitration:**

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# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## MEETING LOCATION

Akerman LLP  
98 Southeast Seventh Street, Suite 1100, Miami, FL 33131

## REGISTRATION

Register online at: <http://ambar.org/arb2018>. You can also register using the attached form. Please note that this program has a limited capacity of participants. Once the capacity has been reached, individuals will be placed on a waiting list in case of cancellations. Please register early to ensure a seat. The deadline to register online is Friday, May 11, 2018. On-site registration will be available.

## TRAVEL

Our hotel room block rate is \$189/night at the East Miami hotel. Please visit <http://ambar.org/arb2018> to book your hotel and for additional travel information.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships to defray tuition expense for ABA programs are available upon application on a program-by-program, case-by-case basis. Preference will be given to public interest lawyers, government lawyers, full-time law professors, solo or small firm practitioners of limited means, and unemployed attorneys. Visit <http://ambar.org/arb2018> for the link to the scholarship application for the Institute. Applications are due by 5 pm ET on March 2, 2018; applications received after this date will not be

considered. You will be notified of a decision prior to the early bird registration deadline. A minimum fee may be charged on all approved scholarship applications to defray expenses.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations must be made in writing and received by 5 pm ET on Friday, April 27, 2018 via email to: [Melissa.buckley@americanbar.org](mailto:Melissa.buckley@americanbar.org) or fax to: 202-662-1683 in order to receive a refund less a \$50 processing fee. No refunds will be granted after that date. Registration substitutions will be allowed.

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