

INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS: *Study of a mock case*
Negotiating, Drafting, Dispute Resolution,
Different Cultural and Legal Approaches

Under the auspices of the **ICC Institute of World Business Law**

Dates: 1 – 4 February 2010 (3^{1/2} days)

Venue: International Chamber of Commerce
38 Cours Albert 1er, 75008 Paris, France

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Objective

The success of international business depends on the quality of contracts signed. Too often, if the relationship between parties happens to deteriorate, loopholes in the contract make the situation worse; had the contract been better drafted the relationship could have been preserved. Negotiating and drafting a contract are skills and techniques that need to be learned, as does managing the “post-contract” and dealing with different kinds of conflict resolution. **This seminar will focus on the main problems that arise in international contracts and particular attention will be given to avoiding disputes.**

This programme can be credited towards training under the “taxe de formation professionnelle” in France (organization registered under 11 75 4089 275).

** This training has been sent for CPD and CNB approval.*



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Who should attend?

- Legal directors and corporate counsel from companies involved in international trade;
- Practising lawyers;
- Legal practitioners advising international trading companies;
- Business people involved in international trade and dispute resolution.

Working methods

- **Study of a mock case**, reflecting the reality and practices of international business, within working groups limited to roughly 10 participants. The mock case will be sent to participants before the training so that they can read the facts, prepare for working in groups and identify the contractual issues which will be addressed during the negotiations.
- Technical and practical presentations with international experts.
- Debate amongst participants and speakers during interactive plenary sessions.

Monday 1 February

9.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

9.00 – 9.30 a.m.

Registration

Introduction and negotiation

MORNING

- Presentation of ICC – Introduction
- Strategies and techniques of negotiation – “Getting to yes”

AFTERNOON

- Working groups on negotiations
- Report from the working groups and discussion

Cocktails

Tuesday 2 February

9.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Drafting

MORNING

- Essential and accessory clauses
- ICC Model Clauses (Force Majeure, Hardship and Confidentiality clauses)
- Drafting techniques

AFTERNOON

- Working groups on drafting essential clauses negotiated the previous day
- Report from the working groups and discussion

Dinner

Wednesday 3 February

9.30 a.m. – 5.20 p.m.

Prevention and methods of dispute resolution

MORNING

- Why and what to do when contracts go wrong? The grounds of failure – Renegotiation strategies
- Dispute resolution: State Tribunals, ADR, arbitration or combination of the “med-arb”?
- Dispute Boards and ADR – Technical expertise
- ICC arbitration

AFTERNOON

- Working groups on the conflict resolution clause
- Report from the working groups and discussion

Museum Visit

Thursday 4 February

9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Different cultural and legal approaches

MORNING

- Importance of cultural and legal differences – Civil law vs. Common law approach
- Practising international contracts in the Arab world
- Practising international contracts in Japan
- Topical subject: Introduction to Incoterms
- Conclusion

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Working language

English and French with simultaneous interpretation.

Admission requirements for candidates

To be admitted, candidates should speak one or both of the training's working languages (English and/or French) and have experience in negotiating and managing international contracts. The number of participants is limited to 50 in plenary sessions and 10 in working groups to encourage active participation. All participants are expected to be present for every session.

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