

31st COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION TRAINING COURSE

21 to 25 September 2026

PDRC Chambers, 8th Floor, Commerce and Industry Plaza
1030 Campus Avenue, McKinley Hill Town Center
Brgy. Pinagsama, Taguig City

TRAINING MODULE

DAY 1: 21 SEPTEMBER 2026, MONDAY

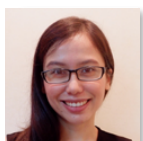
8:00 am Registration & Reminders

8:15 am National Anthem

8:20 am Welcome Remarks by **Atty. Shirley F. Alinea**, *Secretary General*

8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Session I: Introduction to Arbitration



*Atty. Ma. Luisa
Dominique
R. Mauricio*

- The concept of arbitration
- General principles of arbitration
- Advantages and disadvantages of arbitration
- Domestic and international arbitration
- Commercial and other arbitration (construction, FRIA, barangay, JDR)
- Ad hoc and institutional arbitration
- Arbitral institutions (ICC, LCIA, AAA, HKIAC, SIAC, KLRCA, PDRC, CIAC)
- Arbitration Laws:
 - Arbitration Law
 - E.O. 1008
 - ADR Act of 2004
 - Implementing Rules and Regulations of ADR Act of 2004
 - Special Rules of Court on ADR (SADR)
 - UNCITRAL Model Law
 - New York Convention
- Introduction to PDRC
 - PDRC Arbitration Rules
 - Why choose PDRC
- Special Topic: File Counsel and Tribunal Secretary (Art. 24-25)

1:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Session II: Arbitration Agreement & Commencement of Arbitration



*Atty. Teodoro
Kalaw IV*

- IBA Guidelines for Drafting International Arbitration Clauses
- PDRC model arbitration clause
- Pathological clauses
- Arbitration clauses and Submission agreements
- Applicable law and Amiable Compositeur (Art. 49)
- Seat of arbitration (Art. 27)
- Language (Art. 28)
- Role of courts in arbitration (ADR Act of 2004, Secs. 2 & 24; SADRR)
- Written Communications (Art. 2)
- Calculation of Period of Time (Art. 3)
- Notice of Arbitration (Art. 4)
- Response to Notice of Arbitration (Art. 5)
- Form and contents of submissions
- Representation and Assistance (Art. 6)
- *Sample Submission Agreement*
- *Sample Notice of Arbitration*
- *Sample Response to Notice of Arbitration*

DAY 2: 22 SEPTEMBER 2026, TUESDAY**8:30 am to 12:30 pm**

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Grecia-De Vera

Session III: The Arbitral Tribunal and Emergency Arbitrator

- PDRC Arbitration Rules: Scope of application (Art. 1)
- Constitution of Arbitral Tribunal (Art. 15)
- Appointment of Arbitrators (Art. 11-14)
- Appointing Authority [Art. 11 (2), 12 (2), (3), & 13 (2), (3)]
- Qualifications and Disclosures of Arbitrators (Arts. 16 to 17)
- Conflict of interest
- Duties of arbitrators
- Rules of ethics
- Arbitrator misconduct [RA 876, Sec. 24 (a), (b), (c)]
- Challenge of Arbitrators (Arts. 18, 19 & 20)
- Termination of Mandate (Art. 21)
- Replacement of Arbitrators (Art. 22)
- Definition of Cost (Art. 54)
- Limitation of Liability of PDRC (Art. 59)
- Emergency Arbitrator (Art. 58)
- Sample Disclosure
- Sample Challenge
- Sample Application for Appointment of Emergency Arbitrator

1:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Atty. Jay Patrick R.
Santiago

Session IV: Consolidation, Multiple Contracts, Joinder of Parties

- Joinder and claims between multiple parties (Arts. 7 & 8)
- Multiple contracts (Art. 9)
- Consolidation of arbitrations (Art. 10)
- Pleas as to the jurisdiction of the Arbitral Tribunal (Art. 34)
- Summary Disposition (Art. 35)
- Default (Art. 43)
- Interim measures of protection (Art. 38)
- Expedited procedure (Art. 57)
- Complex cases
- Sample Request for Consolidation and/or Sample Joinder.
- Sample Petition for Interim Measure of Protection

DAY 3: 23 SEPTEMBER 2026, WEDNESDAY**8:30 am to 12:30 pm**

Atty. Ricardo Ma.
P.G. Ongkiko

Session V: Case Management Conference

- Case management conference (Art. 29)
- Procedural timetable
- Defining the issues [Art. 29 (2)(g) & 33(2)(b)]
- Statement of Claim (Art. 30)
- Statement of Defense (Art. 31)
- Amendment to the Claim or Defense (Art. 32)
- Terms of Reference (Art. 33)
- Further Written Statements (Art. 36)
- Periods of time (Art. 37)
- Referral to mediation
- Confidentiality of proceedings (Art. 46)
- Sample Procedural Order
- Sample Terms of Reference
- Sample Statement of Claim
- Sample Statement of Defense

1:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Atty. Victor P.
Lazatin

Session VI: Arbitration Hearings and Arbitral Award

- Arbitral proceedings (Section IV, Art. 26)
- Preparation for the hearing
- Production of Evidence (Art. 39)
- Evidence and burden of proof (Art. 40)
- Hearings (Art. 41)
- Experts appointed by the Arbitral Tribunal (Art. 42)
- Closure of hearings (Art. 44)
- Waiver of right to object (Art. 45)
- Awards/Decisions (Art. 47)
- Additional Award (Art. 53)
- Form of Awards [Art. 48 (1) to (3), (5)]
- Settlement or other grounds for termination (Art. 50)
- Cost (Section VI, Art. 54)
- Allocation of Cost (Art. 55)
- Sample Award

DAY 4: 24 SEPTEMBER 2026, THURSDAY

8:30 am to 12:30 pm



Atty. Arthur P. Autea

Session VII: Recognition, Enforcement, Setting Aside and Refusal to Enforce Awards

- Effect of Awards [Art. 48 (4) & (6)]
- Interpretation of Award (Art. 51)
- Correction of Award (Art. 52)
- Court enforcement of Arbitration Awards
 - Domestic Awards
 - Foreign Awards
 - New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards
- Court assistance in relation to arbitral awards under SADR
 - Confirmation, or recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards
 - Setting aside or refusal of recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards
- Appeals
- *Sample Petitions for (i) confirmation and (ii) recognition and enforcement*
- *Sample Application for Setting Aside*
- *Sample Application for Refusal of Recognition and Enforcement*

1:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Session VIII: International Arbitration



Atty. Manuel
Bautista, Jr.

DAY 5: 25 SEPTEMBER 2026, FRIDAY

8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Session IX: Mock Arbitration



Atty. Carla S. Pingul
(lead facilitator)



Atty. Miguel R. Sevilla
(co-facilitator)



Atty. Francis Julius Romeo
D. del Valle
(co-facilitator)

1:15 pm

Closing Remarks by **Atty. Rogelio Nicandro**, President

1:30pm to 4:30pm

Session X: Written Assessment