

THE INAUGURAL SHORT COURSE  
ON  
INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION.

8<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018  
AT UGANDA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY  
MUKONO, UGANDA

Concept note

International Commercial Arbitration is a means of dispute resolution under international commercial transactions, allowing parties to avoid litigation in the national courts, and the complexities that may be involved in such formalized methods of dispute resolution.

In the globalized economy today, it is common practice that agreements in international transactions between parties across national borders include clauses that will regulate how disputes between, or amongst the parties will be resolved. The parties commit to use the expertise of a neutral third party, an arbitrator, whose decision, as the parties agree would bind every individual or entity, that is party to the transaction and not subject such decision to an appeal. The parties will state the particulars of the arbitration including where they will hold the arbitration, and all the necessary laws that will govern their dispute resolution.

In an effort to produce graduates who are relevant to the growing economic trends, the Faculty of Law at Uganda Christian University (UCU), makes Alternative Dispute Resolution a selective course unit available to students in their final year of the Bachelor of Laws degree. In one of the weeks in the teaching of the course unit, includes an introduction of the students to International Commercial Arbitration where they appreciate and explore among others, the benefits, procedure and the enforcement of International Arbitral awards. Many of our students have expressed the desire to have a role in cross border legal practice, and International Commercial Arbitration is presents an opportunity for them to achieve this objective.

John B. Pinney is an experienced counsel and arbitrator in International Commercial Arbitration matters and an adjunct professor of International Commercial Arbitration at the University of Cincinnati. He is a Senior Partner at Graydon Head and Ritchey LLP, a law firm in Cincinnati, Ohio and Northern Kentucky, USA. Pinney also serves as the chair of the firm's International Practice Group where he focuses in International dispute Resolution. He has been a lead trial lawyer in a multitude of cases in

international banking, securities, products liability, insurance, trust litigation and class actions. He has also practices in state and federal courts in the United States.

John Pinney has represented a large Korean company in an arbitration matter at the International Chamber of Commerce, in a federal court litigation against a Canadian government-owned corporation, an arbitration in Hong Kong that was coordinated by the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, a securities arbitration customer claim that resulted in a multimillion dollar settlement, the defense of a federal court consumer class action and a case where a large sum of stolen funds was recovered by coordinating court actions in Turkey, Cyprus, Portugal, and the Cape Verde Islands. His experience also extends to obtaining evidence abroad under Letters Rogatory and The Hague Evidence Convention, as well as obtaining evidence in the U.S for use in foreign proceedings.

Uganda Christian University and the University of Cincinnati (UC) entered into a partnership by execution of a memorandum of understanding. It is against this background that the faculty of law, UCU is tapping into John Pinney's immense knowledge and expertise by hosting him as the Guest Facilitator of the inaugural short course on International Commercial Arbitration which is scheduled to take place at **UCU Main Campus, ICMI Hall, on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018**. Our students will have a role model to look up to as they attempt to practice law in a global village.

The specific objectives of the short course are;

1. Introduce students to the concept of International Commercial Arbitration.
2. Give students a deeper understanding of the laws, fundamental processes of International Commercial Arbitration.
3. Provide knowledge on the significance of international commercial arbitration and its benefits to a legal practitioner and to the state.
4. Promote Alternative Dispute Resolution to the UCU students who are the future practitioners.

5. Share knowledge and information stemming from recent research and analysis in the field

### DRAFT AGENDA

<b>MONDAY 8th October 2018</b>		
	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>1:00 - 2:00 pm</b>	Arrival of students and registration
<b>2.</b>	<b>2:00 - 2:15 pm</b>	Introductory/Welcome Remarks by the Vice Chancellor
<b>3.</b>	<b>2:15 - 2:30 pm</b>	Remarks by the Dean, Faculty of Law and Introduction of Guest Facilitator
<b>4.</b>	<b>2:30 - 3:30 pm</b>	Presentation by John B. Pinney
<b>5.</b>	<b>3:30 - 4:00 pm</b>	Q & A session
<b>6.</b>	<b>4:00 - 6:00 pm</b>	Discussion of sample Problem Question by John B. Pinney
<b>WEDNESDAY 10th October 2018</b>		
<b>1.</b>	<b>1:00 - 2:00 pm</b>	Arrival and Registration

<b>2.</b>	<b>2:00 - 2:30 pm</b>	<b>Introductory Remarks by Faculty staff</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>2:30 - 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Test/Exercise by John B. Pinney</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>4:00 - 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Closing Address by John B. Pinney and award of certificates</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>5:30 - 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Closing remarks by Dean Faculty of Law</b>

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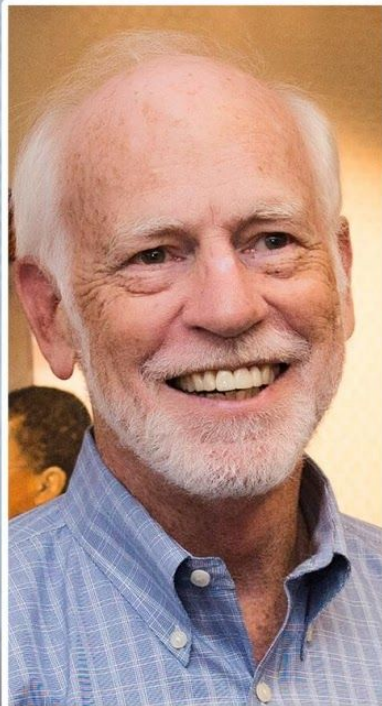
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and  
the University of Cincinnati.

**DATE : 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018**



**GUEST FACILITATOR**

**JOHN B. PINNEY**

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He also chairs the International Practice Group, focusing on International Dispute Resolution.

**Venue : ICMI Hall Time : 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

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