



**INTERNATIONAL
COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION
PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM PROSPECTUS
2024**



“If everyone is **working together**,
then success takes care of itself”

- Henry Ford

OUR VISION

To be the **foremost provider** of legal advocacy training to law students in Sri Lanka in multiple fields of legal study.

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OVERVIEW

What is the **MCB**?

The Moot Court Bench is Sri Lanka's first fully integrated legal advocacy training platform. The main aim of the MCB is **enhancing the standard of the legal profession**, by delivering education of global standards for Sri Lankan law students focusing on **International Commercial Arbitration, International Trade Law, International Commercial Mediation and Negotiation**.

What is Arbitration?

Arbitration is a highly practiced form of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) globally. It facilitates a **speedy, efficient, and binding method of resolving disputes** away from the backlog and bureaucracy of courtrooms.

In arbitration, each party is represented by their counsel before an Arbitral Tribunal, either appointed by the parties or an Arbitral Institution. Despite lacking the authority of a judgment from court, the Tribunal issues a binding Award at the conclusion of proceedings, serving as the final decision.

Is it **for you**?

Learning skills of arbitration will present you with new avenues in your career, as arbitration is widely accepted within Sri Lanka, and to an even greater extent globally.

THE ICA PROGRAM

The International Commercial Arbitration (ICA) Program of the MCB was **established in 2020**, driven by the **understanding of arbitration's global momentum** and the **lacuna of resources for students eager to master this discipline**.

This initiative aims to elevate the standards of arbitration in Sri Lanka by addressing the scarcity of available resources for law students. Expanding its horizon, the program now offers students worldwide the chance to delve into the fundamentals of arbitration and refine their skills in written and oral advocacy.

How does it work?

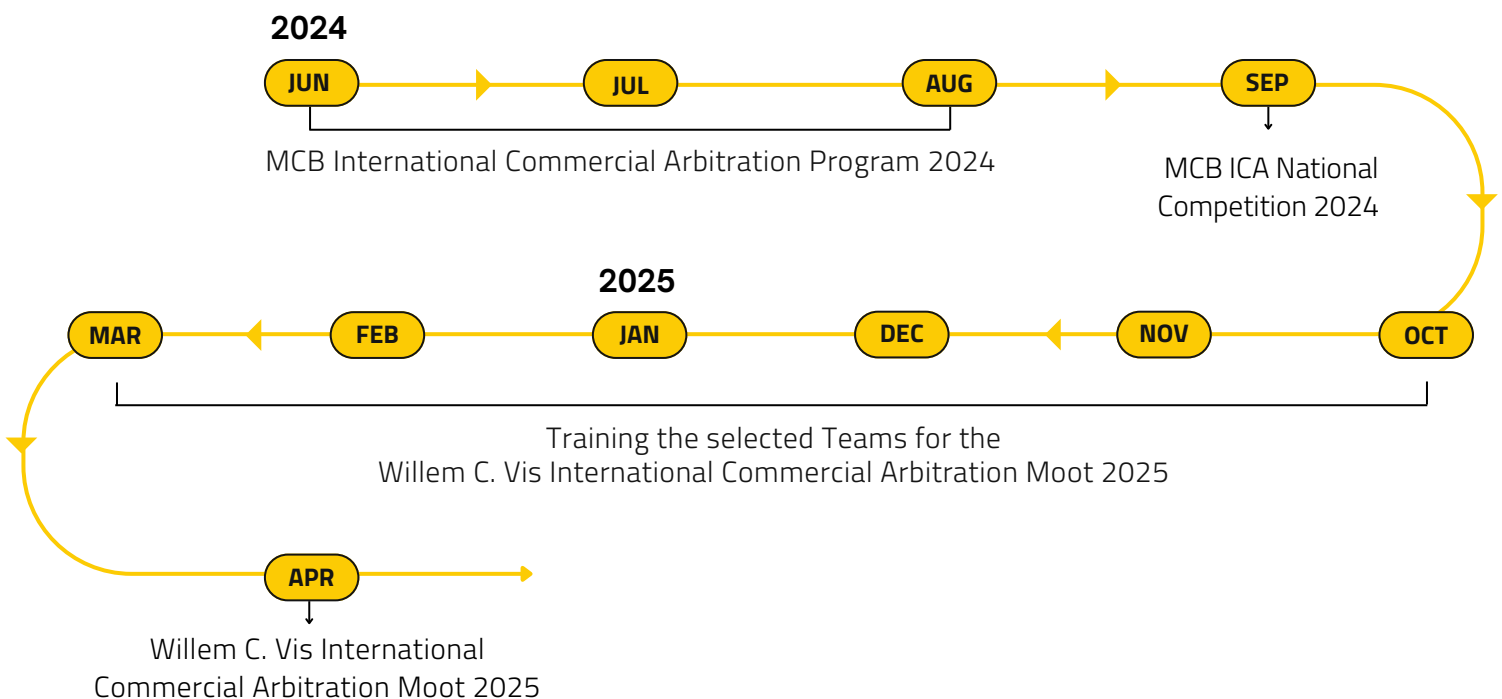
The ICA Program focuses on three main subject areas:



The Course is taught by legal academics and professionals along with MCB Alumni with sound knowledge in the respective areas.

The ICA Program classes would take place during weekends for the duration of the three months. In addition to learning the theoretical aspect of arbitration, the participants will be taught and given an opportunity to test their practical knowledge through the deep dive into the 31st Vis Moot Problem and the mooting sessions.

This year, the ICA Program would extend for a period of 3 months, from the beginning of June 2024 to the end of August 2024.



MCB ICA National Competition

After the course of three months, the Top four contenders from each University will be selected to represent their University in the National Competition.

Thereafter, the Top two Teams will be selected to participate as the teams from Sri Lanka in the Prestigious Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot which is held annually in Vienna, Austria or its sister moot, the Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot which is held annually in Hong Kong.

OUR PERFORMANCE



Willem C. Vis Moot, Vienna

01
AWARD

Award for Best Memorandum for Claimant - Honorable Mention

Willem C. Vis (East) Moot, Hong Kong

01
AWARD

Award for the School Prevailing in Oral Arguments

05
AWARDS

Award for Best Oralist - Honourable Mention

01
AWARD

Memorandum for Respondent - Honourable Mention

01
AWARD

Quarter-Finalists

02
AWARDS

Sixteenth-Finalists

Middle Eastern Pre-Moot

03
AWARDS

Award for Regional Champions

01
AWARD

Runners-Up

04
AWARDS

Semi-Finalists

04
AWARDS

Quarter-Finalists

02
AWARDS

MENA Chambers Award for Excellence in Oral Advocacy

03
AWARDS

Best Claimant Oralist

04
AWARDS

Best Respondent Oralist

06
AWARDS

Best Claimant Oralist - Honorable Mention

03
AWARDS

Best Respondent Oralist - Honorable Mention

03
AWARDS

Best Claimant Memorandum

04
AWARDS

Best Respondent Memorandum

02
AWARDS

Best Claimant Memorandum - Runners Up

02
AWARDS

Best Respondent Memorandum - Runners Up

01
AWARD

Best Respondent Memorandum - Second Runners Up

Shanghai Vis Pre-Moot

01
AWARD

Quarter-Finalists

01
AWARD

Octo-Finalists

01
AWARD

Best Oralist - Honourable Mention

Lazareff Le-Bars Vis Pre-Moot

01
AWARD

Champions

01
AWARD

Best Oralist

Moscow Pre-Moot

01
AWARD

Champions

01
AWARD

Best Oralist

AIAC Virtual Pre-Moot

01
AWARD

Runners-Up

01
AWARD

Best Elimination Round Oralist

Tbilisi Vis Pre-Moot

01
AWARD

Champions

HOW TO APPLY

STEP ONE

Applicants must fill in the application form found on the MCB website. Refer the ICA Program Rules found here for further details regarding participant eligibility.

STEP TWO

Applicants must submit a 2-page CV and a 2-minute video stating why they should be selected for the ICA Program.

Head over to the MCB Website (<https://themootcourtbench.com/ica-program/>) and visit the International Commercial Arbitration page under our Programs tab to sign up.

Registrations Open:
08 April – 26 April 2024

HEAR FROM ICA PROGRAM ALUMNI

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The ICA program has been one of my most fulfilling experiences as a law student. While its meticulously prepared program helped me understand and experience International Commercial Arbitration, the knowledge I gained from the professionals, instructors and peers I met through the program was immense. It was through this training that I gained the strength to be able to represent Sri Lanka at the Vis East Moot Competition. However, the experience and practical skills I developed as an aspiring legal advocate, and all the remarkable individuals I met during the journey are what made this experience truly unique and wholesome.

Gaya Kulatunga

Alumnus and Instructor

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Participating in the ICA program 2021, undoubtedly equipped me with vital skills to support me on my journey in the legal profession. I was fortunate to gain knowledge on International Commercial Arbitration Law and the Law on the International Sale of Goods, vastly improve my written and oral advocacy skills and meet like-minded personalities within the mooting community. This well rounded, adaptable program put my skills to the test, granting me an opportunity to plead before local and international arbitrators at the national competition, whilst enabling me to represent Sri Lanka and my University at the prestigious Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration moot. It was an absolute honour and privilege to have been a part of this program which was personally a life changing experience.

Namali Ratnayake

Alumnus and Instructor

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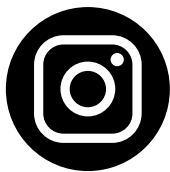
The ICA Program was an educational experience of a lifetime. Through the Program, which is wholistic in design, I was fortunate to be educated on the basics of International Commercial Arbitration by some of the leading professionals in the field whilst developing my skills in both written and oral advocacy. The rigorous but rewarding training provided by the Program enabled me to represent my university at both national and international forums including the 20th Vis East Moot in Hong Kong. Ultimately the Program instilled a discipline and confidence within me that I trust will help me enormously, both professionally and personally. Most importantly it gave me an opportunity to build relationships and memories that will last a lifetime.

Anish De Silva

Alumnus

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CONTACT US



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