








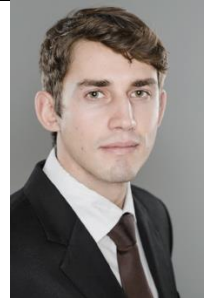
**UCT Law - Commercial Arbitration LLM course
Testimonials from course graduates**



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1.	Adebowale Aluko	2019	PCA-UCT Fellow, Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, the Netherlands	Nigerian	<p>“I undertook the Commercial Arbitration module at UCT in 2019 . The course was taught by UCT academics and leading arbitration practitioners from reputable arbitral institutions and top law firms in South Africa.</p> <p>It was an insightful and practical exposure into the theory and practice of international arbitration. The key highlights for me were the tutorial classes and challenging research tasks. Following the conclusion of my programme, I returned to private practice at a GAR 100 ranked law firm in Nigeria. Subsequently, I obtained a fellowship at the Permanent Court of Arbitration as the inaugural PCA-UCT fellow, which has afforded me the privilege of working at the PCA.”</p>		aaluko@pca-cpa.org
2.	Courtney Kemp	2020	Clyde & Co Attorneys, Johannesburg, South Africa (associate designate)	South African	<p>“UCT’s Commercial Arbitration Master’s class gives students wide yet comprehensive knowledge of commercial arbitration procedure, practice and principles. Students will learn of the key texts founding the areas of international commercial and investor-state arbitration while also exploring topical debates arising from these areas of law. This course has set me apart from other junior practicing lawyers and has also introduced me to a proactive and passionate</p>		kemp.courtneyk@gmail.com

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					community of commercial and international arbitration enthusiasts.”		
3.	Kathleen Mpofu	2018	Deputy Counsel, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (from March 2023)	Zimbabwe	<p>“As part of my LLM, I took the course in International Commercial Arbitration. The course provides an in depth understanding into the theory and practice of international commercial arbitration. I was introduced to a new and exciting field of law which formed the basis of my specialisation. Following the program, I was offered an internship at the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (Hague, Netherlands) where I engaged with some practical aspects of international commercial arbitration. Since then, I have been in private practice in Zimbabwe, and will shortly be taking up a position as Deputy Counsel at the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.”</p>		kathleenmpofu@gmail.com

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4.	Mary Kamwengo	2018	Research Advocate at Zambian Supreme Court	Zambian	<p>“Studying at UCT was an enriching experience. It sharpened my research and analytical skills which are essential competences in my work as a Research Advocate in the Supreme Court of Zambia. It also provided me with the unique opportunity to network with young legal professionals from different jurisdictions who, like myself, have huge interest in ADR, particularly Commercial Arbitration. Since completing the program, I have had the privilege of reviewing and editing ‘<i>A Handbook on Arbitration in Zambia</i>’ on behalf of Zambia’s top arbitrators, Supreme Court Justices Charles Kajimanga and Nigel Mutuna, who are also currently mentoring me in arbitration.”</p>		marykamwengo@gmail.com
5.	Mumbi Mulenga	2020	Senior Associate, Moira Mukuka Legal Practitioners Lusaka, Zambia	Zambian	<p>“The Commercial Arbitration course at UCT was one of the most relevant to my practice. The manner of delivery and lecturers’ expertise made it easy to understand issues in a practical sense.</p> <p>The course has been beneficial not only to my arbitration practice, but also to my work as a transactional advisor, because transactional advisors draft the agreements that govern the relationships of parties who later end up in disputes. Before contracts are signed, I am expected to advise on an appropriate dispute resolution mechanism and how that process would be carried out. This course</p>		mumbi.mulenga@moira mukuka.com

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					has adequately equipped me for that. I unreservedly recommend it!"		
6.	Peter Mbithi	2013	Mutuku Mbithi & Butoyi Advocates, Kenya	Kenyan	"During my LLM at UCT between 2013 and 2014 I took the Commercial Arbitration course, which offered critical knowledge on arbitration as a method of dispute resolution. After graduating, I worked at the Supreme Court of Appeal of Malawi, assisting judges on various areas of the law, including commercial arbitration. I was then approached to work at the Court of Appeal of the Seychelles, where I researched areas of law including commercial arbitration, and recommended revision of the arbitration legislation, which was subsequently adopted. I was part of the delegation of the Seychelles to the ICCA Congress held in Mauritius in 2016. I have found the knowledge gained from the Commercial Arbitration course extremely useful in handling disputes as a private practitioner, and am grateful for the insights offered by UCT."		pmbithi@mmbadvocates.com peter.mbithi@yahoo.co.za
7.	Rhona Rwangyezi	2015	Lawyer, author, entrepreneur	Ugandan	"Studying International Arbitration at UCT deepened my understanding of commercial law and introduced me to my now preferred form of dispute resolution. After my LLM, I did an internship at ICCA in The Hague where I got to work on projects that were interesting and complex, and to interact with leaders in arbitration in Africa. The skills that I		rrwangyezi@gmail.com

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					learned from that internship, and later on as a Fellow, have proven to be immensely valuable in my work today. The networks that I built during that time have pushed me further along in my career than I could have ever imagined.”		
8.	Stephan Klebes	2016	quinn emanuel urnuhart & sullivan, Hamburg, Germany (associate)	German	“The LL.M. program in Dispute Resolution at UCT enabled me to further develop my skills and to start building a highly valuable professional network. While the compulsory courses of the curriculum provided in-depth academic and practical insights into the practice of alternative dispute resolution and in particular arbitration, the elective course gave me the opportunity to gain insights into diverse aspects of common law. The academic staff at UCT supported me in developing ideas and thoughts for my Master Thesis, which were further enriched by the supporting coursework. Back home in Germany, I was able to successfully conduct a Ph.D. program in arbitration and to publish my Ph.D. thesis, the ideas of which go back to my time at UCT. I now work in the dispute resolution practice of global law firm quinn emanuel urnuhart & sullivan.”		stephanklebes@quinnemanuel.com

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9.	Susan Kimani	2015	Ostler, Toronto, Canada (associate)	Kenyan	<p>“The International Arbitration course I undertook at the University of Cape Town during my LL.M. program (2016) was the foundation on which I established my career in international dispute resolution. Following the program, I interned with the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA). Subsequently, I served as a Fellow and Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in The Hague, The Netherlands, until August 2020. In May 2022, I graduated with a second LL.M. from Harvard Law School and joined the litigation department of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP in Toronto, Canada.”</p>	 	<p>skimani@osler.com</p> <p>kimani.suez@gmail.com</p>