

CIARB LONDON BRANCH Committee Elections 2024

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I have greatly enjoyed my time serving on the CI Arb London Branch committee at a time which saw branch events gradually move from being online to in person. I also enjoyed being involved in events on a range of topics from the arbitration of major sporting disputes (held jointly with CI Arb Qatar) to the commercial rent coronavirus scheme, and being part of the London Branch CI Arb working group, which put forward comments to the Law Commission regarding its proposals for amendments to the 1996 English Arbitration Act.

I set out my aims below.

1. My aim is to serve the needs and concerns of all CI Arb members, Arbitrators, Adjudicators, Mediators, and alternate dispute resolution practitioners.

As a committee member I trust that any member of London branch who had a concern or suggestion would be able to approach me with it, and know that I would raise it, assist them, or direct them to others who could assist them.

2. My aim is to ensure that London branch holds events in areas and specialisms that have not appeared on our calendar for a while.

I intend to present and assist in events in areas such as Aviation, Repatriation of Art, Film and media.

3. My aim is to present an event on the amendments to the 1996 English Arbitration Act.

As part of the working group my Initial thoughts, and position changed as new arguments were put forward. As the Arbitration bill passes through parliament members can take stock, consider how far reaching the changes are and discuss and debate the new legislation.

4. My aim is to maintain and develop our links with CI Arb members in sub-Saharan Africa, to continue discussions, and contrast and compare the benefits of our different Arbitration Acts (particularly in light of the amendments to the English Act).

Some of those countries chose to follow the English Arbitration Act (with amendments). Others follow the model law. As our own Act is being amended I would like to hold an event inviting practitioners to compare and discuss the different approaches their own Arbitration Acts take to resolving disputes, and what they would amend if given an opportunity.

5. My aim is to encourage and organise social events.

It is hoped that organising a social event will foster new relationships and be beneficial to our well being.

I look forward to being elected to serve you as a branch committee member.

Thank you.

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