WAA 2025 survey

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Please read instructions before you proceed to the questionnaire.

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Thank you! The editors.
1. Email:
2. Name. (OPTIONAL) Your name will not be shared with anybody, unless you give us consent to publish your name in the World Atlas of Arbitration (WAA) list of contributors. Please write the name as you would like to see it, excluding the titles.
3. List of contributors. Would you like your name to be listed amongst the WAA contributors?*
4. Jurisdiction. What is your jurisdiction? For states with arbitration laws varied in their individual jurisdictions, sub-questions asking about the state/province/jurisdiction will follow.
If you want to submit this questionnaire for multiple jurisdictions , you can do so - after submitting the first one, just click on the link again and start a new submission. Or send us multiple PDF questionnaires. There is no limitation to how many questionnaires you can submit.*
5. Which state in the USA? If you are from the USA, please also indicate which state.
6. Which province in Canada? If you are from Canada, please also indicate which province.

7. Which jurisdiction in the UK?
8. Domestic vs. international arbitration? Are there (materially) different legal regimes governing the conduct of domestic and international arbitrations in your jurisdiction?
□ Yes □ No
☐ I don't know / I am not sure
9. Anti-suit injunctions. Has it ever been reported that a court in your jurisdiction would issue an injunction banning the respondent from initiating court or arbitral proceedings in other jurisdictions?
☐ Yes☐ No, but it is theoretically possible that the court would do it in the future
\square No and it is impossible / extremely unlikely that the court could / would do it \square I don't know / I am not sure
10. Interim measures / provisional relief. Do arbitrators have the power to issue temporary injunctions (regardless of whether courts (also) can)?
☐ Yes, and there does not even need to be any mention in the institutional rules or in the parties' agreement
\square Yes, but only if the institutional rules expressly provide for it or if the parties agreed to give the arbitrators such powers
□ No, not even if the rules or parties grant such power□ I don't know / I am not sure
11. Interim measures: enforcement. Would a court in your jurisdiction enforce an injunction issued by an arbitrator / tribunal?
☐ Yes, regardless of where issued
☐ Yes, but only if the tribunal is seated in this jurisdiction☐ No
☐ I don't know / I am not sure
12. Staying concurrent court proceedings. Is there any deadline in COURT proceedings by which one of the parties must object to the court's jurisdiction (based on a valid arbitration agreement), or else the court would proceed with its own proceedings regardless of the arbitration agreement? If so, what is the deadline, approximately?
☐ No relevant deadline
☐ First communication of the relevant party to the court ☐ At some stage during the court proceedings

\square At any stage during the court proceedings.	all the way up until the ruling is made
☐ I don't know / I am not sure	

13. Arbitrability. Which of the following borderline cases are arbitrable in your jurisdiction? And for an award issued in a foreign jurisdiction, which of them would be generally granted enforcement in your jurisdiction? Always assume that a signed arbitration agreement exists.

	Arbitrable (unchecked = non- arbitrable)	Not sure / don't know (arbitrability)	Enforceable (unchecked = non- enforceable)	Not sure / don't know (enforceability)
Shareholder disputes based on agreements	П	П	П	П
alone				
Shareholder disputes				
based also on statutes /				
articles of association (assuming they contain				
an arbitration clause				
signed by all parties)				
Employment disputes				
Disputes with company				
directors	_	_	_	_
Disputes with consumers				
Promissory notes				
disputes (arbitration				
agreement included in the promissory note)				
Disputes from securities				
(arbitration agreement				
is contained in the				
subscription or other				
agreement and signed)				
Matrimonial matters	Ш	Ш		Ш

14. Arbitrability (**title to registered assets**). Which of the following disputes about ownership title are arbitrable in your jurisdiction? And for an award issued in a foreign jurisdiction, which of them would be generally granted enforcement in your jurisdiction?

Arbitrability and enforceability are deemed to exist when the award would be acceptable grounds for making ownership change recorded in the relevant registry, without a separate application to a local court, which would have the power to review the case in merits.

	Arbitrable (unchecked = not arbitrable)	Not sure / don't know (arbitrability)	Enforceable (unchecked = not enforceable)	Not sure / don't know (enforceability)
Land, buildings, realestate, leaseholds etc.				
Registered shares				
Aircraft				
Sea-going and/or inland vessel				
Patent				
Trademark				
Domain name				
16. Which other unusual be arbitrated in your juriso defamation etc. 17. Insolvency during arbi	liction? E.g. wills,	tax disputes, anti	trust liability disp	outes, tort liability,
commenced insolvency projurisdiction? If none of the jurisdiction, please briefly the "other" field below.	e available option	s below even rem	otely describe the	e situation in your
 □ Arbitration proceedings the insolvent party is the □ Arbitration proceedings party is the respondent □ Generally, the arbitration proceedings, i.e. will no connection with the reginestate □ Other: 	claimant or respondance generally stayed proceedings can dot be binding on the	adent ad / suspended / ter continue, but the ar the insolvency coun	rminated but only ward will not coun rt / administrator /	when the insolvent at in the insolvency other creditors in

18. Foreign insolvency. In case insolvency proceedings are commenced (or continue) against one of the parties abroad and the arbitration would have to be stayed / suspended / terminated under the relevant foreign law, would the failure by the arbitrator(s) to comply with such requirement under the foreign law be the grounds for annulment (if seated in your jurisdiction) or refusal of enforcement (if seated abroad) in your jurisdiction?

	Grounds for annulment	Grounds for refusal of enforcement
Clear yes		
Probably yes		
Not sure / don't know		
Probably no		
Clear no		

19. Survival of arbitration agreement in insolvency? If an arbitration agreement is in place and a dispute arises after the insolvency proceedings are commenced, can the solvent party rely on the arbitration agreement and have the dispute decided in arbitration with the results effectively counted in the insolvency proceedings (having effect on the solvent party's interests in the insolvency proceedings)? Assume both proceedings are domiciled in your jurisdiction. Assume that the dispute does not involve clear "insolvency matters", such as claw-back, set-aside or related party transactions etc.

☐ Broad and absolute yes
\square Generally yes, but there are some exceptions
☐ Generally yes, but only when the insolvent party is the claimant in the proceedings and there are still some exceptions
\square No, all disputes whose results have any bearing on the insolvency must be decided by the insolvency court or other relevant body other than the arbitrator(s)
☐ Other:
20. Optional arbitration clauses: validity. Is an arbitration agreement that grants only one party the right to choose arbitration valid under the law of your jurisdiction (assuming this law governs the arbitration agreement)?
☐ Yes, perfectly valid

21. Optional arbitration clauses: annulment and enforcement. Would an award rendered in your jurisdiction be subject to annulment solely because it was based on an optional arbitration clause? Would an award rendered in another jurisdiction be refused enforcement in your jurisdiction solely because it was based on an optional arbitration clause? In both questions, assume that an optional arbitration clause is valid under the law governing the arbitration agreement. For the question on enforcement, assume that the mere existence of an optional arbitration clause is not a ground for annulment in the jurisdiction where the award was rendered.

□ Probably invalid□ No, certainly invalid

☐ I don't know / I am not sure

Clear yes					
Clear yes	Grounds for annulment	Refusal of enforcement			
Probably yes					
Not sure / don't know					
Probably no					
Clear no					
 22. Asymmetric arbitration clauses: validity. Is an arbitration agreement that grants only one party a greater influence on the proceedings (e.g., on the composition of the tribunal, applicable law, deadlines, etc.) valid under the law of your jurisdiction (assuming this law governs the arbitration agreement) Yes, perfectly valid Probably invalid No, certainly invalid 					
23. Asymmetric arbitration clauses: a urisdiction be subject to annulment so Would an award rendered in another pecause it was based on an asymmetric arbitration clause is valid under the on enforcement, assume that the mere cannulment in the jurisdiction where the	lely because it was based on an jurisdiction be refused enforced arbitration clause? In both question law governing the arbitration existence of an asymmetric arbitration	asymmetric arbitration clause nent in your jurisdiction solely ions, assume that an asymmetric agreement. For the question			
	Grounds for annulment	Refusal of enforcement			
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Clear yes					
Clear yes Probably yes					
Probably yes					
Probably yes Not sure / don't know					

☐ I am not sure / I don't know

25. Jurisdiction: reviewed <i>ex officio?</i> Do the arbitrators have to assess their jurisdiction even without a party's objection?
□ Yes
\square No
☐ I don't know / I am not sure
26. Jurisdiction: deadline for challenge. Is there a separate procedural deadline (different from the general deadline for annulment application) by which the parties must challenge the arbitrator's / tribunal's decision on jurisdiction? Assume that the decision is part of the final award and no interim / partial award on jurisdiction is made.
□ No
☐ Yes. Choose "other" if you also wish to give more details
☐ Other:
27. Confidentiality. Are parties bound by confidentiality as a matter of law? Or does it only apply if it is agreed (or included in the applicable rules)?
☐ As a matter of law
☐ Only if agreed
☐ I don't know / I am not sure

28. Non-signatories. Can the following non-signatories of an arbitration agreement be forced to participate in arbitration proceedings in your jurisdiction (or have the power to bring arbitration claims against others)? If so, in which of the following circumstances? And if an award is made in such circumstances in a foreign jurisdiction, would it be enforceable in yours?

	Subjective arbitrability generally exists	Don't know / not sure (about subjective arbitrability)	Foreign awards generally enforceable	Don't know / not sure (about enforceability)
Assignment of the whole contract (or all substantial rights under the contract)				
Partial assignment (only some rights under the contract)				
Group of companies doctrine				
Piercing the corporate veil (Alter ego doctrine)				
Third-party beneficiaries				
Agency relationships				

	Subjective arbitrability generally exists	Don't know / not sure (about subjective arbitrability)	Foreign awards generally enforceable	Don't know / not sure (about enforceability)
Implied consent or conduct successors and acquirers doctrine				
Securities (arbitration agreement contained in the unsigned prospectus or similar document)				
Shareholder disputes based on arbitration agreement in statutes which were not signed by the parties				
29. Non-signatories (continued). In which other circumstances would disputes involving a non-signatory of an arbitration agreement be normally subjectively arbitrable and/or ensuing awards enforceable in your jurisdiction? (if any) 30. Binding nature of an award and pre-judicial questions (preliminary issues) in future cases. Imagine an arbitrator / tribunal which is hearing a dispute in a situation where an earlier award between the same parties exists. The merits of the earlier award are an important pre-judicial question (preliminary issue) for the new case. Is the arbitrator / tribunal bound by the earlier award? Assume that				
the merits of the new case are clearly distinguished from the earlier one and do not give rise to any concerns about breaching the rule of <i>res iudicata</i> . Award is not binding for future arbitrators / tribunals. They can assess pre-judicial questions (preliminary issues) differently, even if addressed by an earlier arbitrator / tribunal, as long as they are not addressing such questions in the merits (<i>res iudicata</i>) Award is binding upon the future arbitrator / tribunal. They cannot assess pre-judicial questions (preliminary issues) differently. Doing so would be prone to annulment. I don't know / I am not sure				
31. Reliability of witnesses (dishonest witnesses). Is it a criminal (or similar) offence for a witness or expert to lie in statements, reports or testimonies?				
 □ No, it is not a criminal offence to lie in either court or arbitration proceedings □ Yes, it is a criminal offence to lie to a court, but not to arbitrators □ Yes, it is a criminal offence to lie to either court or arbitrators □ I don't know / I am not sure 				

32. Use of illegally obtained evidence. Is it a reason for annulment if the award is based on illegally
obtained evidence? And grounds for refusal of enforcement? (disregard the specific nature and types
of illegality, any of the typically illegal sources, such as stolen documents, breached confidentiality, etc.
would trigger this question, regardless of where it occurred).
Annulment Refusal of enforcement

	Annulment	Refusal of enforcement
Almost certainly grounds for		
Likely grounds for		
Not sure / don't know		
Unlikely grounds for		
Almost certainly not grounds for		

33. Disregard of illegally obtained evidence. Would it be grounds for annulment or refusal of enforcement (if obtained abroad), if a **pivotal piece of evidence** (the one which would have changed the outcome) was submitted by one of the parties, but disregarded by the arbitrator / tribunal, because it was obtained illegally?

	Annulment	Refusal of enforcement
Almost certainly grounds for		
Likely grounds for		
Not sure/ don't know		
Unlikely grounds for		
Almost certainly not grounds for		

34. Document production. Can the arbitrator / tribunal generally mandate document production and draw adverse inference or other consequences from non-compliance? Assume the production request meets standards generally accepted by the international arbitration community.

□ Yes
\square No, such procedure would likely be grounds for annulment
$\hfill\square$ No, such procedure would almost certainly be the grounds for annulment
☐ I don't know / I am not sure

35. Document production (continued). Could the denial by the arbitrator / tribunal of otherwise reasonable document production request be the grounds for annulment (e.g. infringement of the right to be heard)? Or refusal of enforcement of a foreign award?

	Annulment	Refusal of enforcement
Almost certainly yes		
Likely		
Not sure / don't know		
Unlikely		
Almost certainly not		

36. Annulment / vacation / set-aside. Which of the following circumstances are grounds for annulment (set-aside/vacation) in your jurisdiction? And which are the grounds for refusal of enforcement of a foreign award?

	Annulment	Don't know / not sure (annulment)	Refusal of enforcement	Don't know / not sure (enforcement)
Due process / party unable to defend itself				
Ultra petita (award giving more than requested)				
Infra petita (award failing to address some requests)				
Conflicted or prejudiced tribunal				
Awarded remedy is not permitted in your jurisdiction				
Awarded remedy is not permitted in the jurisdiction where the award was made				
New evidence or other similar grounds				
Serious irregularity, manifest disregard of law or other similar grounds?				
Manifest disregard of evidence				
37. Annulment / vacation / set-aside: deviation by the parties. Can any of the grounds for annulment / vacation / set-aside be modified (excluded) by agreement between the parties?				
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know / I am not su	nre			
38. Non-enforcement: dev be modified (excluded) by a	=	·	f the grounds for	non-enforcement
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know / I am not su	ire			

an award?
40. Which event starts the above time period?
\Box Date when the award is made (shown on the award)
\square Date when the award becomes enforceable
\square Date when the award is delivered to the relevant party
☐ I don't know / I am not sure
☐ Other:
41. Appeal or single instance? Can the decision on annulment be appealed?
\square Yes, some kind of appeal / regular review procedure is available to the parties after the court decides about the annulment application
\square No, appeal is not available (single instance proceedings)
☐ I don't know / I am not sure
☐ Other:
42. Court fees. What are the costs (court fees) of the annulment proceedings (assume all instances, if there are more).
☐ Zero: No fee is due
☐ Nominal - only a small court fee is due, even for large amounts in dispute
\square Non-negligible - up to 3% of the amount in dispute (if ad valorem) or up to the equivalent of 10000 USD (if fixed)
☐ Significant (more than non-negligible)
43. Third-party funding: disclosure. Does a third-party funding have to be disclosed as a matter of law (this question is NOT about the rules or practice of local arbitral institutions; it is about your <i>lex arbitri</i>)?
☐ Clear yes
☐ Probably yes
☐ I don't know / I am not sure
☐ Probably no
☐ Clear no
44. Third-party funding: scope of disclosure. If a disclosure obligation exists, does it cover only the identity of the funder, or also other details (e.g. the terms of the funding agreement)?
☐ Not applicable (no duty of disclosure exists)
☐ Only the identity of the funder

☐ The identity of the funder and other details ☐ I don't know / I am not sure
45. Security for costs. Can arbitrator(s) order a security for costs?
☐ Clear yes, even if there is no mention of security in the arbitration agreement or applicable rules ☐ Clear yes, but only if the arbitration agreement or applicable rules specifically authorize the arbitrator(s) to do so
☐ Probably yes, as long as the arbitration agreement or applicable rules specifically authorize the arbitrator(s) to do so
\square I don't know / I am not sure
☐ Probably no
☐ Absolutely no, even in case of clear authorization
46. Duration? What is the normal duration of annulment proceedings (assume all instances). Make an informed estimate, even if no reliable statistics exist.
☐ Less than 6 months
☐ Less than 12 months
☐ Less than 24 months
☐ Less than 36 months
☐ Above 36 months
☐ I don't know / I am not sure
47. Notable* cases (due process). Are there any notable* cases in which the courts of your jurisdiction have annulled / refused to annul awards on the grounds of lack of due process? *Notable = not so
obvious, i.e. cases which could surprise an international arbitrator hearing a case which is either located in your jurisdiction or possibly due to be enforced there.
48. Notable* cases (problematic tribunal). Are there any notable* cases in which the courts of your
jurisdiction have annulled / refused to annul awards on the grounds of conflicted, prejudiced or an otherwise problematic arbitrator or tribunal? *Notable = not so obvious, i.e. cases which could surprise an international arbitrator hearing a case which is either located in your jurisdiction or possibly due to be enforced there.

off time beyond which no new evidence can be submitted? Assume such cut-off is reasonable and the parties can still propose evidence to disprove the evidence submitted by the other party before the cut-off.
 ☐ Yes, cut-off is possible, and the award would almost certainly be upheld despite the cut-off, even if the affected evidence was pivotal ☐ Yes, cut-off is generally possible, but there is some risk of annulment, albeit not significant ☐ Cut-off is generally possible, but there is a risk of annulment if the affected evidence was pivotal
☐ No, cut-off is not possible, and an award would most likely be annulled even if the affected evidence was not pivotal
50. New evidence after award. What is the consequence of new evidence being found? Assume that (a) such evidence is material and possibly relevant for the outcome; and (b) it could not have been reasonably submitted before the award was made.
□ None
☐ Grounds for annulment
☐ Possible re-opening of arbitration by the arbitrator / tribunal
☐ Remission by the court to the arbitrator / tribunal
☐ Other:
51. Mandatory arbitration? Is there any type of disputes for which arbitration is mandatory in your jurisdiction?
52. Prescription / statute of limitations: Is there anything in your jurisdiction that would force arbitrator(s) to consider statute of limitations for admissibility of the claim(s) under your law, even though the contract is governed by another law and such substantive law does have its own rules for prescription / statute of limitations?
☐ No, the substantive law of the agreement will govern all matters in relation to statute of limitations
\square Yes, statute of limitations is a matter of procedural law in our jurisdiction. Disregard of the rule would likely result in annulment.
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 ☐ Yes, statute of limitations is the matter of procedural law in our jurisdiction. However, disregard of the rule would NOT likely result in annulment. ☐ I don't know / I am not sure

53. Any surprises? Other than your answers to other questions above, is there anything that could surprise a foreign arbitrator hearing a dispute seated (or enforced) in your jurisdiction?
54. Did you like this questionnaire? The best way to show appreciation for our efforts is to share it with your arbitration friends who might also like to respond (regardless of which jurisdiction). Please forward them the link to this questionnaire or give us their email in the field below. Also, any comments or improvement suggestions are most welcome. Thank you!
55. Map curatorship? Answers to this questionnaire will be transformed into global color-coded maps. Next year, in the 2026 edition, would you like to become the curator of one of the existing (or propose new) maps? Curators will be responsible for the questions, map legends and explanatory texts. And of course, for sorting the answers and allocating colors to jurisdictions on the basis of the questionnaires. We are planning the 2026 edition to display the curator name on each of the maps. Would you like to become the curator of any of the maps or even propose new ones?
56. WAA 2025 summit in Prague. The editors would like to thank you for your help with this questionnaire. To offer the jurisdictional respondents more than our sincere thanks, the editors will organize a free networking and discussion event exclusively for the WAA 2025 contributors and their spouses between 19 and 21 September 2025 in Prague. Places may be limited. Would you like to come?
□ No, thanks□ I would consider coming, but alone
☐ I would consider coming with someone