



Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**IMC ARBITRATION COMMITTEE'S
KNOWLEDGE SERIES WEBINAR**

on

EVIDENCE IN ARBITRATIONS

INCLUDING UNDER THE NEW LAW ON EVIDENCE – Part III

Friday, 29th November, 2024

From 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Dear Sir/Madam,

To create awareness on various topics in arbitration law and its practice amongst the public and stakeholders in arbitration (parties, lawyers and arbitrators), IMC's Arbitration Committee organizes knowledge series webinars from time to time.

The next in this knowledge series in the ever-evolving field of arbitration is this third of a series of webinars on evidence in arbitrations including under the new law, the details of which are as follows:

The Webinar is being organized as per the following details:

Topic	: Evidence in arbitrations including under the new law on evidence – Part III
Speaker	: The Hon'ble Chief Justice Mr. R. D. Dhanuka (Retd.), High Court of Bombay
Moderator	: Mr. Gautam T. Mehta (Advocate, Counsel, Arbitrator and Chairman of IMC Arbitration Committee)
Day & Date	: Friday, 29th November, 2024.
Time	: 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Platform	: Online through Video Conferencing (on ZOOM platform)
Fees	: No Participation Fees but Online Registration is mandatory.

Link and QR Code for the registration: <https://www.imcnet.org/events-2401>

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After the talk by the Speaker, time permitting, there will be a short 'Q & A' (Question & Answer) session / interaction for participants.

Objective of the webinar & Introduction of the Topic:

Evidence plays a crucial role in arbitration proceedings, helping the arbitral tribunal understand the facts of the case, assess the merits of the parties' claims and defenses, and render a fair and impartial decision. Parties have the opportunity to present oral and documentary evidence, call witnesses, and cross-examine opposing evidence to support their respective positions. The admissibility and weight of evidence are determined by the tribunal, based on principles of fairness, relevance,

and materiality. Arbitral proceedings, however, are not bound by the strict rules of the Code of Civil Procedure and the Evidence Act (now the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam), though the 'principles' of the same may apply. The objective of the webinar is to discuss what these principles would be and what procedure must be followed while taking evidence in arbitration proceedings.

About the Speakers & Moderator:

The Hon'ble Chief Justice Mr. R. D. Dhanuka (Retd.) did his schooling at Mumbai. He acquired the Bachelor degree in Commerce and Law from the University of Bombay. He secured first class and stood second in third year law examination conducted by University of Bombay in 1985. Started practice of Law at Bombay High Court in 1985 in the chamber of Shri.Justice D.R. Dhanuka(Retd.), till his elevation as High court Judge of Bombay in 1990. He joined the chamber of Shri S.R. Shah, retired City Civil Judge and leading Senior Advocate in the year 1990. He practiced on Appellate and Original Side of High Court of Judicature at Bombay in Constitutional Law and other branches of Law and particularly Arbitration, Companies Act, Suits, Testamentary, Municipal Laws, Service Law, Rent Act.

He was on the Senior Counsel Panel of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai for last several years and has appeared in large number of matters representing Municipal Corporation in Bombay High Court.

Joined as Additional Judge of the Bombay High Court on 23rd January, 2012. Confirmed as Permanent Judge of the Bombay High Court on 16th December 2013.

Elevated as the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court on May 28, 2023.

Mr. Gautam T. Mehta – is an Advocate, Counsel & Arbitrator. His areas of practice are as Counsel in civil and commercial litigations and in arbitrations (both as Counsel and as Arbitrator). He has conducted several arbitrations as arbitrator (appointed by parties or by court). His primary areas of practice are arbitrations, final hearings and trials. He has appeared as Counsel before courts (Bombay High Court, Supreme Court of India and City Civil Court at Bombay), DRT & DRAT, Tribunals, Fora, Commissions, etc.

Gautam delivers lectures and talks on arbitration law and practice at various institutions and bodies. He briefly assisted late Mr. D. M. Popat (Sr. Partner Mulla Mulla Craigie Blunt and Caroe) while Mr. Popat was working as part of consultation committee for drafting of the Arbitration & Conciliation, Act 1996.

Gautam is involved with IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IMC) for almost 2 decades as member, Co-chairman and Chairman of its Arbitration Committee. He is one of the key persons' in devising and conduct of IMC's flagship event – the 7 Day Arbitration course held annually for the past 18 years and, its other activities including webinars and seminars. He is a speaker at IMC's 7 Day Arbitration course. He, for the past several years, is also a member of IMC's Managing Committee. Presently, he is IMC's representative member to Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA). He has represented IMC before Parliamentary Committees on arbitration and mediation.

In 2016, Gautam was actively involved with others in drafting IMC International ADR Centre's (IIAC) Rules and Code for arbitration. He is empanelled on IIAC's Panel of Arbitrators.

Since the past few years, Gautam is actively involved as a director on IIAC's Board of Directors.

Gautam was a member of Bombay Bar Association's (BBA) Standing Committee. Since 2022, he is actively involved as a certified Trainer in BBA's Advocacy Training course (ATC) regularly held by BBA for young lawyers.

Gautam graduated from Narsee Monjee College of Commerce and Economics (N M College). He graduated from Government Law College (GLC). He joined and trained in M/s. Kanga & Company – Advocates & Solicitors for several years, whereafter he joined the Chambers of Sr. Advocate Mr. Rohit A. Kapadia as a junior for several years, before setting up his own chambers.

Interested participants can register by following the Link or scanning the QR code provided above.

Login details to join the webinar on ZOOM platform will be shared on the day of or a day prior to the webinar with all the registered participants on their email ids provided by them at the time of registration. The participants shall not share this link with any person who has not registered as a participant.

No taking pictures, images or otherwise recording of the webinar in any manner, in part or full is permitted.

Please note that considering the capacity of the online platform and to maintain standards and quality, limited number of participants will be registered for the webinar.

Participants are also requested that they should not register if they are not going to be able to attend, to attend if they register and once registered, to forthwith communicate to the IMC Secretariat on email ID: sia.wagle@imcnet.org or mobile no. +91 8108822282 of any inability to attend so that others desirous of attending can participate in the webinar. Participants may also note that should they register and not attend without communication, IMC may in future not accept any request or registration from such participant for any webinar.

You are requested to kindly spread the word about this webinar amongst your contacts and professional circle for wider circulation and participation.

For other details and help in registration, kindly contact Ms. Sia Wagle or Mr. Prajakt Palladwar on 8108822282 or 9820848868 respectively or by email at legal@imcnet.org

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