



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ARBITRATORS

Terra Firma Chambers approve and recommend the following Code of Conduct for the use by Members of Terra Firma Chambers appointed to act as arbitrators.

1. An Arbitrator must resolve disputes fairly, impartially, and without unnecessary delay or expense. He must, in particular, endeavour to issue his final Award within one hundred days of his appointment.
2. An Arbitrator (and any Member of Terra Firma Chambers who has been approached with a view to being appointed Arbitrator to resolve a dispute) must, without delay, disclose to the parties, any circumstances known to him which might reasonably be considered relevant when considering whether he is, continues to be, or would be impartial and independent.
3. Before, or at the same time as, accepting an appointment as Arbitrator, the proposed Arbitrator's terms of appointment, including the basis on which he is to be remunerated, must be agreed in writing with the parties to the dispute.
4. An Arbitrator must establish and follow an agreed means of communication with the parties, unless already specified in arbitration rules adopted by the parties or otherwise applicable to the arbitration. All communications issued by the Arbitrator must be intimated to all parties to the arbitration.
5. An Arbitrator must not disclose to any third party the fact of the existence of or confidential information relating to the arbitration, unless authorised by the parties, by statutory enactment or by the court to do so.
6. An Arbitrator must not delegate the decision of any issue or matter referred to him to another person.
7. A copy of this Code must be sent to the parties in dispute before a Member of Terra Firma Chambers, adopting the Code, accepts appointment as Arbitrator.
8. The Code must be read as a whole and interpreted and followed according to its spirit rather than its letter.
9. The Code is intended to provide guidelines in most types of arbitration. It does not embrace every situation or circumstance which an Arbitrator may face. Exceptional circumstances may require an arbitrator to act in a manner which is at variance from the terms of this Code. In the event of doubt, further guidance should be sought from a senior member of Terra Firma Chambers experienced in arbitration.