



Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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

on

**EVIDENCE IN ARBITRATIONS**

**INCLUDING UNDER THE NEW LAW ON EVIDENCE – PART II**

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 second 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:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>: Evidence in arbitrations including under the new law on evidence – Part II</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>: The Hon'ble Mr. Justice G. S. Patel (Retd.), High Court of Bombay</b>
<b>Moderator</b>	<b>: Mr. Gautam T. Mehta (Advocate, Counsel, Arbitrator and Chairman of IMC Arbitration Committee)</b>
<b>Day &amp; Date</b>	<b>: Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2024.</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>: 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Platform</b>	<b>: Online through Video Conferencing (on ZOOM platform)</b>
<b>Fees</b>	<b>: No Participation Fees but Online Registration is mandatory.</b>

Link and QR Code for the registration: <https://www.imcnet.org/events-2400>



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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:**

**Mr. Justice G. S. Patel** is a graduate of St. Xavier's College and Government Law College. He started practice in 1987 in Mumbai, working on commercial, corporate and civil litigations and also appearing in a large number of environmental public interest litigations including those relating to the Sanjay Gandhi National Park, protection of mangroves, town and country planning issues, Melghat National Park, the Mill Lands, protection of open spaces, etc.

In 1994-1995, Mr Justice Patel received the First international Fellowship at Pacific Energy & Resources Center, Sausalito, California in environmental law. This included course work at the University of Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law and an internship with the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund.

He served as the Honorary Secretary of the Bombay Bar Association for two three-year terms from 1999 to 2005 and served on the Association's Standing Committee till his appointment as a High Court judge.

From 2008-2011 he was a part-time lecturer in Administrative Law, Constitutional Law and Environmental Law at Government Law College.

Mr. Justice Patel wrote a weekly newspaper column in the Mumbai Mirror for three years. He has also contributed articles to articles and reviews to the Economic & Political Weekly, TimeOut Mumbai, the Mumbai Reader, etc.

Mr Justice Patel has previously served as a trustee on several public charitable trusts and foundations in the fields of education, environment and the hearing-impaired. His served as a judge in High Court of Bombay was from year 2013 to 2024.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:legal@imcnet.org)

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