



ACICA SYMPOSIUM

# Underwriting Cross-Border Contracts – the significance of the New York Convention 60 years on

The Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York Convention) is one of the most successful treaties in the area of commercial law and has served as a model for subsequent international legislative texts. ACICA invites you to celebrate with it the 60th anniversary of this important Convention.

This symposium will explore the key role that the Convention has played in the growth of international trade over the course of the last 60 years, its significance in terms of enforcement of arbitral awards and the important role of the Courts in this process, as well as touching on recent international developments with respect to the enforcement of settlement agreements.

Offering a line-up of experienced speakers, this symposium will provide an in-depth understanding of how the New York Convention operates to support

a system of worldwide enforcement of arbitration agreements and awards, promoting global trade, safeguarding commercial relationships and managing cross-border risk.

## Who should attend?

This is a crucial symposium for those involved with cross border transactions and investment including:

- Practising lawyers and barristers
- Corporate Counsel
- Arbitrators
- Mediators
- Business Professionals
- Academics

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Date: 4 July 2018

Time: 4:45pm for a 5pm start, followed by a networking reception

Venue: Herbert Smith Freehills,  
161 Castlereagh Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

Price: ACICA & ACC members: \$40;  
General: \$80.

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# Speaker Profiles



## The Honourable Chief Justice Bathurst AC

### Chief Justice of the NSW Supreme Court

Thomas Frederick Bathurst was appointed Chief Justice of New South Wales on 1 June 2011.

Graduating with degrees in Arts and Law from the University of Sydney in 1971, he went on to practise as a solicitor in 1972. He was admitted as a barrister in 1977, specialising in corporate law and litigation and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1987. His considerable experience in corporate law saw his appointment as a member of the Australian Government's Takeovers Panel (2006-2011).

Prior to his appointment to the bench, the Chief Justice served as President of both the Australian Bar Association (2008-2010) and the New South Wales Bar Association (2009-2011), the Executive Committee of which he was a member from 2002.

The Chief Justice was made a Companion of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2014.



## Justin Gleeson SC

### Senior Counsel, Banco Chambers

Justin has had over 30 years legal experience, as solicitor (1985 - 1988), counsel (1989 onwards), and Senior Counsel (2000 onwards). He was the founding head of Banco Chambers, Sydney (2005 - 2012). Most recently, he was the tenth Solicitor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia (2012 - 2016).

He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and a prolific legal author. He is currently in practice at the private bar as counsel and arbitrator, specialising in international law, international arbitration, constitutional law, and appellate law.



## Brenda Horrigan

### Partner & Head of International Arbitration in Australia, Herbert Smith Freehills

Brenda specialises in international arbitration, with a particular focus on disputes involving emerging markets, and has worked from the US, Paris, Moscow, Shanghai and now Sydney. She works with clients on complex international commercial and investment treaty arbitration matters at both the arbitration and enforcement stages, acts as counsel in matters conducted under a wide variety of arbitration rules, and also sits as an arbitrator. Her background as a transactional lawyer provides valuable insight for clients into the underlying commercial and contractual aspects of the disputes on which she advises.

In addition to her work as counsel, Brenda has spoken at many conferences and seminars on both arbitration and the challenges of investments in emerging markets. She is the past co-chair of the China Committee of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of International Law, and served for several years as Global Adjunct Professor of Law at New York University Law School (Shanghai campus). Brenda is an Executive Director of ACICA. She is fluent in English, French and Russian.



## Khory McCormick

### Consultant, Bartley Cohen Lawyers. UNCITRAL Rapporteur, Working Group II

A formidable strategist, negotiator and litigator across multiple legal disciplines, Khory provides wide-ranging issues management and conflict advice to corporate and government decision makers at the highest levels. Khory is Professor of Strategic Law at Griffith University.

Khory represented Australia in UNCITRAL Working Group II: Arbitration and Conciliation, working on the possibility of a model law and or convention on the recognition and enforcement of conciliated settlements. He is also an ICC Australia Board Member and active across a broad range of national Chambers of Commerce in the Australian market. He is a Vice President of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration.

He has been an institutional representative for entry into cooperation agreements in the ADR and arbitration spaces with both ICADR (India) and BANI (Indonesia) as well as spoken throughout the region in Korea, Taiwan, China, India, Indonesia and elsewhere. He is regularly a speaker on panels including judicial officer such as at RAIF.



## Elena Kirillova

### State Director, NSW/ACT Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade)

Elena Kirillova is State Director, NSW/ACT at the Australian Trade and Investment Commission, (Austrade) and was previously, Senior Trade Commissioner for Russia/CIS at the Australian Embassy, Moscow. Prior to joining Austrade, she practised as a lawyer, in Sydney and in London. She has also served as an elected councillor at Woollahra Municipal Council in NSW. She holds a Bachelor of Laws, University of Sydney (1984) and a Masters of Jurisprudence (Hons), Institute of State and Law of the Russian Academy of Sciences (2000), is a qualified solicitor in New South Wales (1985) and in England and Wales (1991) and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (2010). Elena has served as non-executive director on several boards and now represents Austrade on the American Chamber of Commerce in Australia Trade Advisory Board. She is also a CEDA Trustee.

