

CHARTER OF OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS

ACICA Judicial Liaison Committee

WHEREAS, ACICA resolved to form a Judicial Liaison Committee in 2011 in recognition of the desirability of appropriate judicial engagement in carrying out its core mission and the Committee has since then met from time to time.

It is now recognised, as desirable to record the objectives and functions of the Committee, the terms of its composition and the regularity of its meetings and modes of communication, in this document.

A. Objectives

1. The objectives and functions of the Committee include:
 - (a) to foster appropriate engagement between the arbitration community and the Australian judiciary;
 - (b) to further develop and promote a culture of professional excellence within the Australian legal profession in relation to the law and practice of arbitration;
 - (c) to promote, where appropriate, uniformity of procedural rules and practices notes in relation to arbitration matters instituted in Australian courts;
 - (d) to support judicial education in relation to the nature and different forms of arbitration and recent developments in the law and practice of arbitration;
 - (e) to encourage judicial participation at significant domestic and regional arbitration conferences sponsored by ACICA;
 - (f) to encourage appropriate support for Australia as a desirable seat for arbitration;
 - (g) to identify trends in international best practice from other leading arbitral jurisdictions and centres (including London, Singapore, New York, Hong Kong and Geneva) concerning curial assistance with arbitral proceedings;
 - (h) to provide, if appropriate and in addition to other forms of consultation between the Australia judiciary and the Commonwealth and State governments, suggestions to ACICA for possible legislative reform by the Attorneys-General of the Commonwealth and the States and Territories in light of (g) above or issues identified by the Australian judiciary affecting the efficiency and integrity of the arbitral process in light of its experience in hearing arbitration matters; and
 - (i) to foster engagement by the Australian arbitration community with the wider Asia-Pacific arbitration community so as to (i) promote Australia's global reputation for excellence in arbitration and (ii) enhance opportunities for the Australian legal and arbitration community within Asia.

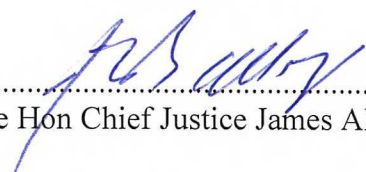
B. Composition

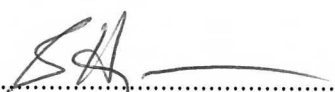
2. The Committee shall be comprised as follows:
 - (a) a Chairperson whom initially shall be The Honourable James Allsop AO, Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia;
 - (b) a judge nominated by each of the Chief Justices of the Federal Court of Australia and each of the State and Territory Supreme Courts of Australia;
 - (c) the Secretary General of ACICA;
 - (d) at least one Executive Director of ACICA;
 - (e) one other member nominated by the Chair not being a member of the Australian judiciary or a director of ACICA.
3. The term of membership of the Committee shall be for three (3) years which term may be renewed.
4. The initial term of membership shall be from 1 May 2019.

C. Meetings and Communications

1. The Committee shall meet twice a year.
2. The Committee will endeavour to create a secure and private portal for discussion amongst the members of the Committee in relation to matters pertaining to the objectives and functions of the Committee.
3. At least 30 days before a scheduled meeting of the Committee ACICA shall circulate a memorandum as to issues, questions or topics it wishes to raise and discuss with the judiciary.
4. At least 7 days before a scheduled meeting the Chair of the Committee, with such assistance from ACICA as requested, shall circulate an agenda for the meeting.
5. Minutes of each meeting of the Committee shall be prepared by a representative of ACICA and approved by the Chair.

1 May 2019


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The Hon Chief Justice James Allsop AO


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Brenda Horrigan
President, ACICA