

arbitration

ACICA Essay Competition 2021

TOPIC: Arbitration, But Not as We Know It

ACICA is pleased to launch its essay competition for 2021. Entries to the competition are invited and encouraged from students based in Australia who are studying a Bachelor, Juris Doctor or Masters level law degree in 2021, and to lawyers based in Australia in their first five years of practice. *There is no requirement to be an ACICA member.*

The topic of the 2021 Competition is **Arbitration, But Not as We Know It**. Essays are invited to address the topic without limitation. Some suggestions for potential areas of focus include:

- Statutory arbitration schemes (eg. Media Bargaining Code): Good or Evil?
- Expert Determination: when not acting as an arbitrator
- Arbitral appeal mechanisms: what trumps finality?
- Arb-Med: confusion or clarity?

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All entry submissions must:

- be typed in a Word document using Times New Roman or Arial with 11 or 12 point and 1.5 line spacing
- clearly identify the entrant's name, contact details and University (if a student) or date of admission (if a lawyer).
- be limited in word length to between 3,000 and 7,000 words (including footnotes).
- be the original and sole work of the entrant.

All entry submissions will be acknowledged but will not be returned and ACICA accepts no responsibility for the safe-keeping of entry submissions.

Entry submissions are to be directed to the ACICA Secretariat at secretariat@acica.org.au. The final date for submissions is 31 July 2021 at 5pm (AWST).

JUDGING PANEL

Entry submissions will be judged by an eminent panel of international practitioners and academics, chaired by **Alex Baykitch AM** (Independent arbitrator) and consisting of Gowri Kangeson (Partner, DLA Piper), **Professor Janet Walker** (Independent arbitrator, Sydney Arbitration Chambers), **Russell Thirgood** (Independent arbitrator) and **Professor Robert Cunningham** (Dean & Head of Curtin Law School).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNER

The winner will be announced by 17 September 2021 and will be awarded a guest seat at the ACICA table for the ADC ADR Awards Night Dinner in 2021, a cash prize of AUD1,100.00, a year's complimentary ACICA Associate membership and publication of the entry submission in the December edition of the ACICA Review.

INQUIRIES

All inquiries may be directed to the ACICA Secretariat by email or on (02) 9223 1099.

