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MEDIA RELEASE

ACICA ELECTS NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA) is pleased to announce that Georgia Quick has been elected the new President of the institution with effect from 1 June 2021.

A senior partner in the dispute resolution group at global law firm Ashurst and joint head of Ashurst Australia's international arbitration practice, Ms Quick is an experienced and accomplished, dual qualified (Australian and the UK) counsel with significant expertise in complex arbitrations under various institutional rules as well as ad hoc proceedings. Ms Quick has a long-standing involvement with ACICA, having joined the Board in 2010 and sat on the Executive committee, as a Vice President, since 2015. She has also chaired the ACICA Appointment Committee since its inception in 2011, is a former counsellor of CIArb Australia and a former executive member of AMPLA, the Energy & Resources Lawyers Association.

Ms Quick will be supported by a diverse and highly experienced leadership team drawn from various sectors of the arbitration community. The team comprises three Vice Presidents; Judith Levine (Independent Arbitrator, Levine Arbitration), Jonathon Redwood SC (Banco Chambers / List A Barristers) and Gitanjali Bajaj (Partner, DLA Piper) and Treasurer Martin Cairns (Sapere Forensic), all of which were also elected to office bearer roles at the institution's AGM on 31 May 2021, and additional Executive directors Brenda Horrigan (Independent Arbitrator), Ian Govey AM (former Government Solicitor), Joshua Paffey (Partner, Corrs Chambers Westgarth) and Nick Longley (Partner, HFW) appointed by the Board on the same date. Andrea Martignoni, a member of the Executive for many years, stepped down from this role, remaining on the ACICA Board.

Ms Quick said: "I thank our outgoing President, Brenda Horrigan, for her outstanding contribution as President over the last two initiative-packed and tumultuous years. In this time, Brenda and the Executive have overseen a broad and productive agenda including, amongst others, the review and release of the ACICA Rules 2021, integration of the Perth Centre for Energy & Resources Arbitration (PCERA), establishment of state committees, production and release of the first Australian Arbitration Report, development of a series of practical resources in the Practice & Procedures toolkit and through the ACICA webinar series and running the first ACICA Judicial Liaison Committee Dispute Resolution Forum. We are pleased to welcome two new members to the Executive, Joshua Paffey and Nick Longley who will lend their expertise to an impressive leadership group. I look forward to continuing ACICA's work and delivering on my own promise to promote ACICA's key objective, being to ensure Australia continues to provide a vibrant arbitration seat, with

users who are confident to utilise the ACICA Rules and to appoint Australian arbitrators and counsel in Australia and in the region and beyond.”

In stepping down from the role of President, Brenda Horrigan commented: “Georgia is an outstanding practitioner, has been a great contributor to ACICA, and it has been a pleasure working with her in her prior role as Vice President. I am certain that she will bring outstanding energy and dynamism to the President role, and that she will take the organisation to new heights. The same is also true of the three candidates elected to Vice President roles – Jonathon Redwood SC, Judith Levine and Gitanjali Bajaj. All three are excellent and have played – and will continue to play – instrumental roles in the development of ACICA”.

ACICA Secretary General Deborah Tomkinson said: “Georgia has demonstrated a strong and active commitment to the institution, its objectives and increasing Australia’s profile internationally, for many years. The Secretariat is delighted to have the opportunity to work closely with her in her role as President. The institution also extends its gratitude to Andrea Martignoni, who has dedicated a great deal of time and expertise to ACICA and the Executive over many years. We look forward to his continued contribution on the Board”.

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ABOUT ACICA

Established in 1985, ACICA’s objective is to facilitate the efficient resolution of commercial disputes in Australia and internationally by arbitration, with the aim of delivering expediency and neutrality of process, enforceability of outcome and commercial privacy to parties in dispute. ACICA maintains sets of arbitration and mediation rules under which administers these processes. ACICA can also acts as an appointing authority. In 2011, ACICA was designated by the Australian government as the sole default appointing authority competent to perform the arbitrator appointment functions under the amended *International Arbitration Act 1974* (Cth).

