



# ACICA Essay Competition 2023

## Topic: The Next Big Thing in Arbitration

ACICA is pleased to launch its essay competition for 2023. 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 2023, 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 2023 Competition is ***The Next Big Thing in Arbitration***. What are the big issues on the horizon for the arbitration community to tackle?

Some suggestions for potential areas of focus include:

- Can commercial arbitration compete with automated online dispute resolution platforms?
- Increasing ESG-related disputes in commercial and investment arbitrations
- Impact of war & crisis on the dispute resolution framework
- Increasing appetite for third party funding

Entries are not limited to the above topic and we invite entrants to explore other ideas connected with ***The Next Big Thing in Arbitration***.

### 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](mailto:secretariat@acica.org.au). The final date for submissions is 31 July 2023 at 5pm (AWST).

### JUDGING PANEL

Entry submissions will be judged by an eminent panel of international practitioners and academics, chaired by **Duncan Watson KC** (Partner, Quinn Emanuel Hong Kong and Perth) and consisting of **Dr Anne Matthew** (Senior Lecturer, School of Law, Queensland University of Technology), **Daniel Meltz** (Barrister, 12 Wentworth Selborne Chamber), **Rebecca Yorston** (Principal, LK Law) and **Raini Zambelli** (Barrister, Mediator & Arbitrator, FCI Arb).

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNER

The winner will be announced by 18 September 2022 and will be awarded a ticket to the ACICA & Ciarb Australia International Arbitration Conference on 9 October 2023 in Perth, 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.

ACICA may also arrange for submissions or extracts of submissions to be published in other publications.

### INQUIRIES

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

